



CURRENT SITUATION OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN UKRAINIAN AND AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITIES

The collaboration between Austrian and Ukrainian universities has a long tradition. Currently, most of the projects and mobilities take place within

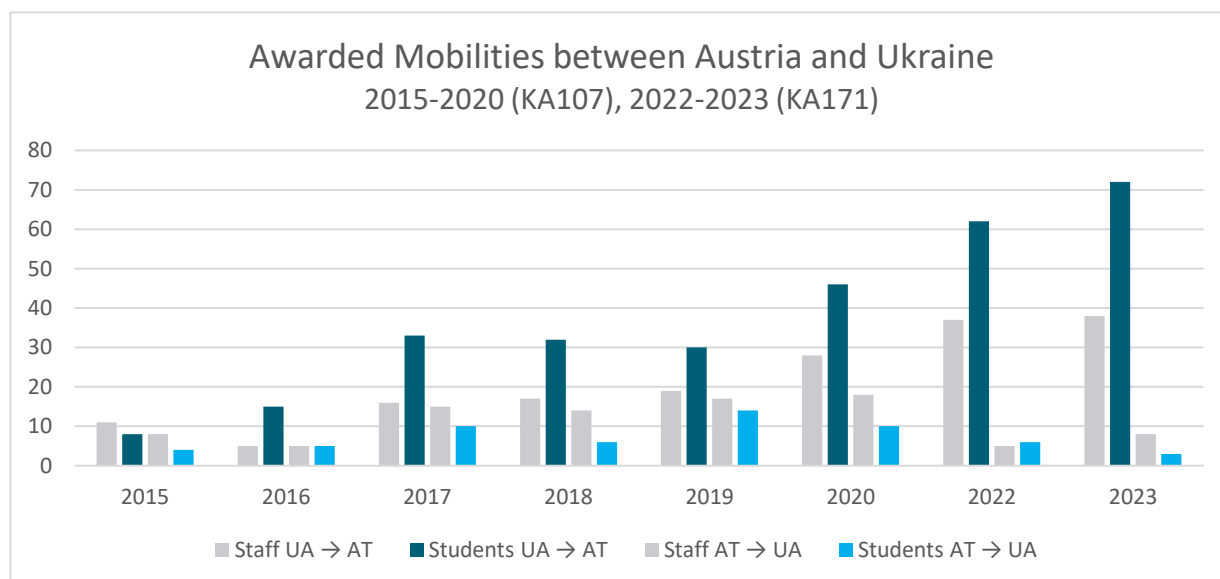
- **Erasmus+** (*KA171 International Mobility and Capacity Building in Higher Education*), and
- the bilateral **Scientific & Technological Cooperation** Programme (WTZ).

Since March 2022, Austria has made various efforts to support Ukrainian students and Ukrainian higher education institutions in light of the exceptional situation following the Russian aggression. Financial resources have been utilised for support through Erasmus+ cooperation as well as for a dedicated **Ukraine Scholarship Programme** (*Ernst Mach Ukraine Scholarship*).

Erasmus+ Higher Education worldwide

Erasmus+ KA171 – International Mobility | Cooperation with third countries

Erasmus+ KA171 promotes the mobility of students and staff with third countries worldwide. As part of the mobility projects **study periods abroad, traineeships, short-term mobility** (including participation in blended intensive programmes) as well as **teaching assignments** and **staff training activities** abroad can be carried out.



Erasmus+ Study Abroad Periods | Erasmus+ enables students to spend part of their studies at a partner university abroad. The prerequisite for this is an existing agreement between the student's home university and host university. A total of up to 12 months can be funded per study cycle. Academic recognition for the stay abroad is provided for.

Erasmus+ Internships | Students and recent graduates can complete a traineeship abroad that is relevant for their studies and receive a monthly Erasmus+ grant. Traineeships can be completed in companies, training and research institutions or other organisations that are suitable to promote the agreed learning progress for the respective university studies. The traineeship is recognised either as part of the curriculum or in the diploma supplement.

Erasmus+ Short Term Mobilities | Students have the possibility of short-term mobilities which are combined with a virtual component. It is primarily targeting students who are unable to complete a regular Erasmus+ period abroad due to their studies or living circumstances. Participation in Blended Intensive Programmes (short study programmes with a virtual component) is open to all students. Doctoral students may complete short-term mobilities even without a virtual component. Academic recognition for the stay abroad is compulsory.

Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching | Erasmus+ covers travel and subsistence costs of teaching staff from universities when they teach at partner universities abroad. There are funding opportunities for staff mobility for teaching in countries worldwide. The prerequisite is an existing agreement between the home university and the host university. In addition, staff from foreign companies and other organisations from abroad that are active in the labour market can be invited to teach at the university.

Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training | University staff can take part in training activities abroad with Erasmus+. They will receive a grant to cover parts of the travel and subsistence costs. This funding opportunity is open for stays in programme countries and countries worldwide. It is also possible to combine it with a virtual component.

Erasmus Mundus

The **Erasmus Mundus** action offers two separate funding opportunities. Lot 1, Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM), promotes excellent, transnational study programmes at master's level. At least three universities from three different countries (of which at least two Erasmus+ programme countries) offer a joint, integrated and accredited master's programme during which students complete their studies at several European and worldwide locations. Students will receive a double, multiple or joint degree at the end of their studies. Other institutions such as companies, NGOs or research institutions can participate as associate partners. Lot 2, Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM), supports the development of new joint master's programmes.

Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Capacity Building in Higher Education promotes **international cooperation between higher education institutions** and supports the relevance, quality and modernisation of higher education in partner countries. The programme aims to promote socio-economic recovery, growth and

prosperity, and to respond to current trends, especially economic globalisation, including increasing social, economic and environmental inequalities.

There are **three different strands**:

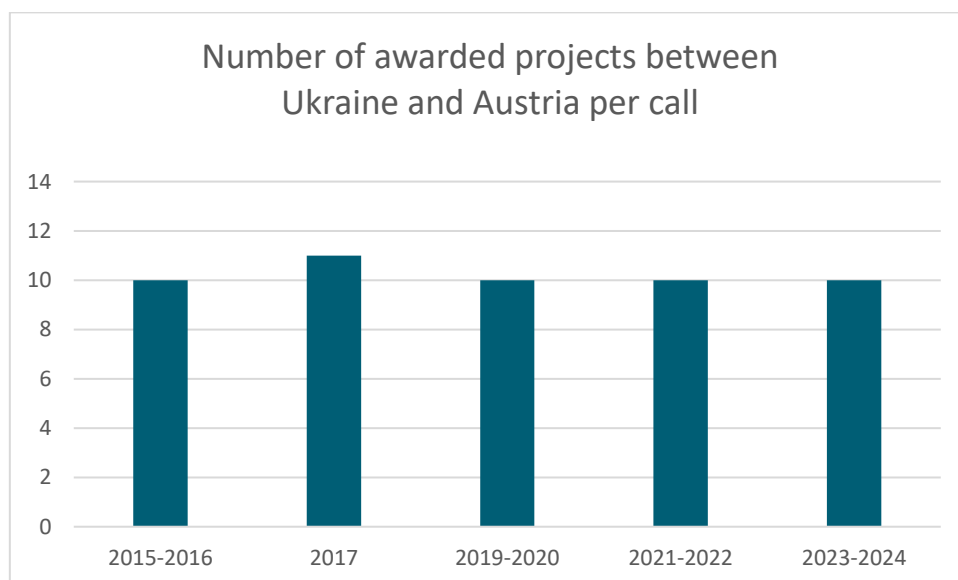
- Strand 1: Promoting access to cooperation in higher education
- Strand 2: Transformation Partnerships
- Strand 3: Structural Reform Projects

Examples of CBHE projects with Ukrainian and Austrian Participation

- [PROMENT](#) – Promoting professional education and students engagement through comprehensive mentoring and tutoring system at Higher Education Institutions
- [PeaceEdu](#) – Curriculum Reform to Promote Education for Peace in Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova
- [NEXT](#) – Digital Transformations for Supporting Next-Generation Labour
- [SIN-NEC](#) – Sustainability and Internationalization capacities to promote modernisation of Newcomers Higher Education in Neighbourhood East Countries

Scientific & Technological Cooperation (S&T Cooperation | WTZ)

[S&T Cooperation](#) is based on **inter-governmental** and **bilateral agreements** for cooperation in the fields of **science and technology**. The financial support is intended for research visits within the framework of concrete scientific cooperation projects with researchers from partner countries of the ‘Scientific & Technological Cooperation’; the basic funding of the research projects must be secured from other sources. Funding is available mainly for travel and accommodation costs.



Other programmes relevant to Ukraine (OeAD)

Ernst Mach Grant for studying at an Austrian university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule)

| The Ernst Mach Grant for studying at an Austrian university of applied sciences (Fachhochschule) is intended for international students who want to spend a study period at an Austrian university of applied sciences. The purpose of the programme is to promote the internationalisation of the university of applied sciences sector in Austria.

Ernst Mach Grant – worldwide | The Ernst Mach Grant – worldwide is intended for young researchers and university lecturers of all disciplines who are studying or pursuing research outside Austria.

Franz Werfel Grant | The Franz Werfel Grant is intended for persons with above-average qualifications, preferably with teaching experience and employment at a university, who focus on Austrian literature. The duration of the scholarship is four to nine months; an extension of up to 18 months is possible. Persons who consumed at least 12 scholarship months can apply for the follow-up support programme.

Internship for teaching German as a foreign language abroad | Only students who are studying German as a foreign and second language at an Austrian university can apply for this internship.

Marietta Blau Grant | The Marietta Blau Grant offers financial support for six- to twelve-month stays abroad for highly qualified doctoral or PhD students at Austrian universities. It serves to optimise the content of dissertations through research abroad. Early-stage researchers are the main target group.

University of Klagenfurt Technology Scholarships | The University of Klagenfurt in collaboration with the OeAD offers a scholarship for English-language master's programmes in the field of information and communications technology (ICT). The scholarship provides not only monthly financial support and travel costs for the first year of the master's studies but also assistance in finding a paid internship in the ICT sector. It is the product of a cooperation between Carinthia's Chamber of Commerce (WKO Kärnten) and the Federation of Austrian Industries (IV Kärnten).

Further information and OeAD offers

- OeAD.map with OeAD projects and OeAD alumni: map.oead.at
- Austrian database for scholarships and research funding: grants.at
- Information about studying in Austria: www.studyinaustria.at
- Offers and initiatives to promote mobility and career development of researchers: www.euraxess.at | [LinkedIn](#)
Besides a Europe-wide job database PhD students and researchers will find comprehensive and free information and advice on all relevant topics for the organisation of a research stay in Austria, such as entry and residence, social security, taxes, etc. as well as tools for career orientation and career development. The Euraxess network includes [43 countries in Europe](#) and [nine destinations worldwide](#).

SURVEY AMONG AUSTRIAN UNIVERSITIES (2023)

OeAD conducted a survey among Austrian universities in spring 2023 related to **Erasmus+ mobility of incoming Ukrainian students**, with 64 out of 78 accredited universities participating. Most mobilities were realised with Erasmus+ KA107/171 International Mobility.

Feedback from Austrian Universities:

- Overall, there's a great solidarity towards Ukrainian universities and students.
- Austrian Universities explicitly expressed gratitude for the opportunity to support students from Ukraine with mobility funds.
- 18 institutions reported supporting incoming mobility from Ukraine through Erasmus+ between March 2022 and March 2023. Most mobilities were realised through Erasmus+ Mobility, often as a continuation of collaboration that existed before the war.
- Ukrainian universities are very cooperative and nominate students; they are easily reachable (only 15% of respondents found the accessibility or coordination with Ukrainian universities challenging).
- Experiences with Ukrainian students are positively assessed: less than 5% of responding universities mentioned integration of students as a challenge.

Feedback from Ukrainian students:

- Gratitude for the scholarship, as it allows them to focus on their studies.
- Many students who fled to Austria due to the war are studying simultaneously at Ukrainian universities (online), doubling their workload. Additionally, they face stress due to the situation in Ukraine and worries about their families there.
- Some students are taking care of their families (parents or siblings) from a distance. Support is therefore very important in various ways.

Selected quotes:

- "Thank you for your help and support of Ukraine."
- "All the best and thank you very much for the help for Ukrainian families and their children, it is very valuable to us!"
- "Thank you very much for the help, it really supports me and brings happy moments!"