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actions in higher education and  
cooperation with partner countries

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# Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

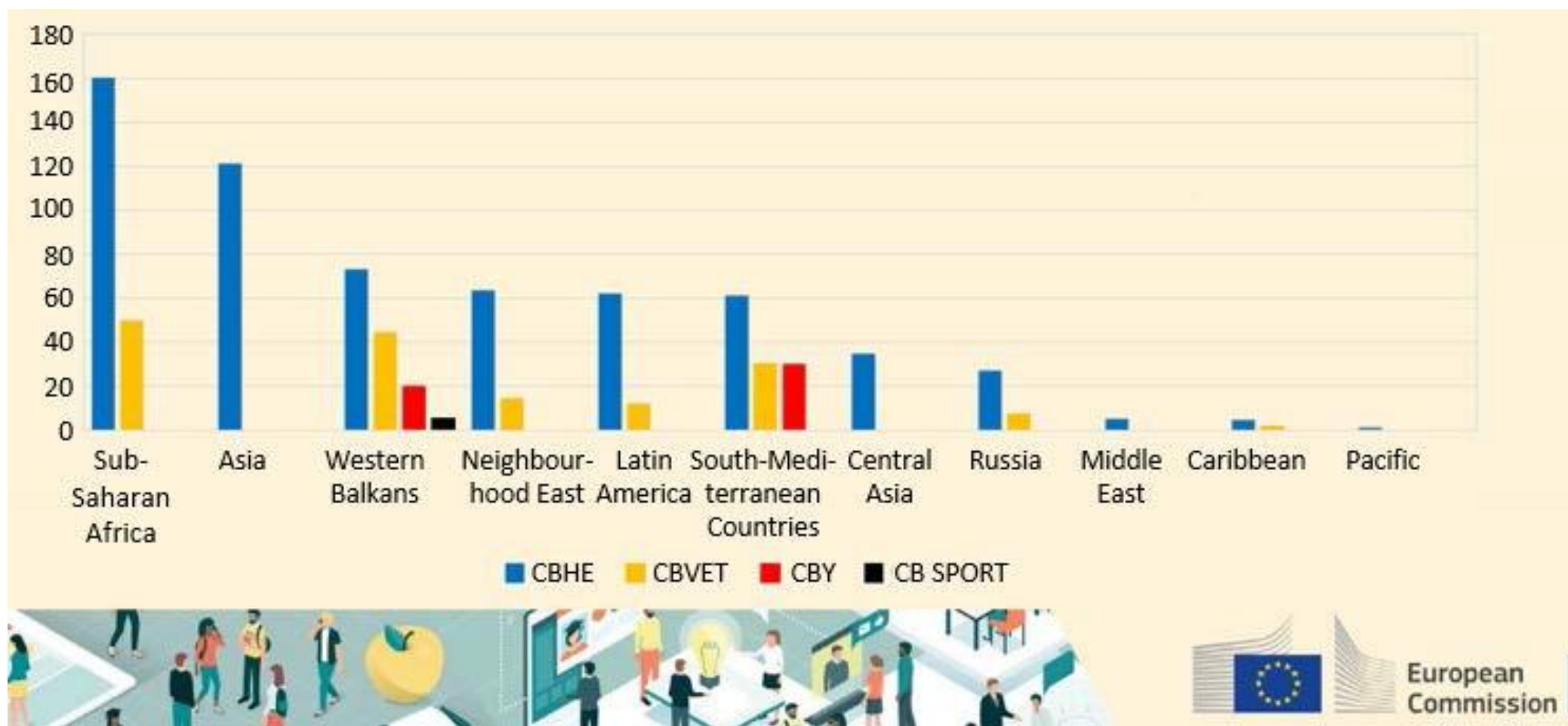
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# Budget Overview for Capacity Building



**„Programme Countries“:**  
27 EU Member States and third countries associated to E+ (IS, LI, MK, NO, RS, TR)

**“Partner Countries”:**  
third countries not associated to E+

**Eligibility of countries:**  
please check with the actual Programme Guide

# CBHE - Context and Aim (1)

- CBHE supports the **relevance, quality, modernisation and responsiveness** of HEI and systems in **third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme** for socio-economic recovery, growth and prosperity
- CBHE responds to recent trends leading to a **decline** in the **human development index**, and to **rising social, economic and environmental inequalities** exacerbated by **COVID-19 crises** and by the numerous **conflicts around the world**
- CBHE is aligned with the **Sustainability Development Goals** and the **Paris Agreement**

# CBHE - Context and Aim (2)

- CBHE puts focus on **equity, inclusion and accessibility**, while strengthening globally the HE sector and **fostering graduates' employability** across the action
- Interventions under CBHE address the **modernisation of teaching programmes and methodologies** and take into account governance, management and the aim of strengthening of HE's wider economic and social ecosystem with **closer links with the business sector**
- Addressing **regional issues**, building alliances and coalitions, **piloting new approaches** and initiatives built on **country ownership** are strongly encouraged

# CBHE – General Objectives

- Modernisation of HEIs and HE systems
- Cooperation and Regional Integration
- Innovation
- Governance
- Accessibility
- Societal Impact

# CBHE – Specific Objectives (1)

- Improve the **quality of HE** in Partner Countries and enhance its relevance for the **labour market and society**
- Improve the level of **competences, skills and employability** potential of **students** in HEIs in Partner Countries by developing **new and innovative education programmes**
- Promote **inclusive education, equality, equity, non-discrimination** and the promotion of **civic-competences** in HE in Partner Countries
- Enhance the **teaching, assessment mechanisms** for HEI **staff and students**, quality assurance, management, governance, inclusion, innovation, knowledge base, digital and entrepreneurial capacities, as well as the internationalisation of HEIs in Partner Countries



# CBHE – Specific Objectives (2)

- Increase the **capacities** of HEIs, bodies in charge of **HE and competent authorities** of Partner Countries to **modernise their HE systems**, particularly in terms of **governance and financing**, by supporting the definition, implementation and monitoring of **reform processes**
- Improve the **training of teachers** and continuous professional development in order to impact the longer-term **quality of the education system** in Partner Countries
- Stimulate **cooperation of institutions, capacity building** and **exchange of good practice**
- Foster **cooperation across different regions** of the world through **joint initiatives**



# CBHE – Overarching Priorities

- Green deal
- Digital transformation
- Migration and mobility
- Governance, peace, security and human development
- Sustainable growth and jobs

→ There might be specific priorities for some regions!

# CBHE – Strand 1: Enhancing management / administrative capacities and access international cooperation

- Reforming and modernising **HEI Governance**
- Establishing and strengthening **International Relation Offices**
- Establishing new **Quality Assurance** units and increasing the **Capacity** of planning and evaluation units
- **Inclusion** – reach out to people with fewer opportunities
- Support **Mobility** of students and staff
- Duration: 2 or 3 years
- Funding: 200.000 – 400.000 Euro

# CBHE – Strand 2: Partnership for transformation

- **Innovative curricula** co-constructed with **business stakeholders**
- Introducing **innovative elements** in existing curricula
- Introducing **practical learning schemes** with a link to industry and business
- Implementation of **new learning methods** (problem-based, learner-centred)
- Effective networking in **research, scientific and technological innovation**
- Introducing **digital learning**, online modules, promote soft skills
- Improve **governance and management** at HEIs
  
- Duration: 2 or 3 years
- Funding: 400.000 – 800.000 Euro

# CBHE – Strand 3: Structural reform projects

- **Mutual learning between public authorities** of the countries associated to Programme and Partner Countries
- Promote **inclusive HE systems**
- Increase **capacities of bodies** in charge of HE
- Foster **national ownership**
- Efficient and effective **policy making**
- Foster common **regional strategies in HE**
- Duration: 3 or 4 years
- Funding: 800.000 – 1.000.000 Euro

# CBHE – Project Types & Consortia

- Project types:
    - “National projects“ involving institutions from only one African country
    - “Multi-country (regional) projects” within one region
    - „Multi-country cross-regional“ involving more than one region (cross-regional)
  - Minimum requirements for a consortium:
    - 1 HEI from 2 different Countries from: 27 EU Member States, IS, LT, MK, NO, RS or TR
    - At least 2 HEI from each African or other country participating in the project
- Some additional rules!

**Thank you for the attention!**

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