

COMENIUS, ERASMUS AND YOUTH IN ACTION STATISTICS

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Summary

Figures given in this paper record participation by each UK country in the European Union's learning mobility programmes managed by the British Council: Comenius (for schools), Erasmus (for higher education) and Youth in Action.

They show that UK projects supported under these programmes secured EU funding totaling over €70 million – up 16% from 2012.

Erasmus+, the EU's new, integrated programme for learning mobility begins in January 2014¹. As National Agency, the British Council (in partnership with Ecorys) will collate data on UK participation in all areas of the programme.

1. COMENIUS

Comenius School Partnerships (Multilateral and Bilateral): Applications Received

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	710 (76%)	60 (6%)	103 (11%)	67 (7%)	940
2012	635 (75%)	63 (7%)	81 (10%)	65 (8%)	844
2013	663 (76%)	60 (7%)	79 (9%)	64 (8%)	871

Comenius School Partnerships (Multilateral and Bilateral): Applications Awarded

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	332 (75%)	29 (6%)	58 (13%)	25 (6%)	444
2012	316 (69%)	42 (9%)	53 (12%)	45 (10%)	456
Grants (€)	7,275,000	930,000	1,130,000	980,000	10,315,000
2013	593 (76%)	52 (7%)	69 (9%)	59 (8%)	773
Grants (€)	8,508,276	783,657	1,007,559	895,608	11,195,100

A total of 773 projects were approved for funding at the Evaluation Committee. This represents a success rate of 90%. Figures shown for approved partnerships (and grant values) in 2013 are provisional only.

Comenius Regio Partnerships: Applications Received

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	24 (77%)	3 (10%)	2 (6.5%)	2 (6.5%)	31
2012	22 (85%)	1 (4%)	3 (11%)	0 (0%)	26
2013	37 (79%)	3 (6%)	7 (15%)	0 (0%)	47

Comenius Regio Partnerships: Applications Awarded

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	19 (79%)	2 (8.5%)	2 (8.5%)	1 (4%)	24
2012	18 (86%)	1 (4%)	2 (10%)	0 (0%)	21
Grants (€)	656,869	45,000	80,062	0	781,931
2013	35 (78%)	3 (7%)	7 (15%)	0	45
Grants (€)	1,247,454	111,951	239,895	0	1,599,300

A total of 45 projects were approved for funding at the Evaluation Committee – equivalent to a success rate of 96%. Figures shown for approved partnerships (and grant values) in 2013 are provisional only.

¹ Full details on Erasmus+, including application procedures, can be found at: www.erasmusplus.org.uk

Comenius In-Service Training (IST): Application Received

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	679 (68%)	168 (17%)	65 (7%)	84 (8%)	996
2012	905 (67%)	241 (18%)	71 (5%)	125 (10%)	1342
2013 R1-3	1,102 (67%)	337 (20%)	76 (5%)	132 (8%)	1647

Comenius In-Service Training (IST): Application Awarded

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	495 (64%)	144 (19%)	55 (7%)	74 (10%)	768
2012	460 (62%)	153 (21%)	41 (5%)	87 (12%)	741
Grants (€)	587,286	450,816	105,111	208,932	1,352,145
2013 R1-3	831 (68%)	236 (19%)	58 (5%)	100 (8%)	1,225
Grants (€)	1,608,233	501,942	93,411	187,754	2,391,340

Comenius Assistants: Applications Received

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011 Host Schools	157 (79%)	13 (6%)	15 (8%)	14 (7%)	199
2011 Assistants	135 (61%)	76 (35%)	5 (2%)	5 (2%)	221
2012 Host Schools	174 (81%)	14 (7%)	9 (4%)	16 (8%)	213
2012 Assistants	209 (70%)	68 (23%)	8 (2%)	15 (5%)	300
2013 Host Schools	215 (79%)	30 (11%)	12 (4%)	17 (6%)	274
2013 Assistants	249 (66%)	110 (29%)	10 (3%)	9 (2%)	378

Comenius Assistants: Applications Awarded

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011 Host Schools	128 (79%)	10 (6%)	11 (7%)	12 (8%)	161
2011 Assistants	101 (59%)	64 (38%)	2 (1%)	4 (2%)	171
2012 Host Schools	138 (84%)	9 (5%)	7 (4%)	11 (7%)	165
2012 Assistants	177 (70%)	58 (23%)	8 (3%)	11 (4%)	254
Grants (€)	1,155,700	379,730	49,530	66,040	1,651,000
2013 Host Schools	189 (79%)	27 (11%)	11 (5%)	13 (5%)	240
2013 Assistants	205 (64%)	97 (31%)	9 (3%)	6 (2%)	317
Grants (€)	1,411,156	683,528	66,148	44,099	2,204,931

Figures shown for approved assistantships (and grant values) in 2013 are provisional only. A drop-out rate of 15-20% is expected, as individuals find employment during the academic year 2013-14.

2. ERASMUS

2011/12 - 2012/13: Students	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
Study Mobility: 2012/13	7,358	1,443	533	236	9,570
Study Mobility: 2011/12	6,960	1,362	544	228	9,094
Study Mobility: Numbers Change	398	81	-11	8	476
Study Mobility: Percentage Change	6%	6%	-2%	4%	5%
Work Placement Mobility: 2012/13 (Projected)	4,080	434	176	225	4,915
Work Placement Mobility: 2011/12	3,771	448	144	205	4,568
Work Placement Mobility: Numbers Change	309	-14	32	20	347
Work Placement Mobility: Percentage Change	8%	-2%	22%	10%	8%
Total Student Mobility: 2012/13	11,438	1,877	709	461	14,485
Grants (€)	30,639,788	4,692,358	1,733,444	1,399,903	38,465,493

Total Student Mobility: 2011/12	10,731	1,810	688	433	13,662
Total Student Mobility: Numbers Change	707	67	21	28	823
Total Student Mobility: Percentage Change	7%	4%	3%	6%	6%

Student Mobility: In 2012/13, there was a rise of 5% in UK outgoing student mobility – slightly below the previous year's rise of 7% (the highest in the 25-year history of the programme).

Work placement mobility: Work Placement mobility rose by 8% in 2012/13.

2011/12 - 2012/13: Staff	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
Teaching Mobility: 2012/13	1,272	215	107	28	1,622
Teaching Mobility: 2011/12	1,325	217	102	33	1,677
Teaching Mobility: Numbers Change	-53	-2	5	-5	-55
Teaching Mobility: Percentage Change	-4%	0.9%	5%	-15%	-3%
Training Mobility: 2012/13	434	60	20	6	520
Training Mobility: 2011/12	414	55	26	3	498
Training Mobility: Numbers Change	20	5	-6	3	22
Training Mobility: Percentage Change	5%	9%	-23%	100%	4%
Total Staff Mobility: 2012/13	1,706	275	127	34	2,142
Grants (€)	1,967,797	327,969	142,799	30,824	2,469,389
Total Staff Mobility: 2011/12	1,739	272	128	36	2,175
Total Staff Mobility: Numbers Change	-33	3	-1	-2	-33
Total Staff Mobility: Percentage Change	-2%	0.8%	0.8%	-6%	-2%

Staff Mobility: Staff mobility during the 2012/13 academic year reduced by 2% in the UK overall – though there were variations between the different UK countries.

Bologna Experts: A Bologna Expert was appointed at University of Ulster - and worked closely with colleagues to improve support for further and higher education in Northern Ireland. A new student Bologna Expert at the University of Nottingham was also appointed.

A workshop was delivered earlier in the year by the Bologna Expert team, to provide information and guidance to universities, FE colleges and local stakeholders wishing to take advantage of opportunities available under the Erasmus programme. An additional event took place in April, to provide guidance to institutions wishing to apply for the Diploma Supplement. Bologna Regional Workshops, focusing on Developing Successful Joint Programmes, were held in Belfast (May) and Cardiff (October), while workshops focusing on International Work Placements were held in Edinburgh and Manchester during November.

3. YOUTH IN ACTION

Youth in Action (all Actions): Applications Received

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	464 (76.3%)	37 (6.1%)	55 (9%)	52 (8.6%)	608
2012	487 (82%)	24 (4%)	39 (7%)	42 (7%)	592
2013 R1-3	709 (80%)	51(8%)	60 (7%)	73 (5%)	893

Youth in Action (all Actions): Applications Awarded

Year	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Total
2011	306 (76.3%)	17 (4.2%)	36 (9%)	42 (10.5%)	401
2012	405 (81%)	20 (4%)	33 (7%)	40 (8%)	498
Grants (€)	8,380,271	488,038	698,443	662,179	10,228,931
2013 R1	164 (78%)	12 (6%)	16 (8%)	19 (9%)	211
Grants (€)	4,049,736	175,797	445,191	386,864	5,057,588
2013 R2	135 (79%)	9 (5%)	12 (7%)	16 (9%)	172
Grants (€)	2,967,866	207,317	207,714	264,562	3,647,459
2013 R3	224 (87%)	10 (4%)	8 (3%)	14 (6%)	256
Grants (€)	2,205,992	336,090	335,485	382,536	3,260,103

Overview

The UK's grant budget for Youth in Action increased by 20% from 2012. This followed the increase of 30% from 2011 to 2012.

A total of 893 applications were received across all three application rounds in 2013 – up 66% from 2012.

A total of 639 applications were approved – up 28% from 2012. This represents an average success rate of 72%.

Factors contributing to this increase in take-up include: the effectiveness of marketing and communications (in particular, the emphasis on social media), the role of delivery partners (in particular, the Information Providers²) and the growing awareness of the significant funding and development opportunities offered by the programme – at a time of declining levels of funding for non-formal learning in the UK's youth and community sector.

4. 2013 OVERVIEW – ALL PROGRAMMES

For each programme, figures shown cover applications awarded and (in brackets) grant values (in Euros) across the whole of 2013. For Youth in Action - the only programme with separate application deadlines (1 February, 1 May, 1 October) - figures have been allocated to the relevant quarter.

<i>Programme</i>	<i>England</i>	<i>Scotland</i>	<i>Wales</i>	<i>Northern Ireland</i>	<i>Total</i>
1. Comenius					
School Partnerships	593 (8,508,276)	52 (783,657)	69 (1,007,559)	59 (895,608)	773 (11,195,100)
Regio Partnerships	35 (1,247,454)	3 (111,951)	7 (239,895)	0 (0)	45 (1,599,300)
In-Service Training	831 (1,608,233)	236 (501,942)	58 (93,411)	100 (187,754)	1,225 (2,391,340)
Assistants	205 (1,411,156)	97 (683,528)	9 (66,148)	6 (44,099)	317 (2,204,931)
2. Erasmus					
Student Mobility	11,438 (30,639,788)	1,877 (4,692,358)	709 (1,733,444)	461 (1,399,903)	14,485 (38,465,493)
Staff Mobility	1,739 (1,967,797)	275 (327,969)	127 (142,799)	34 (30,824)	2,142 (2,469,389)
3. Youth in Action					
Q1: January-March	164 (4,049,736)	12 (175,797)	16 (445,191)	19 (386,864)	211 (5,057,588)
Q2: April-June	135 (2,967,866)	9 (207,317)	12 (207,714)	16 (264,562)	172 (3,647,459)
Q3: July-September	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Q4: October-December	224 (2,205,992)	10 (336,090)	8 (335,485)	14 (382,536)	256 (3,260,103)
Total – Grants (€)	54,606,298	7,820,609	4,271,646	3,592,150	70,290,703

² The British Council was supported in implementing the Youth in Action programme by formal partnerships with lead organisations for the youth and community sector in each of the four UK countries: Connect Cymru, National Youth Agency (England), Youth Council of Northern Ireland, YouthLink Scotland. As Information Providers, these organisations used their established sector profile and access to professional networks to give guidance and support to individual applicants, alongside general programme promotion.