

Support to the Ukrainian higher education sector

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Supporting Ukrainian students and researchers for future reinvestment in Ukraine

Key EU initiatives

- Erasmus+: more than 6800 students and staff from Ukraine involved in Erasmus+ mobility.
- MSCA: MSCA4Ukraine with EUR 35 million since 2022, covering 175 researchers.
- Recognition of qualifications: fast-track recognition of Ukrainian qualifications.

Key objectives

- Financial and academic support:
 Continuing studies and research in peaceful conditions.
- Creating connections: Offering platforms for Ukrainians to gain expertise and engage in research relevant to Ukraine's future.
- Preparing for future roles in Ukraine:
 Enabling returning students and researchers to contribute to Ukraine's development.

Capacity building and cooperation opportunities for higher education institutions

- Capacity Building for Higher Education Projects: Supporting universities in Ukraine to address key needs, in collaboration with foreign partners. Key topics can be:
 - Digital transformation
 - Curriculum modernisation
 - Third mission of universities
- Building knowledge networks:
 - **EUR 100 million** frontloaded under Erasmus+ to support the integration of people fleeing the war.
 - 35 Ukrainian institutions participate in **European Universities** Alliances, enabling them to build connections with peer and gain expertise.

Building pathways to EU accession in higher education

- Continued dialogue at the highest level: EC-Ukraine arrangement for cooperation on education.
- Cooperation across Commission services: Close cooperation between DG EAC and DG NEAR for Chapter
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- Support to higher education reforms: Establishment of the HERE network to support the preparation of draft laws, strategic documents, and reforms in line with the Bologna Process.



