

# RULES OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR ACCREDITED APPLICANTS

## UNDER ERASMUS+ KEY ACTION 1

This document defines the rules of budget allocation for accredited applicants within the framework established in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide.

National Agency	MT01, Malta, European Union Programmes Agency
Field	School education
Call year	2026

### 1. Available budget

Total budget available for allocation:	€ 1,303,127.00
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Out of the available budget, at least the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	€ 997,127.00
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	€ 306,000.00
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	€ 13,000.00

If additional funding becomes available, the National Agency may increase the available budget. The indicated amounts may be lowered if all applicants have already been allocated the maximum amounts according to the rules set out in this document.

## 2. BUDGET ALLOCATION

### 2.1. General provisions

The National Agency will estimate the budget required to implement the activities requested by each applicant, as described in the Programme Guide. If the total budget available for allocation to accredited applicants is not sufficient to provide each applicant with the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities (or their maximum grant), then a competitive allocation will take place as described below. However, if the total available budget is sufficient to fully address the requests of all applicants, then the funding will be allocated in that way.

A competitive budget allocation takes place in multiple phases. In each phase, the available budget is divided between eligible applicants based on the criteria described below. For each applicant, the total awarded grant will be the sum of amounts they receive in each allocation phase (and any separately approved amount for cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs'). If any applicant cannot receive further funds based on the rules in this document, then any surplus funds allocated to them will be divided among other applicants using the allocation rules specified for each phase. All allocated amounts will be rounded to the nearest whole Euro.

For the purpose of budget allocation, completed projects are those with end date before 1 September 2025. Only KA121 projects linked to the accreditation code referenced in the application can be taken into account for the budget allocation. The National Agency may exclude from consideration past projects that have been negatively affected by events outside of the beneficiary's control (*force majeure*).

## **2.2. Maximum grant**

The maximum grant is set at € 43,000.00 based on a review of historical data regarding funding approved between 2021 and 2024 under KA121 and taking into account the number of accredited organisations and the potential increase in number of participants by applicant organisations. The maximum grant rules will apply only if the total demand for budget surpasses the total available funds as defined in section 1.

Applicants that have completed their last accredited project with an absorption rate below 75% will receive at most the amount of grant that they were able to absorb.

Cost categories 'Inclusion support for participants' and 'Exceptional costs' will not count towards the maximum grant.

## **2.3. First phase: basic grants and financial performance**

All applicants will receive at least the following basic grant: € 33,000.00

The basic grant amount must ensure that accredited beneficiaries receive a grant equivalent to at least the average grant for KA122 projects of the same NA in the last call.

For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the amount of the basic grant will be linked to their past financial performance to ensure stable and reliable funding for good performers. Those applicants will receive a basic grant equal to 60% the highest grant they have absorbed in the last three completed projects under the accreditation, and not lower than the amount defined above. If the budget available for allocation in this phase is not sufficient to perform the allocation in the described way, then all applicants will receive an amount reduced at the same rate, and not lower than the amount defined above.

Applicants that have used less than 75% of the awarded funds in their last completed accredited project will have their basic grant reduced by 25%.

Applicants penalised due to low budget absorption and/or low report score may receive a basic grant lower than the one defined at the beginning of this section.

## **2.4. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities**

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score and the estimated budget required to implement their requested activities.

The score of each applicant is calculated in two steps:

- a) For applicants that have completed at least one accredited project, the base score will be equal to the final report evaluation score of their last completed accredited project.
- b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:
  - Involvement of participants with fewer opportunities: +1 point per 5% of participants with fewer opportunities out of the total participants.
  - Implementing teaching or training assignments, job-shadowing: +1 point per 30 days of total duration (per participant).
  - Implementing long-term learning mobility of pupils: +2 points per 30 days of total duration (per participant).