

Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (2016-2017)

Opportunities for Africa

The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme is set up under the Pan-African Programme and is based on the experience of the Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme (2010-2013).

The programme promotes higher education cooperation between countries in Africa. It aims to improve the skills and competences of students and staff of African countries through networking, mobility, institutional support and innovation between African countries.

Financial support is granted to partnerships of African higher education institutions for the organisation and implementation of student and staff mobility across the continent. Projects last maximum 60 months.

The programme is open to a limited number of thematic fields, prioritized for each Call for proposals. Projects are allowed to focus on one or several of the eligible thematic fields.

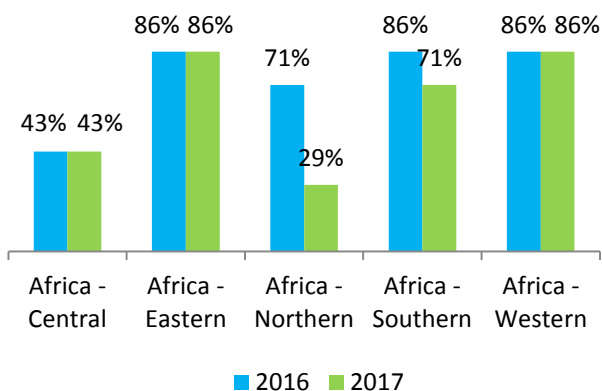
In the two selections in 2016 and 2017, 14 projects were selected for a total budget of EUR 20 mln.

Participation of higher education institutions (HEIs)

African HEIs are eligible to apply as Applicant and/or as Partner. In addition, a HEI from the EU, holding an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, must be included in the partnership as technical partner.

In the 14 selected projects so far, there are 72 instances of participation of 42 African institutions. The EU is represented by 14 HEIs involved as technical partner – one per project.

Participation of the African regions in selected project*



* % of total number of projects per year

Individual mobility

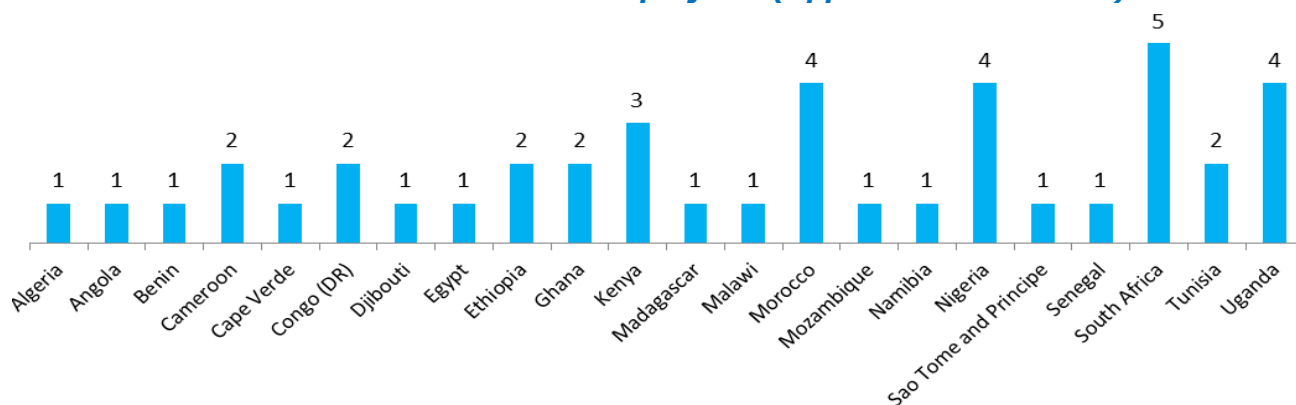


Planned mobility within Africa

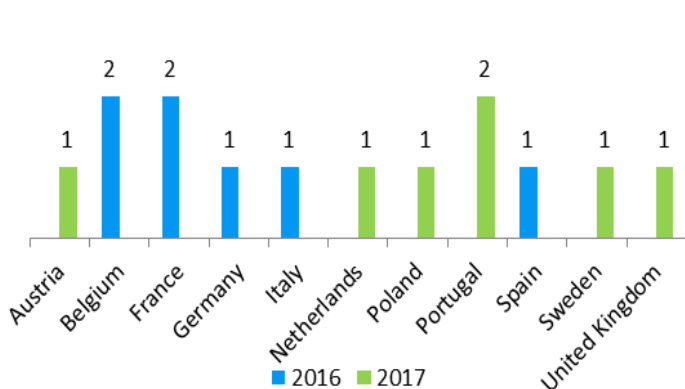
830
students
(Master and Doctorate)
180
university staff

Master students, doctoral candidates, administrative and academic staff from African countries are eligible to receive scholarships. They should address their applications directly to the selected Intra-Africa partnerships, following calls for scholarship applications that the selected projects publish on their website. The scholarship amounts vary according to the type of mobility and the duration – from a minimum duration of 1 month (for staff) to a maximum duration of 4 years (for doctoral candidates).

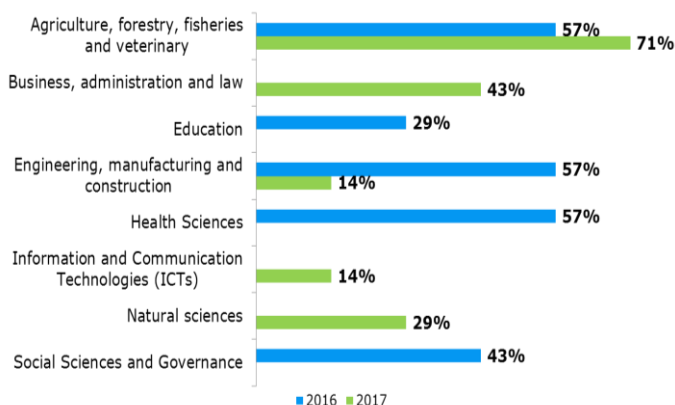
Number of African HEIs involved in selected projects (Applicant and Partner)



Number of EU HEIs involved as EU Technical partner



Thematic fields of selected projects, per year of selection*



* % of total number of projects per year

Africa Regional International Staff/Student Exchange: Food Security and Sustainable Human Wellbeing (ARISE II)

Building on the success of its first edition ARISE, funded under the Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme in 2012, the ARISE II project aims at enhancing student and staff mobility and collaborative research in the areas of Agriculture/Food Security and Health Sciences. The thematic fields of the project have been chosen as they are critical priority areas across the African continent at large.

While the ARISE project is still on-going, there is already evidence of institutional co-operation between the partner universities through joint research projects, publications and research seminars. This experience will be capitalised under ARISE II to continue to foster institutional co-operation.

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14 projects



42 African universities

14 EU universities



More than 1000 planned scholarships of African nationals

Harmonisation of Entrepreneurship Education for Sustainable Development in Africa (HEED)

The project aims to develop and implement a harmonised entrepreneurship education ecosystem in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). It will achieve its goal through enhanced academic mobility across the participating higher education institutions, leading to increased ability of students to become job creators rather than job seekers.

Outputs include mobility of up to 73 masters and 24 PhD students with skills in entrepreneurialism in a way not offered at their own institutions.

Research projects are expected to provide unique empirical insights into inter-institutional processes for harmonizing entrepreneurship programmes through joint publications and conferences papers. Overall, it will support the development of a more harmonised policy for teaching, researching and transferability of entrepreneurship education best practices for graduate employment across the continent.

More information:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra-africa_en