



KA1: International Students & Staff Mobility

**“The experience of a European country:
example of Latvia”**

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- **LATVIA** – one of the 33 Erasmus+ Programme countries
- Erasmus+ **Partner country** Higher Education **Institution (HEI) can plan** its international student and staff **mobilities** to/from Erasmus+ Partner country **in the application of Erasmus+ Programme country**, e.g. LATVIA, **HEI's application**
- Erasmus+ **Partner country HEI cannot submit the application**

Experience of LV HEIs

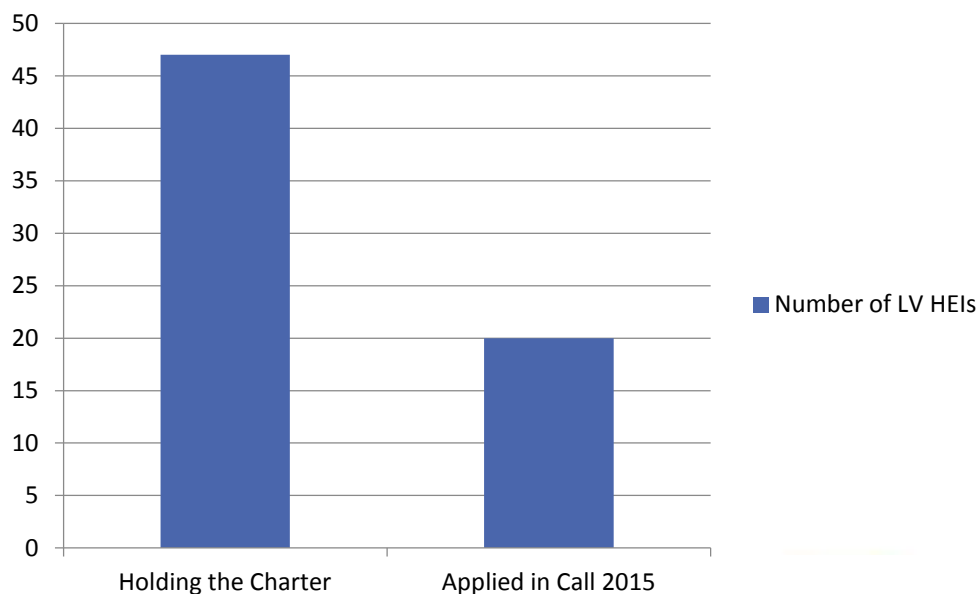
- “Predecessor Activity” - Erasmus Mundus (EM) Action 2 - **Mobility Partnerships with the 3rd countries’ higher education institutions**
- **Long intra-EU/EEA students and staff mobility experience** (former Erasmus celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2012) – considered certainly as the success story

Activity administration - LV

- Activity is **administered at decentralised level** - respective Erasmus+ National Agency of the Programme Country is in charge
- **In Latvia (LV)** – Erasmus+ NA in the field of education and training is **State Education Development Agency**
- The **NA ensures** consultations, selection, approval, contracting, monitoring, payments etc.

LV Applicants – Call 2015

- Pre-condition – Holder of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), **47 LV HEIs** – holders of the **ECHE**
- **20 LV HEIs** have submitted **applications in Call 2015**



Project Partner

- At least **1 Higher Education Institution** from the eligible **Erasmus+ Partner Country** must be involved
- Erasmus+ **Partner Countries' HEIs must observe and apply the rules defined in the ECHE** (laid out in the Interinstitutional Partnership Agreement):

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/news/2014/20140715-ia_en.htm

Interinstitutional Agreement (1)

- **By signing** the international inter-institutional agreement, partner countries **commit themselves to respecting its principles**
- It is recommended that HEIs from Programme and Partner countries **sign this agreement once they are selected for funding for international mobility, and in any case before the mobility takes place**

Interinstitutional Agreement (2)

- They commit **to respect the quality requirements** of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education **in all aspects** related to the:
 - **organisation and management** of the mobility
 - **in particular the recognition** of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution

Call 2015 LV - Profile of the applicants

- All **20** applicants - **active participants in the intra-EU students and staff mobility projects**
- **Type of LV applicants:**
 - 5 universities
 - 5 state HEIs with specialised profile (e.g. Music, Art, Sports,...)
 - 2 regional state HEIs
 - 4 private HEIs
 - 4 colleges
- **Geographical location:**
 - 16 HEIs located in Riga
 - 4 HEIs located in the regions (balanced coverage – different regions)

Call 2015 LV – Applications' profile

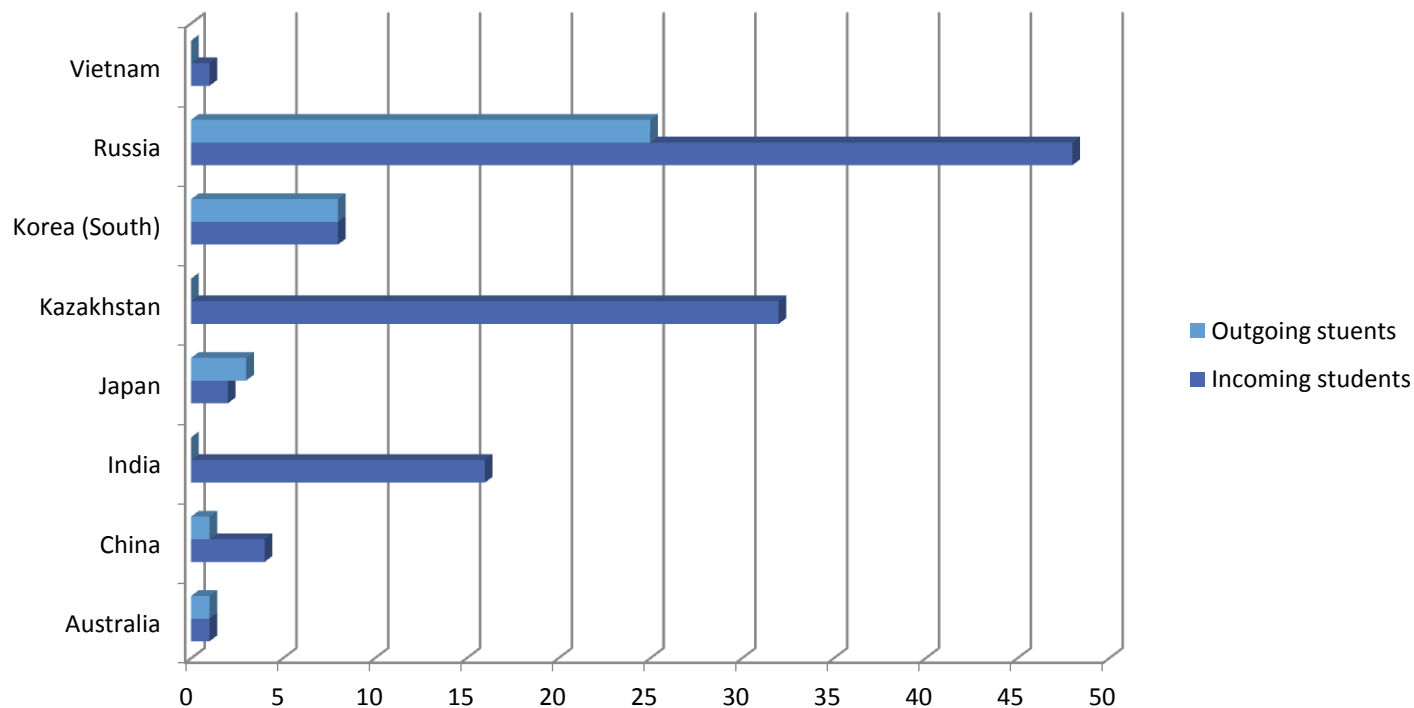
- **Proposed duration** of the received project applications:
 - **7** applications are for **16 month projects**
 - **13** applications are for **24 month projects**
- **Number of Partner Countries** included in the application:
 - **1 country** – 3 applications
 - **2-5 countries** – 12 applications
 - **6-10 countries** – 3 applications
 - **More than 10 countries** – 2 applications
- Currently all 20 applications undergo Qualitative Evaluation

Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (1)

- **8 ASEM Asia Partner countries** included in the LV HEIs' applications of **Call 2015**:
 - **AUSTRALIA**, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, **CHINA**, **INDIA**, Indonesia, **JAPAN**, **KAZAKHSTAN**, **SOUTH KOREA**, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, **RUSSIA**, Singapore, Thailand, **VIETNAM**
- Possibilities for other countries for the next calls

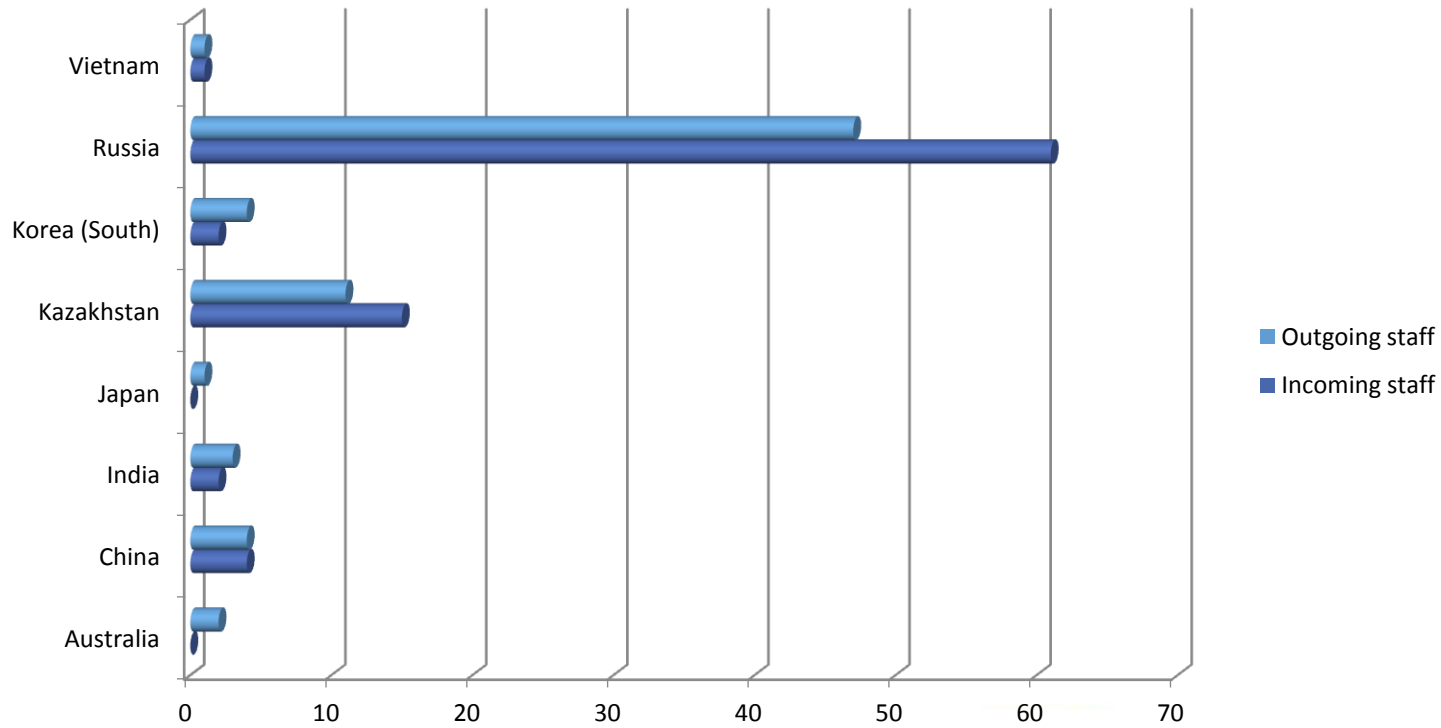
Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (2)

- Number of requested mobilities – Students (incoming, outgoing)



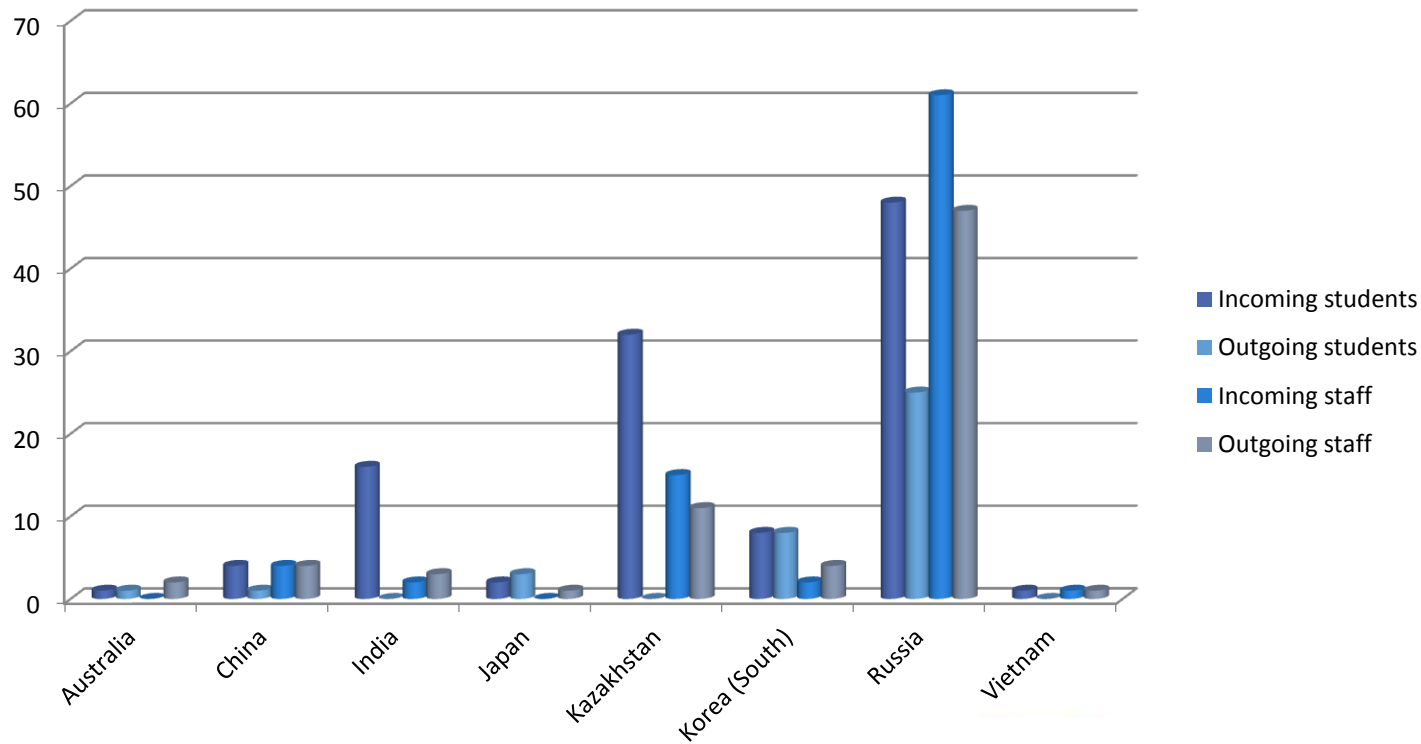
Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (3)

- Number of requested mobilities – Staff (incoming, outgoing)



Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (4)

- Number of requested mobilities – Students & Staff (incoming, outgoing)



Activity Financing

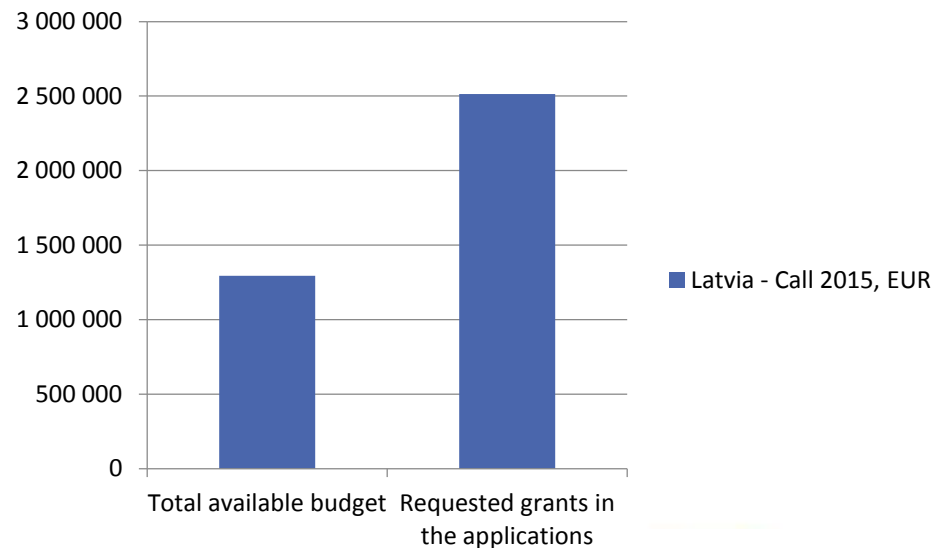
- **4 different EU funding instruments** provide the available budget:
 - Instrument for Pre-accession (**IPA**)
 - European Neighbourhood Instrument (**ENI**)
 - Development Co-operation Instrument (**DCI**)
 - Partnership Instrument (**PI**)
- Available financing is split in **10 Regional Envelopes**

Call 2015 LV – Budget

- Total budget for Latvia Call 2015 - **1 293 353 EUR**, detailed information (per 10 envelopes) available:

[Erasmus+ LV NA web-site](#)

- Total grants requested in Call 2015 - **2 513 947 EUR**

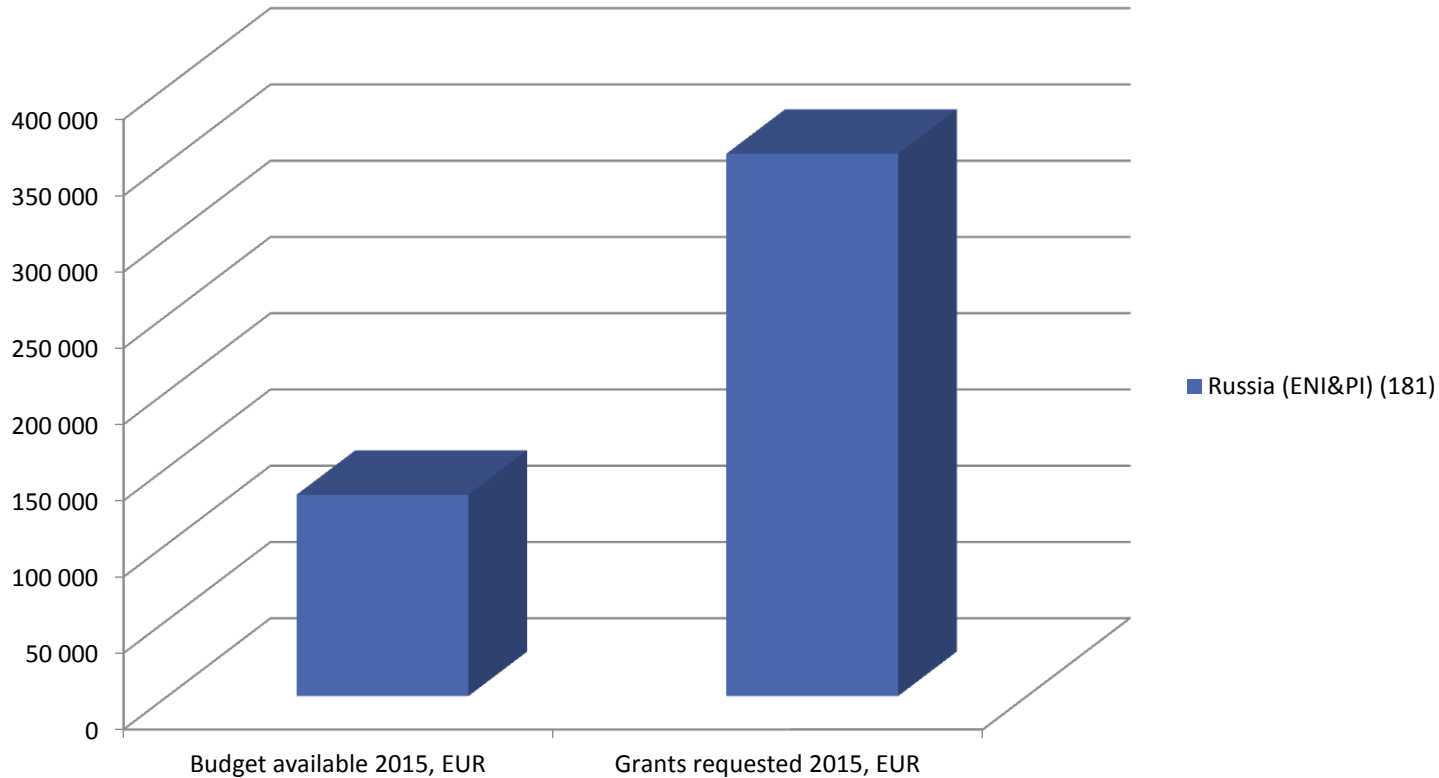


Financing – ASEM Asia countries (1)

- European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI):

Regional Envelope	Countries
ENI Russian Federation	Territory of RUSSIA as recognised by International Law

LV 2015 Requested – Russia (ENI & PI)



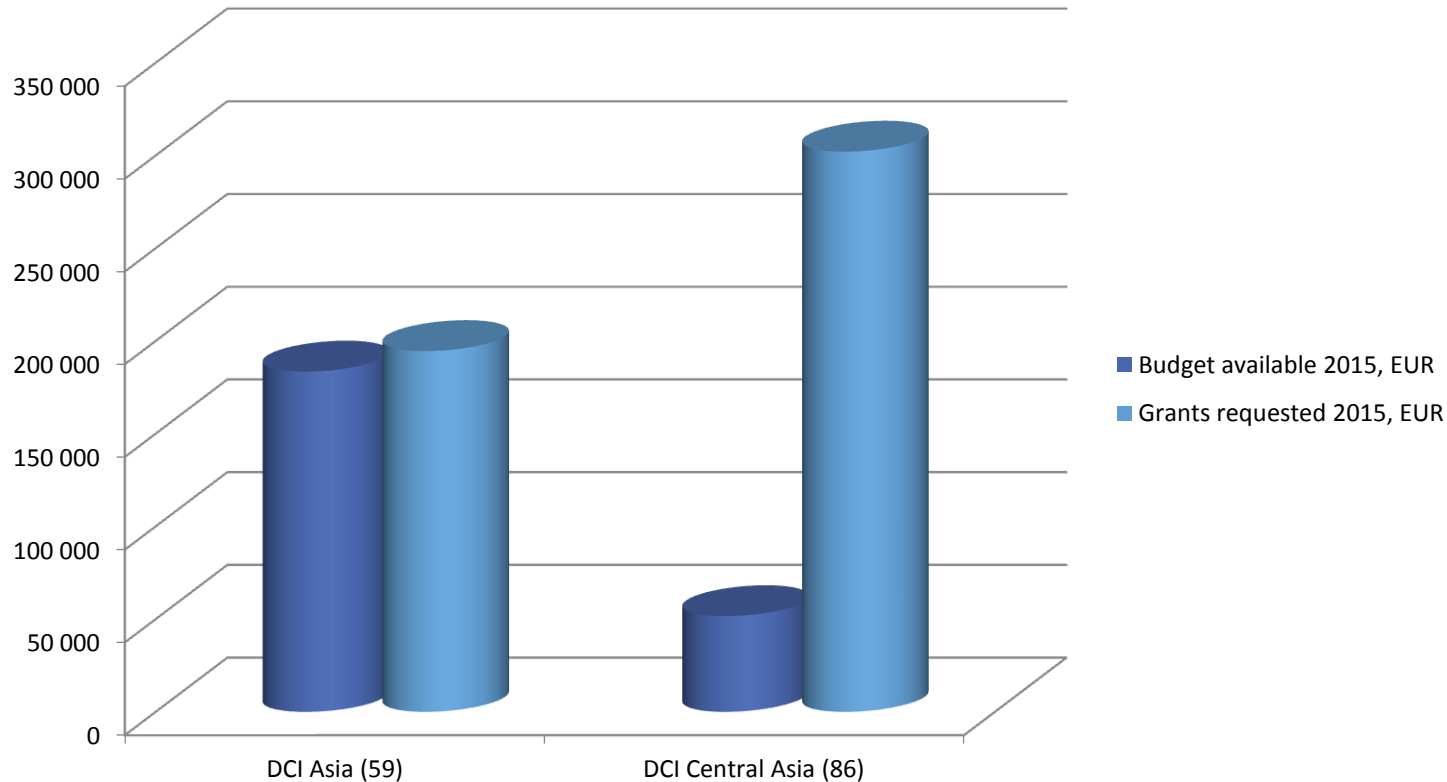
- Altogether – 181 mobilities requested

Financing – ASEM Asia countries (2)

- Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI):

Regional Envelope	Countries
DCI Asia	Afghanistan, BANGLADESH , Bhutan, CAMBODIA , CHINA , DPR KOREA , INDIA , INDONESIA , LAOS , MALAYSIA , Maldives, MONGOLIA , MYANMAR , Nepal, PAKISTAN , PHILIPPINES , Sri Lanka, THAILAND and VIETNAM
DCI Central Asia	KAZAKHSTAN , Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

LV 2015 Requested - DCI Asia&Central Asia



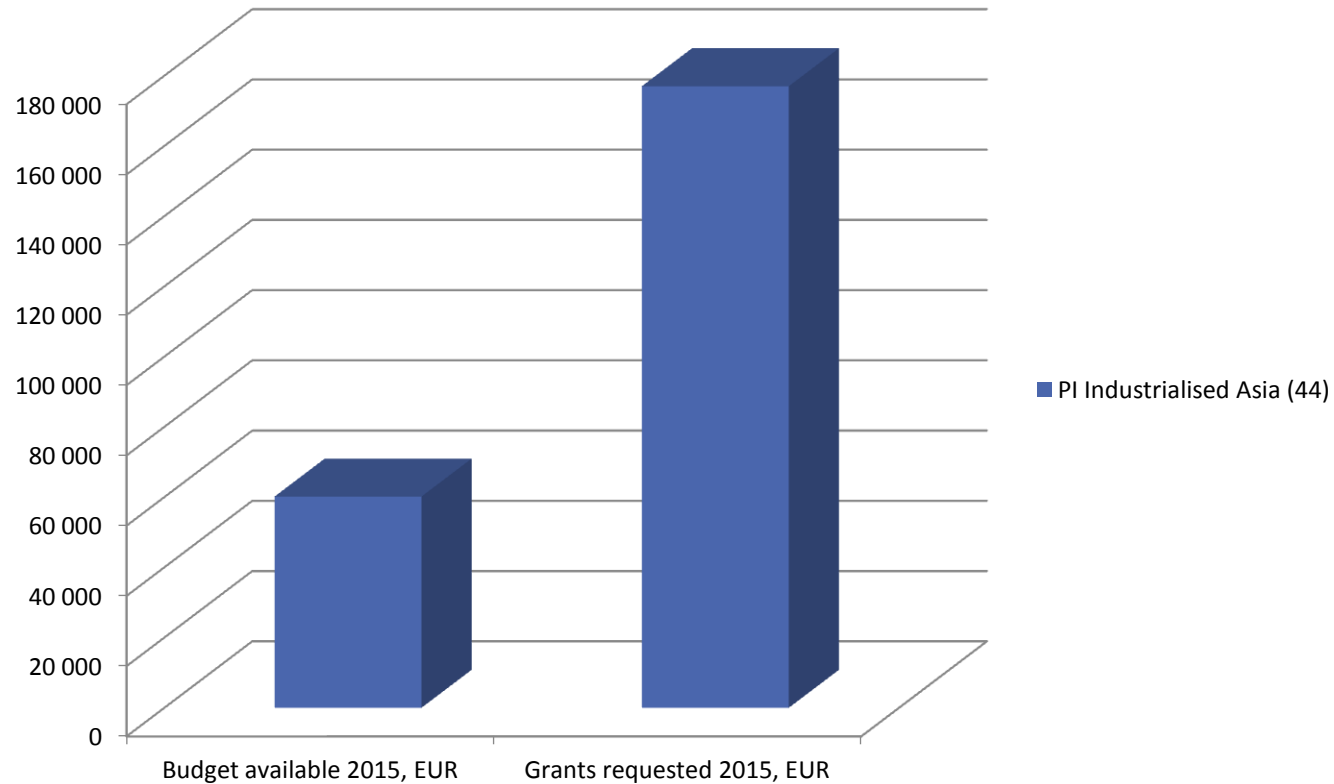
- Altogether – 145 mobilities requested

Financing – ASEM Asia countries (3)

- Partnership Instrument (PI):

Regional Envelope	Countries
PI Industrialised Asia	AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, Hong Kong, JAPAN, (Republic of) KOREA, Macao, NEW ZEALAND, SINGAPORE, Taiwan

LV 2015 Requested - PI Industrialised Asia



- Altogether – 44 mobilities requested

Important aspects for application

- Each Partner Country is evaluated / scored separately
- The provided description has to prove certain important aspects of co-operation between Erasmus+ Programme Country HEI and Erasmus+ Partner Country HEI
- In order to prepare qualitative application – input from both sides – Programme Country as well as Partner Country – higher education institutions is strongly encouraged

Internationalisation Strategy

- **Link of the Partner Country to the EU HEI's Internationalisation Strategy**
- International scope of the EU HEIs, **identification of HEI's/HEIs' in Partner Country**
- **Justification for mobility flows** (according to the Internationalisation Strategies of the involved HEIs)

Co-operation Arrangements

- **Co-operation arrangements, experience with the particular Partner Country**
- **Previous/running/planned co-operation arrangements** (respective roles & tasks) between the applicant EU HEI and its **Partner Country partners**
- **N.B. – new partnerships are encouraged!**
- **Staff mobility** to/from new Partner Institutions **can serve** for further development of the co-operation, fostering of sustainability, etc.

Mobilities' Implementation

- Measures for **selecting** of the **participants**
- **Information and support** – prior the mobility
- **Mechanisms for recognition**, incl. outcomes of staff mobility

Impact & Dissemination

- Potential **impact** (sustainability) **at all levels** – individual, HEIs, local, regional, national (during and after the project)
- **Dissemination** – faculty, HEIs', broader level, **both – Programme & Partner Countries**
- Strategy – **monitoring & evaluation of the outcomes**

Europe-Asia: promotion of HE co-operation

- Several **EU** projects have already been devoted **to the promotion of European – Asian higher education co-operation**
- Project **outcomes can be used** also for Erasmus+ activities

EM ASEMUNDUS project (1)

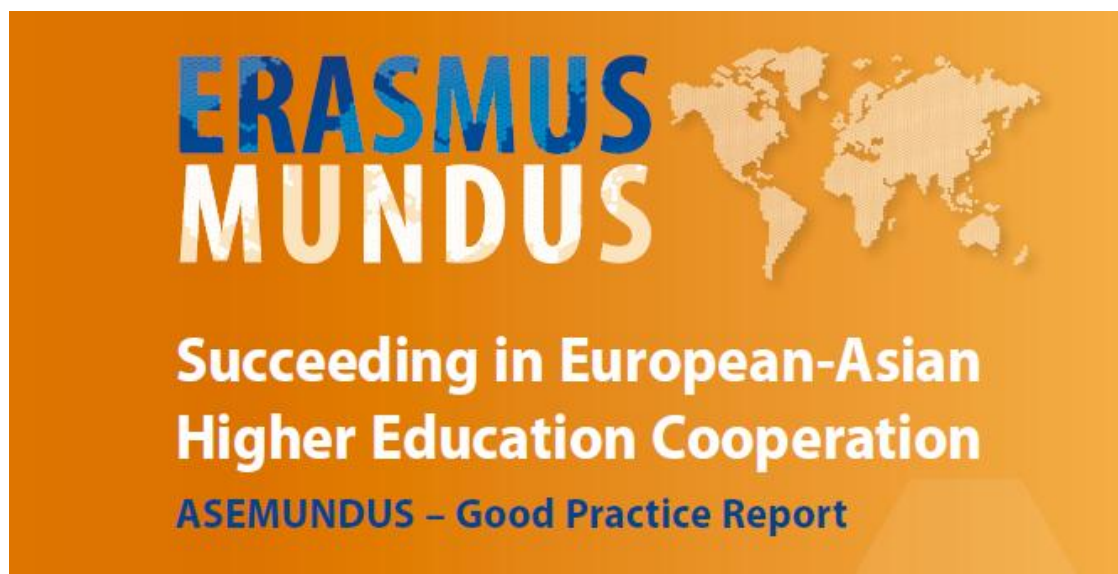


- **ASEMUNDUS** – Promoting of Higher Education Co-operation between EU and Asia
- **Project co-ordinator:** Germany
- **Project partners:** 8 EU countries, **incl. LV**
- **Project duration:** 2009 – 2013
- 3 HEIs' networking seminars in Asia (Indonesia, Thailand, Korea) (with participation of EU HEIs (incl. LV)), identification of Asian promoters, project ideas' compendia etc.)

EM ASEMUNDUS project (2)

- ASEMUNDUS **Good Practice Report** prepared at the end of the project “**Succeeding in European-Asian Higher Education Co-operation**”, available on:

[Erasmus+ LV NA web-site](#)



EM INTERUV project (1)



- **INTERUV – Joint programmes – facilitator of the university internationalisation**
- **Project co-ordinator: Poland**
- **Project partners: 14 EU countries, incl. LV**
- **Project duration: 2012 – 2014**
- **3 regional seminars on internationalisation & joint programmes' issues (targeted for the EU partner regions (including Central Asia) as well as involved EU countries)**

EM INTERUV project (2)

- All useful project outcomes available on the project web-site: <http://www.interuv.eu/>

The screenshot shows the website for the INTERUV project, which is a facilitator for university internationalisation. The site is supported by the Erasmus Mundus Programme. The main content area includes a navigation menu with links to Homepage, About INTERUV, Joint Programmes, Consortium, Contact Us, and Restricted Area. A search bar is located on the left side. The news section features a recent article titled "INTERUV third regional conference in The Hague" dated 27/05/2014. The main content area describes the project's focus on promoting joint study programmes, supporting HEIs in introducing joint study programmes, and capacity building of institutions. The footer includes the Erasmus+ logo and the State Education Development Agency of Latvia.

Further information/ contacts

- Erasmus+ **Programme Countries** – International Higher Education Contact Points:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/international-erasmus-plus-contact-points_en
- Erasmus+ **Partner Countries** – National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs):
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices_en

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Thank you for your attention!