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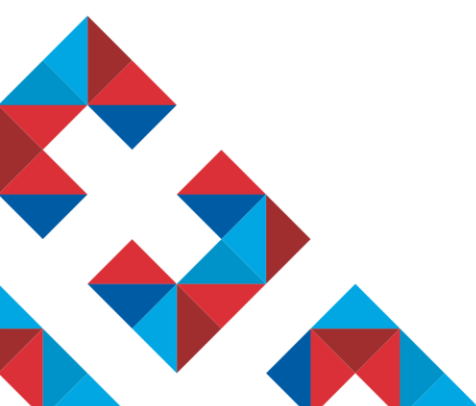
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# 1 Erasmus+ UK Decentralised Action Applications

## 1.1 Introduction

This statistical release provides overall statistics for the result of applications received during the 2015 Call Rounds 1 and 2 to the decentralised actions of Erasmus+ in the United Kingdom (UK). The calls for applications included in this report are:

### Key Action 1 Calls

- 4 February 2015: learning mobility of individuals in youth.
- 4 March 2015: learning mobility of individuals in higher education, vocational education and training, school education and adult education; higher education international credit mobility.
- 30 April 2015: learning mobility of individuals in youth.

### Key Action 2 Calls

- 4 February 2015: Strategic Partnerships in youth.
- 31 March 2015: Strategic Partnerships in higher education, vocational education and training, schools and adult education (including multi-field applications).
- 30 April 2015: Strategic Partnerships in youth.

### Key Action 3 Calls

- 4 February 2015: Youth Structured Dialogue.
- 30 April 2015: Youth Structured Dialogue.

Centralised actions are managed at a European level by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) located in Brussels, Belgium. Further information on the centralised actions can be found on the EACEA website (<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu>) and in Annex A.

The Erasmus+ UK National Agency is a partnership between the British Council and Ecorys UK. This statistical report combines data from both partners to provide statistics for the UK Erasmus+ Programme.

Further information on the decentralised actions can be found on the Erasmus+ UK National Agency website ([www.erasmusplus.org.uk](http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk)) and in Annex A.

## 1.2 Data Sources

This report draws on management information for the Erasmus+ Programme. Only applications with a UK applicant institution are included in this report.

The main sources for this report are the National Evaluation Committee (NEC) decision lists which record all applications received and their outcomes. The NECs review the list of funding applications and make a proposal on whether they should be accepted, rejected or put on a reserve list based on their quality. The actual number and value of projects is subject to successful contracting. Post-NEC budget virements can also lead to contracting with projects on the reserve list.

The source for all data tables is the Erasmus+ UK National Agency unless stated otherwise.

## 1.3 Other Statistical Reports

Several other statistical reports are available that provide additional data about the applications received and the outcome of those applications. Details of these can be found on the Erasmus+ UK National Agency website at: [www.erasmusplus.org.uk/statistics](http://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/statistics).

## 1.4 Country Performance

The application process for Erasmus+ in the UK is open with no quotas for the number of applications received, successful applications, value of funding requested, or value of funding awarded.

While there are no country quotas, the UK National Agency does monitor application data to identify areas of the UK that may be under-represented in the programme. It uses this analysis to plan and implement Erasmus+ marketing and applicant support services.

In this report, applications are allocated to UK countries by the applicant address. This does not necessarily mean that all UK project activity will take place in that country or that all participants (e.g., those undertaking mobility placements) are from that particular country.

Office for National Statistics (ONS) population estimates are used to help assess under-representation in the programme. The current ONS population estimates are shown below.

*Table 1: ONS Mid-term UK population estimates by UK country (June 2013)*

	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Population (millions)	53.9	1.8	5.3	3.1	<b>64.1</b>
Per cent	84.0	2.9	8.3	4.8	<b>100.0</b>

Source: ONS.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/pop-estimate/population-estimates-for-uk--england-and-wales--scotland-and-northern-ireland/2013/sty-population-estimates.html> (checked 14 August 2015).

## 2 Application Results

### 2.1 All Applications

- A total of 846 applications (52%) were successful.
- The majority of successful applications (712) were under Key Action 1 – learning mobility of individuals. There were 125 successful Key Action 2 strategic partnership applications and 9 successful Key Action 3 applications.
- A further 172 applications across all Key Actions (10.6%) were placed on a reserve list for consideration should funding become available.
- 83 applications (5.1%) were ineligible. Reasons included late submission, ineligible organisations or insufficient partners.
- Over three-fifths (66.4%) of KA1 applications were successful. 57 KA1 applications were ineligible (5.3%).
- Almost one-quarter (23.2%) of KA2 applications were successful and were offered funding.
- Over half (56.3%) of KA3 applications were successful.

Table 2: Erasmus+ application results by Key Action (No. and %)

Result	Number				Per cent			
	KA1	KA2	KA3	ALL	KA1	KA2	KA3	ALL
Successful	712	125	9	<b>846</b>	66.4	23.2	56.3	<b>52.0</b>
Reserve list	57	114	1	<b>172</b>	5.3	21.2	6.3	<b>10.6</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	3	55	0	<b>58</b>	0.3	10.2	0.0	<b>3.6</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	242	220	4	<b>466</b>	22.6	40.9	25.0	<b>28.7</b>
Ineligible	57	24	2	<b>83</b>	5.3	4.5	12.5	<b>5.1</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	1	0	0	<b>1</b>	0.1	0.0	0.0	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,072</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,626</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- The amount of funding awarded by field was in line with the allocations in the Erasmus+ UK Programme budget (see Annex 1, section 1.2).
- Successful Erasmus+ applications were offered funding totalling €112.6m. The majority of funding awarded was for KA1 applications - €81m in total. KA2 applications were awarded a further €31.2m and KA3 applications €0.4m.
- In KA1, the majority of the funding - 64.5% - was awarded to higher education applications. KA1 VET applications were awarded over a fifth (23%) of total KA1 funding.
- In KA2, schools applications were offered the highest proportion of the funding (37%), only slightly higher than the proportion awarded to; VET applications (36.5%).
- KA3 only applies to the youth field. Successful applications to KA3 were awarded funding of over €0.4m.
- Further information about the Erasmus+ budget by Key Action is available in Annex 1.

Table 3: Erasmus+ funding awarded by Key Action and field (€ and %)

Field	KA1		KA2		KA3		ALL	
	€	%	€	%	€	%	€	%
Higher education	52,264,143 <sup>2</sup>	64.5	2,982,926	9.6	-	-	<b>55,247,069</b>	<b>49.1</b>
Vocational education & training	18,614,738	23.0	11,389,874	36.5	-	-	<b>30,004,612</b>	<b>26.6</b>
Schools	2,935,603	3.6	11,539,962	37.0	-	-	<b>14,475,565</b>	<b>12.9</b>
Adult education	569,826	0.7	3,540,866	11.3	-	-	<b>4,110,692</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Youth	6,595,806	8.1	1,769,914	5.7	427,908	100.0	<b>8,793,628</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,980,115</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31,223,542</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>427,908</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>112,631,565</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>2</sup> Refer to A1.3 for an explanation of Key Action 1 higher education funding allocation.

## 2.2 Key Action 1 Applications

### Number of Applications

- The schools field had the highest number of successful KA1 applications – 203 in total.
- The higher education field had 189 successful applications which includes 24 successful applications under the new International Credit Mobility (ICM) sub-action.
- There were 16 successful KA1 adult education applications – the fewest of all fields – which reflects the budget available for the field.

*Table 4: Result of Erasmus+ KA1 applications by Field (No.)*

Result	Higher education	Vocational education & training	Schools	Adult education	Youth	ALL
Successful	189	130	203	16	174	<b>712</b>
Reserve list	0	0	0	9	48	<b>57</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	3	0	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	21	52	67	18	84	<b>242</b>
Ineligible	0	3	18	4	32	<b>57</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	1	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>1,072</b>



## Result of applications within field

- Table 5 shows the result of KA1 applications within each programme field.
- Most of the higher education KA1 mobility applications were successful (88.3%). This is because applicants go through a pre-approval stage via the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.
- Those HE applications that were unsuccessful because of lack of funds or failing minimum criteria were all submitted under the new International Credit Mobility (ICM) sub-Action. The available ICM funding is sub-divided into several 'envelopes' - demand varied for each 'envelope', with some being under-subscribed and some over-subscribed.
- Schools KA1 applications were the next most successful with 70.5% of these receiving funding, followed closely by VET (70.3%).
- Around half of youth KA1 applications received funding (51.5%).
- Just over a third (34%) of adult education KA1 applications were successful.
- Around one in twenty KA1 applications overall were deemed ineligible. This varied by field from none in higher education to 9.5% of youth KA1 applications.

*Table 5: Result of Erasmus+ KA1 applications within field (%)*

Result	Higher education	Vocational education & training	Schools	Adult education	Youth	ALL
Successful	88.3	70.3	70.5	34.0	51.5	<b>66.4</b>
Reserve list	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.1	14.2	<b>5.3</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.3</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	9.8	28.1	23.3	38.3	24.9	<b>22.6</b>
Ineligible	0.0	1.6	6.3	8.5	9.5	<b>5.3</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2.3 Key Action 2 Applications

### Number of applications

- The schools field contained the highest number of successful KA2 applications (58), followed by vocational education and training (40).
- Six (6) youth KA2 applications were successful.

*Table 6: Result of Erasmus+ KA2 applications by field (No.)*

Result	Higher education	Vocational education & training	Schools	Adult education	Youth	ALL
Successful	8	40	58	13	6	<b>125</b>
Reserve list	10	6	84	9	6	<b>115</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	19	0	0	11	24	<b>54</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	29	74	38	43	36	<b>220</b>
Ineligible	2	2	7	3	10	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>538</b>

## Result of applications within field

- Table 7 shows the result of KA2 applications within each programme field.
- VET and schools applications were most successful in gaining funding – around a third of applications in each field were successful (32.8% in VET and 31% in schools).
- KA2 applications to the remaining fields were less successful - adult education (16.5%), higher education (11.8%) and youth (7.3%).
- Overall, 4.5% of KA2 applications were ineligible. A relatively high proportion of youth KA2 applications were ineligible (12.2%).

Table 7: Result of Erasmus+ KA2 applications within field (%)

Result	Higher education	Vocational education & training	Schools	Adult education	Youth	ALL
Successful	11.8	32.8	31.0	16.5	7.3	<b>23.2</b>
Reserve list	14.7	4.9	44.9	11.4	7.3	<b>21.4</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	27.9	0.0	0.0	13.9	29.3	<b>10.0</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	42.6	60.7	20.3	54.4	43.9	<b>40.9</b>
Ineligible	2.9	1.6	3.7	3.8	12.2	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 2.4 Key Action 3 Applications

### Number of applications

- The decentralised Youth Structured Dialogue Key Action 3 is exclusively for Youth projects.
- Nine of the 16 (56.3%) KA3 applications were successful.

*Table 8: Result of Erasmus+ KA3 applications (No. and %)*

Result	Number	Per cent
Successful	9	56.3
Reserve list	1	6.3
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	0	0.0
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	4	25.0
Ineligible	2	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3 Application Results by Country

### 3.1 All Applications

#### 3.1.1 Application results by Country

##### Number of applications

- There were 846 successful applications in total.
- Successful applications were submitted by organisations based in all UK countries. England-based organisations accounted for the highest number of successful applications (606). The lowest number of successful applications were from organisations based in Wales (40).

Table 9: Erasmus+ application results by UK country (No.)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	606	49	151	40	<b>846</b>
Reserve list	136	11	15	10	<b>172</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	42	6	9	1	<b>58</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	334	35	83	14	<b>466</b>
Ineligible	71	2	9	1	<b>83</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,626</b>

## Distribution of applications by result

- Table 10 shows how each category of application result were distributed across UK countries.
- Organisations based in England submitted the majority of successful applications – 71.6% overall. This is lower than the English share of the UK population (84%).
- Organisations based in Northern Ireland and Scotland submitted a higher proportion of successful applications compared to their share of the UK population.

Table 10: Erasmus+ application results across by UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	71.6	5.8	17.8	4.7	100.0
Reserve list	79.1	6.4	8.7	5.8	100.0
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	72.4	10.3	15.5	1.7	100.0
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	71.7	7.5	17.8	3.0	100.0
Ineligible	85.5	2.4	10.8	1.2	100.0
Withdrawn before NEC	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Distribution of applications by result

- Table 11 shows the breakdown of the results of applications received in each UK country.
- There was some variation in the success rates of applications by country. This ranged from 60.6% in Wales to 47.6% in Northern Ireland.
- Just over a quarter of applications (28.7%) failed to meet the minimum quality criteria after assessment.
- Around one in twenty applications (5.1%) were assessed as being ineligible.

Table 11: Erasmus+ application results within UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	50.9	47.6	56.6	60.6	<b>52.0</b>
Reserve list	11.4	10.7	5.6	15.2	<b>10.6</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	3.5	5.8	3.4	1.5	<b>3.6</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	28.1	34.0	31.1	21.2	<b>28.7</b>
Ineligible	6.0	1.9	3.4	1.5	<b>5.1</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3.1.2 Successful applications by Country and Field

### Number of successful applications

- There were successful applications from all programme fields in each UK country.
- The schools field had the highest number of successful applications overall (261) while the adult education field had the lowest number of successful applications (29).
- Applications from organisations based in England accounted for the highest number of successful applications across all fields.
- All UK countries had at least one successful application in every programme field.

*Table 12: Successful Erasmus+ applications by UK country and field (No.)*

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	140	11	33	13	<b>197</b>
Vocational education & training	129	12	21	8	<b>170</b>
Schools	164	9	83	5	<b>261</b>
Adult education	22	2	2	3	<b>29</b>
Youth	151	15	12	11	<b>189</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>846</b>



## Distribution of successful applications within field

- Table 13 shows how the successful applications received under each field are distributed across UK countries.
- Although England-based organisations accounted for the highest share of successful applications overall and across all fields, the proportion was lower than the English share of the UK population (84%) in every field.
- Relative to the Northern Irish share of the UK population (2.9%), Northern Ireland-based organisations accounted for a higher share of successful applications overall and across all fields. This was particularly the case in youth (7.9%), vocational education and training (7.1%) and adult education (6.9%).
- Scotland-based organisations accounted for 16.8% of successful higher education applications, 11.4% of successful vocational education and training applications and almost a third (31.8%) of successful schools applications – higher than the Scottish share of the UK population (8.3%). Relative to share of the UK population, organisations based in Scotland accounted for a lower proportion of successful adult education and youth applications.
- Overall, organisations based in Wales accounted for a similar proportion of successful applications (4.7%) than the Welsh share of the UK population (4.8%). The proportion of successful applications was comparably higher in adult education (10.3%) and lower in the schools field (1.9%).

Table 13: Successful Erasmus+ applications by UK country and field (%)

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	71.1	5.6	16.8	6.6	100.0
Vocational education & training	75.9	7.1	12.4	4.7	100.0
Schools	62.8	3.4	31.8	1.9	100.0
Adult education	75.9	6.9	6.9	10.3	100.0
Youth	79.9	7.9	6.3	5.8	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 3.1.3 Value of successful applications by Country and Field

- The amount of funding awarded by field was in line with the allocations in the Erasmus+ UK Programme budget (see Annex 1, section 1.2).
- Applicants based in England were offered €87.4m of funding in total.
- Applicants based in Northern Ireland were awarded €5.8m.
- Applicants based in Scotland were awarded €12.9m.
- Applicants based in Wales were awarded €6.5m.

*Table 14: Total amount of Erasmus+ funding awarded by UK country and field (€)*

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education <sup>3</sup>	40,399,871	2,265,392	9,197,586	3,384,220	<b>55,247,069</b>
Vocational education & training	24,372,162	1,936,932	2,150,942	1,544,576	<b>30,004,612</b>
Schools	12,456,214	566,604	804,698	648,049	<b>14,475,565</b>
Adult education	3,455,468	336,884	266,195	52,145	<b>4,110,692</b>
Youth	6,720,310	703,866	514,472	854,980	<b>8,793,628</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,404,025</b>	<b>5,809,678</b>	<b>12,933,893</b>	<b>6,483,970</b>	<b>112,631,566</b>

<sup>3</sup> Refer to A1.3 for an explanation of Key Action 1 higher education funding allocation.

- Applicants based in England were awarded 77.6% of all funding offered – lower than the English share of the UK population (84.0%). The proportion of funding offered relative to population share was lower in higher education (73.1%), youth (76.4%) and VET (81.2%).
- Applicants based in Northern Ireland were awarded 5.2% of all funding offered – higher than the Northern Irish share of the UK population (2.9%). The proportion of funding offered relative to population share was higher in all programme fields
- Applicants based in Scotland were awarded 11.5% of total funding compared to an 8.3% share of the UK population. The proportion of funding offered relative to population ranged from a high of 16.6% in higher education to a low of 5.6% in schools.
- Applicants based in Wales were awarded 5.8% of total funding compared to a 4.8% share of the UK population. This ranged from a high of 9.7% in youth to a low of 1.3% in adult education.

*Table 15: Total amount of Erasmus+ funding awarded by UK country and field (%)*

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	73.1	4.1	16.6	6.1	<b>100.0</b>
Vocational education & training	81.2	6.5	7.2	5.1	<b>100.0</b>
Schools	86.0	3.9	5.6	4.5	<b>100.0</b>
Adult education	84.1	8.2	6.5	1.3	<b>100.0</b>
Youth	76.4	8.0	5.9	9.7	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>77.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3.2 Key Action 1 Applications

### 3.2.1 Key Action 1 application results by Country

#### Number of KA1 applications

- There were 712 successful KA1 applications in Rounds 1 and 2.
- The majority of successful applications were from applicants based in England (502), followed by Scotland (142), Northern Ireland (35) and Wales (33).

Table 16: Erasmus+ KA1 application results by UK country (No.)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	502	35	142	33	<b>712</b>
Reserve list	45	6	5	1	<b>57</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	3	0	0	0	<b>3</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	176	12	48	6	<b>242</b>
Ineligible	50	1	6	0	<b>57</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,072</b>

## Distribution of KA1 applications by result

- Table 17 shows the distribution of the results of KA1 applications received across each UK country.
- Organisations based in England submitted 70.5% of all successful KA1 applications – less than the English share of the UK population (84%).
- There were a higher proportion of successful KA1 applications from organisations based in Northern Ireland (4.9%) and Scotland (19.9%) compared to their share of UK population (2.9% and 8.4% respectively).
- Organisations based in Wales submitted 4.6% of successful KA1 applications – slightly lower than the Welsh share of the UK population (4.8%).

Table 17: Erasmus+KA1 application results across by UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	70.5	4.9	19.9	4.6	100.0
Reserve list	78.9	10.5	8.8	1.8	100.0
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	72.7	5.0	19.8	2.5	100.0
Ineligible	87.7	1.8	10.5	0.0	100.0
Withdrawn before NEC	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## KA1 application results within UK country

- Table 18 shows the breakdown of the results of KA1 applications received in each UK country.
- Overall, KA1 applications had a 66.4% success rate across all UK countries.
- KA1 Application success rates varied from 82.5% from organisations based in Wales to 64.6% from organisations based in England.

Table 18: Erasmus+KA1 application results across within UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	64.6	64.8	70.6	82.5	<b>66.4</b>
Reserve list	5.8	11.1	2.5	2.5	<b>5.3</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.3</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	22.7	22.2	23.9	15.0	<b>22.6</b>
Ineligible	6.4	1.9	3.0	0.0	<b>5.3</b>
Withdrawn before NEC	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3.2.2 Successful Key Action 1 applications by Country and Field

### Number of successful KA1 applications

- The number of successful applications varied by field - from 16 in adult education to 203 schools applications.
- The majority of successful applications from all fields were from organisations based in England.
- Organisations based in Scotland submitted a relatively high number of successful KA1 schools applications.

*Table 19: Successful Erasmus+ KA1 applications by UK country and field (No.)*

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	138	11	29	11	<b>189</b>
Vocational education & training	96	7	19	8	<b>130</b>
Schools	115	4	81	3	<b>203</b>
Adult education	11	1	1	3	<b>16</b>
Youth	142	12	12	8	<b>174</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>712</b>

## Distribution of successful KA1 applications within field

- Table 20 shows how the successful KA1 applications received under each field are distributed across UK countries.
- Organisations based in England submitted the highest proportion of successful applications in every field. This was lower than the English share of the UK population (84%) in all fields.
- Almost two-fifths (39.9%) of successful KA1 schools applications were from organisations based in Scotland (compared to the Scottish share of the UK population of 8.3%).

Table 20: Successful Erasmus+ KA1 applications by UK country and field (%)

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	73.0	5.8	15.3	5.8	100.0
Vocational education & training	73.8	5.4	14.6	6.2	100.0
Schools	56.7	2.0	39.9	1.5	100.0
Adult education	68.8	6.3	6.3	18.8	100.0
Youth	81.6	6.9	6.9	4.6	100.0
Total	<b>70.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>



### 3.2.3 Value of successful Key Action 1 applications by Country and Field

- The majority of KA1 funding was awarded to applications in the higher education field (€52.3m), followed by applications in the vocational education and training field (€18.6m).

Table 21: Total amount of Erasmus+ KA1 funding awarded by UK country and field (€)

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education <sup>4</sup>	39,546,119	2,265,392	7,560,024	2,892,608	<b>52,264,143</b>
Vocational education & training	14,514,256	738,270	1,817,636	1,544,576	<b>18,614,738</b>
Schools	2,157,095	39,950	618,883	119,675	<b>2,935,603</b>
Adult education	472,461	43,010	2,210	52,145	<b>569,826</b>
Youth	5,535,478	348,106	514,472	197,750	<b>6,595,806</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,225,409</b>	<b>3,434,728</b>	<b>10,513,225</b>	<b>4,806,754</b>	<b>80,980,116</b>

<sup>4</sup> Refer to A1.3 for an explanation of Key Action 1 higher education funding allocation.

- Organisations based in England were awarded the majority (76.8%) of the total KA1 funding and the majority of funding awarded in every field.
- Overall, organisations based in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales were awarded a proportionally higher grant amount than their share of the UK population.

*Table 22: Total amount of Erasmus+ KA1 funding awarded by UK country and field (%)*

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	75.7	4.3	14.5	5.5	100.0
Vocational education & training	78.0	4.0	9.8	8.3	100.0
Schools	73.5	1.4	21.1	4.1	100.0
Adult education	82.9	7.5	0.4	9.2	100.0
Youth	83.9	5.3	7.8	3.0	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3.3 Key Action 2 Applications

### 3.3.1 Key Action 2 application results by Country

#### Number of KA2 applications

- There were 125 successful KA2 applications.
- The majority of successful applications were from applicants based in England (98), followed by Northern Ireland (12), Scotland (9) and Wales (6).

Table 23: Erasmus+ KA2 application results by UK country (No.)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	98	12	9	6	<b>125</b>
Reserve list	90	5	10	9	<b>114</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	39	6	9	1	<b>55</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	155	22	35	8	<b>220</b>
Ineligible	19	1	3	1	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>538</b>

## Distribution of KA2 applications by result

- Table 24 shows the distribution of the results of KA2 applications received across each UK country.
- Applicants based in England accounted for three-quarters (74.5%) of all KA2 applications and 78.5% of all successful KA2 applications.
- Applicant organisations based in Scotland submitted 12.3% of all KA2 applications but accounted for 7.2% of successful applications due to their lower average success rate.

Table 24: Distribution of Erasmus+KA2 application results by UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	78.4	9.6	7.2	4.8	<b>100.0</b>
Reserve list	78.9	4.4	8.8	7.9	<b>100.0</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	70.9	10.9	16.4	1.8	<b>100.0</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	70.5	10.0	15.9	3.6	<b>100.0</b>
Ineligible	79.2	4.2	12.5	4.2	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>74.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## KA2 application results within UK country

- Table 25 shows the breakdown of the results of KA2 applications received in each UK country.
- KA2 applications had an overall success rate of 23.2%. Success rates varied by country from a high of 26.1% (Northern Ireland) to a low of 13.6% (Scotland).
- Two-fifths (40.9%) of all KA2 applications were unsuccessful having failed the minimum quality criteria. This also varied by country from a high of 53% (Scotland) to a low of 32% (Wales).

Table 25: Distribution of Erasmus+KA2 application results within UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	24.4	26.1	13.6	24.0	<b>23.2</b>
Reserve list	22.4	10.9	15.2	36.0	<b>21.2</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	9.7	13.0	13.6	4.0	<b>10.2</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	38.7	47.8	53.0	32.0	<b>40.9</b>
Ineligible	4.7	2.2	4.5	4.0	<b>4.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3.3.2 Successful Key Action 2 applications by Country and Field

### Number of successful KA2 applications

- The schools field accounted for the highest number of successful KA2 applications (58) while the youth sector accounted for the lowest number (6).
- The majority of successful KA2 applications overall and in each programme field were from organisations based in England (98 overall).

*Table 26: Successful Erasmus+ KA2 applications by UK country and field (No.)*

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	2	0	4	2	8
Vocational education & training	33	5	2	0	40
Schools	49	5	2	2	58
Adult education	11	1	1	0	13
Youth	3	1	0	2	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>125</b>

## Distribution of successful KA2 applications within field

- Table 27 shows how the successful KA2 applications received under each field are distributed across UK countries.
- Over three-quarters (78.4%) of all successful KA2 applications were from organisations based in England.

Table 27: Successful Erasmus+ KA2 applications by UK country and field (%)

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher education	25.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	<b>100.0</b>
Vocational education & training	82.5	12.5	5.0	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
Schools	84.5	8.6	3.4	3.4	<b>100.0</b>
Adult education	84.6	7.7	7.7	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
Youth	50.0	16.7	0.0	33.3	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>78.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 3.3.3 Value of successful Key Action 2 applications by Country and Field

- Schools applications were offered €11.5m of the total KA2 funding awarded. Successful VET applications were awarded a further €11.4m.
- Organisations based in England were awarded the majority of the total KA2 funding (€24.9m).

Table 28: Total amount of Erasmus+ KA2 funding awarded by UK country and field (€)

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher Education	853,752	0	1,637,562	491,612	<b>2,982,926</b>
Vocational education & training	9,857,906	1,198,662	333,306	0	<b>11,389,874</b>
Schools	10,299,119	526,654	185,815	528,374	<b>11,539,962</b>
Adult education	2,983,007	293,874	263,985	0	<b>3,540,866</b>
Youth	892,684	269,590	0	607,640	<b>1,769,914</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,886,468</b>	<b>2,288,780</b>	<b>2,420,668</b>	<b>1,627,626</b>	<b>31,223,542</b>



- Applicants based in England were offered the majority of the total KA2 funding awarded overall (79.7%).
- Organisations based in Scotland were awarded the majority of the total KA2 higher education funding (€54.9%).

Table 29: Total amount of Erasmus+ KA2 funding awarded by UK country and field (%)

Field	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Higher Education	28.6	0.0	54.9	16.5	100.0
Vocational education & training	86.5	10.5	2.9	0.0	100.0
Schools	89.2	4.6	1.6	4.6	100.0
Adult education	84.2	8.3	7.5	0.0	100.0
Youth	50.4	15.2	0.0	34.3	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>79.7</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## 3.4 Key Action 3 Applications

### 3.4.1 Key Action 3 application results by Country

#### Number of applications

- The decentralised Youth Structured Dialogue Key Action 3 is exclusively for Youth projects.
- There were 9 successful KA3 applications.
- The majority of successful KA3 applications were from organisations based in England (6). There were no KA3 applications received from organisations based in Scotland.

Table 30: Erasmus+ KA3 application results by UK country (No)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	6	2	0	1	<b>9</b>
Reserve list	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	3	1	0	0	<b>4</b>
Ineligible	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>

## Distribution of KA3 applications by result

- Table 31 shows the distribution of the results of KA3 applications received across each UK country.
- Applicant organisations based in England accounted for three-quarters (75%) of all KA3 applications and two-thirds (66.7%) of all successful applications.

Table 31: Erasmus+KA3 application results by UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	66.7	22.2	0.0	11.1	<b>100.0</b>
Reserve list	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	75.0	25.0	0.0	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
Ineligible	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## KA3 application results within UK country

- Table 32 shows the breakdown of the results of KA3 applications received in each UK country.
- KA3 applications had a 56.3% success rate overall.

Table 32: Erasmus+KA3 application results within UK country (%)

Result	Number				
	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Successful	50.0	66.7	-	100.0	<b>56.3</b>
Reserve list	8.3	0.0	-	0.0	<b>6.3</b>
Unsuccessful – lack of funds	0.0	0.0	-	0.0	<b>0.0</b>
Unsuccessful – failed minimum quality criteria	25.0	33.3	-	0.0	<b>25.0</b>
Ineligible	16.7	0.0	-	0.0	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### 3.4.2 Value of successful Key Action 3 applications by Country

- Successful applications were awarded €0.4m in funding.
- Organisations based in England were awarded the majority (68.3%) of KA3 funding,

*Table 33: Total amount of Erasmus+ KA3 funding awarded by UK country (€ and %)*

	England	Northern Ireland	Scotland	Wales	UK
Value of KA3 funding awarded (€)	292,148	86,170	-	49,590	427,908
Proportion of total KA3 funding awarded (%)	68.3	20.1	-	11.6	100.0

## 4 About this Statistical Report

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## Annex 1 Background Note

### A1.1 About Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport.

Erasmus+ started on 1 January 2014 and replaced the legacy programmes run by the European Commission in the area of education, training, youth and sport, including the Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Comenius, Leonardo, Grundtvig and Transversal), Youth in Action and other international programmes including Jean Monnet and Erasmus Mundus.

The Erasmus+ programme will run from 2014-2020 and supports activities in education, training, youth and sport across all sectors of lifelong learning including Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools and youth activities.

Activities supported through the Erasmus+ programme are supported under several Actions. Each of these Actions incorporates centralised actions that are managed at a European level by the Education, Culture and Audiovisual Executive Agency (EACEA) and decentralised actions that are managed by National Agencies in each participating country. These are:

- Key Action 1: Mobility of individuals.
  - ▶ Mobility of learners and staff (decentralised action).
  - ▶ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (centralised action).
  - ▶ Erasmus+ Master Degree Loans (centralised action).
- Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practice.
  - ▶ Strategic partnerships (decentralised action).
  - ▶ Knowledge alliances (centralised action).
  - ▶ Sector skills alliances (centralised action).
  - ▶ Capacity building (centralised action).
  - ▶ IT support platforms (centralised action).
- Key Action 3: Support for policy reform.
  - ▶ Structured dialogue meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth (decentralised action).
- Jean Monnet activities (centralised actions).
- Sport.
  - ▶ Collaborative partnerships (centralised action).
  - ▶ Not-for-profit European sport events (centralised action).

Erasmus+ aims to boost skills and employability as well as modernise education, training, and youth work across Europe. It has a budget of approximately 14.7 billion euros across Europe and will, over a period of seven years, provide opportunities for over 4 million Europeans to study, train, gain work experience and volunteer abroad and will also support transnational partnerships between education, training and youth organisations, as well as support grassroots sport projects.

## A1.2 Erasmus+ Budget

The Erasmus+ programme budget is divided between education and training, youth, sport, Jean Monnet Activities and other costs. The education and training budget is then further allocated between educational fields with flexibility to vary the allocations by up to 5%.

Table A1: EU Erasmus+ budget allocation between fields

Field	Per cent
Education and training	77.5
Higher education	33.3 (min)
Vocational education & training	17.1 (min)
Schools	11.6 (min)
Adult education	3.9 (min)
Unallocated	11.6
Youth	10.0
Jean Monnet	1.9
Sport	1.8
Other	8.8

Source: Official Journal of the European Union (20/12/2013), L347/50.<sup>5</sup>

The value of the decentralised funds to the UK is indicated in the European Commission annual workplan for Erasmus+. The UK budget is subject to revision based on demand across the programme as a whole and the potential reallocation of centralised funds.

<sup>5</sup> Official Journal of the European Union (2013), Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC Text with EEA relevance, Brussels: Belgium. Available online at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R1288&qid=1395671967554> (checked 27 July 2015).



Table A2: Annual Erasmus+ decentralised action 2015 budget for the UK and the EU-33 (€)<sup>6</sup>

Field	2015 budget	
	UK	EU-33
Higher education	53,315,470	625,288,669
Vocational education and training	31,888,968	373,613,960
Schools	15,597,319	183,109,638
Adult education	4,353,446	53,474,448
Youth	12,894,359	173,094,102
<b>Total</b>	<b>118,049,562</b>	<b>1,408,580,817</b>

Source: European Commission (2015).<sup>7</sup>

## A1.3 Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Higher Education Funding Allocation

Under Key Action 1 staff and student mobility (KA103), Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) apply for a number of mobilities rather than a specific amount of funding. Under Erasmus+ there are different flat rates for mobilities to different countries. HEIs are not required to specify the destination countries for their intended mobilities at the time of application. As a result, it is not possible to calculate a “funding requested” figure for KA103 HE applications.

The National Agency assesses the requested number of mobilities against those awarded and delivered in previous years and the available budget. A recommendation for the number of mobilities for each HEI is made to the National Evaluation Committee.

In this process, it is possible that the HEIs are awarded funding for fewer mobilities than they asked for.

For the purpose of this report the value of funding requested by each HEI is considered identical to the amount awarded. Therefore, the funding amount awarded is equivalent to 100% of the funding requested in KA103 Higher Education.

<sup>6</sup> The UK has also been awarded funding of up to €9,814,541 for Key Action 1 Higher Education International Credit Mobility (ICM) projects. This figure, and the overall EU budget for ICM, is not included in the figures in table A2.

<sup>7</sup> European Commission (2015), *Amendment of the 2015 annual work programme for the implementation of 'Erasmus+': the Union Programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport, C(2015)4197 of 25 June 2015*, p116. Available online at: [http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education\\_culture/more\\_info/awp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/more_info/awp/index_en.htm) (checked 27 July 2015).

## Annex 2 Key Terms and Definitions

Term	Definition
applicant	The organisation that submits a funding application on behalf of a group / consortium of partners. There can only be one applicant per project.
beneficiary	When a project is approved for funding, the applicant becomes the beneficiary of the Erasmus+ grant.
Call	The period when applications can be made.
Centralised Action	A funding strand or sub-strand of Erasmus+ that is managed at a European level by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) located in Brussels, Belgium.
Decentralised Action	A funding strand or sub-strand of Erasmus+ that is managed in each programme country by National Agencies that are appointed by the National Authority.
Erasmus Charter for Higher Education	Higher education institutions must hold this Charter to take part in Erasmus+.
Field (or Sector)	The Erasmus+ fields are higher education, vocational education and training, schools, adult education, youth and sport.
Key Action	The title of the three strands of Erasmus+ funding available.
mobility	A project where participants go to another country to study, train, volunteer etc. for a set period.
National Agency	The organisation that manages Erasmus+ in a particular country.
Partner Country	A country which does not participate fully in Erasmus+ but may take part in certain Actions. Partner Countries are listed in the Programme Guide.
Programme Country	EU or non-EU countries participating fully in Erasmus+. Programme Countries are listed in the Programme Guide.
project	A set of activities with pre-defined objectives, dissemination and results.
Round	The time-specific period when funding is open for applications.
Sector (or Field)	See definition of 'field'.
UK NA	United Kingdom National Agency. The Erasmus+ UK National Agency is a partnership between the British Council and Ecorys UK
virement	The process of transferring items from one financial account to another.