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ERASMUS + BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES

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BENEFICIARIES*

What is a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)?



Joint programme of HEIs in at least ***three programme countries***, where learners come together.

The learners can be either students or staff who go on a training activity. Includes both a ***physical activity*** and an ***online component***.

The BIP should foster:

- development of **transnational** and **transdisciplinary curricula**
- **innovative** ways of learning and teaching
- **online** collaboration
- **research-based** learning
- **challenge-based** approaches that tackle **societal challenges**

BIPs provide an opportunity to reach out to new groups of students, for example those in study fields where mobility opportunities have been limited or those who lack confidence to go abroad alone.

HOW DOES IT WORK?



- The BIP must include universities from **three programme countries**.
 - The BIP must include **15 participants** who *travel* to the receiving country for training.
participants = students or staff as trainees
 - The *receiving institution* applies for **organisational support** funds for the BIP, but the *sending partners* must use their **own Erasmus KA131 funds** for the mobilities of their participants.
 - The physical activity can be **5-30 days** and the **virtual component** is compulsory. The BIP should award **3 ECTS credits**, or an equivalent workload.
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WHAT IS THE FUNDING LIKE?



- Each participant should get from their ***sending institution*** mobility grant. Individual support is **€70 per day** and travel grant based on distance-band.
 - The OS grant for the receiving institution is based on following calculation
 - **€400 per participant** with a cap on **€8000** (you can get an OS grant for max 20 participants).
 - OS supports costs related to the preparation, design, development, implementation and follow-up of the programme and delivery of virtual/remote activities as well as the overall management and coordination.
 - Costs may include: production of documents or educational material, rental of rooms, rental of equipment, field trips, excursions, communication activities, translation and interpretation, preparatory visits and administrative tasks.
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HOW TO APPLY?



- The **coordinating HEI** applies for OS funds in the annual KA131 application to the NA. There is no quality assessment of the application, but the NA makes sure the organisation has proper management capacity.
 - **Mobility grants: Sending HEIs** include in their overall KA131 grant application to their national agency the anticipated demand for mobility grants for students and staff to participate in one or more BIPs.
 - An institution can apply for organisational support for **any number of distinct BIPs** in one project cycle, however, the number of requested and granted blended intensive programmes has to be proportional to the organisational capacity of the coordinating HEI.
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WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO?



OUR PLAN:

- Funding for 5 BIPs in the 2021 cycle.
- Start with building on experiences from Strategic Partnerships that have recently ended.
- Hold courses with partners we know well.

REALITY/CHALLENGES:

- Already some challenges and cancellations because of Covid-19.
 - The requirement for minimum of 15 students travelling is a challenge – large group of students.
 - The funding structure requires the implementation to be simple (at least in countries like Iceland where costs are very high).
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