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	BG01, Bulgaria, Human Resource Development Centre
Field	Adult education
Call year	2026

1. AVAILABLE BUDGET

Total budget available for allocation:	2 209 468.00 €

Out of the available budget, at least the following amounts will be allocated for the specified purposes:

Basic grants and financial performance	1 206 000.00 €
Qualitative performance and policy priorities	776 000.00 €
Inclusion support for participants and exceptional costs	6 700.00 €

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, 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.

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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. First phase: basic grants and financial performance

All applicants will receive at least the following basic grant: 18 000.00 €

The basic grant amount is calculated based on average grant for KA122 projects from the last call.

2.3. Second phase: qualitative performance and policy priorities

Budget assigned to this phase will be divided among the applicants in proportion to their score.

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.

   For applicants that have not yet completed any accredited projects, the base score will be equal to the evaluation score of their accreditation application.

b) A bonus to the base score will be applied according to the following criteria:

   - Percentage of participants with fewer opportunities in mobility activities out of total participants;
   - Percentage of participants in learner mobility, out of total participants in mobility activities.

   These criteria will be measured on a scale from 0 to 100% and will be calculated based on each applicant's requested activities and it will be equal to:

   - 0 points if the average of the two indicators scores between 0 and 5%;
   - 5 points if the average of the two indicators scores between 6 and 50%;
   - 10 points if the average of the two indicators scores between 51 and 100%.

   The maximum number of bonus points that can be awarded is 10.

The overall score for each applicant will be calculated in the following way: Total score = base score + bonus points. The total score cannot be higher than 100.

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