

# Building Academic Bridges: Cooperation Opportunities between Georgian and Croatian Higher Education Institutions



Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

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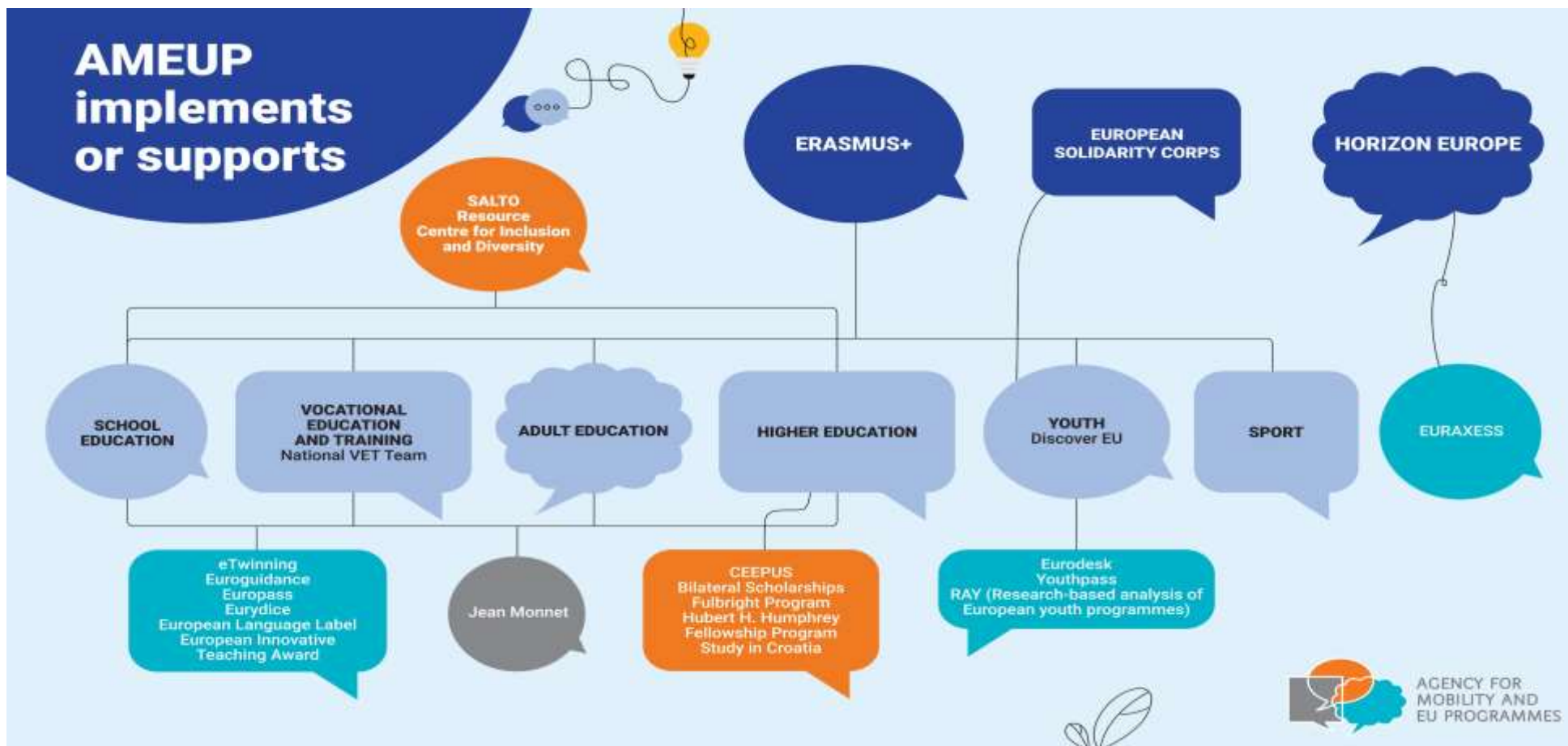
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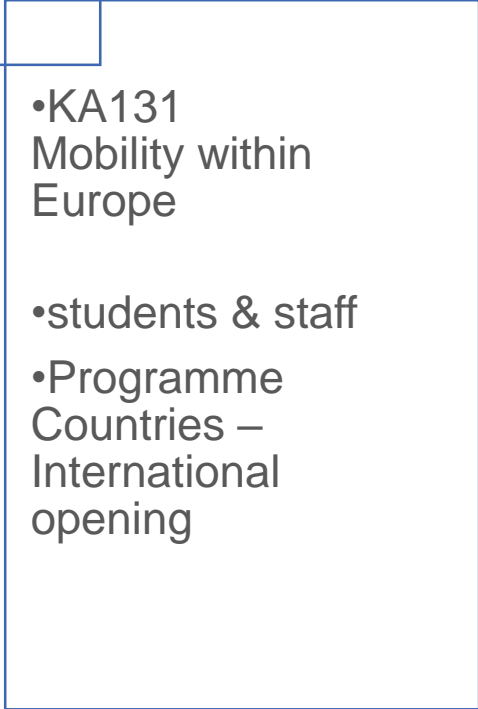
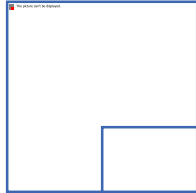
## Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes (AMEUP)

<b>2007</b>	Croatian Government establishes AMEUP
<b>AREA OF WORK</b>	Education, training, youth, science and sport
<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	Internationalisation as means of improving the education and training system
<b>INSTRUMENTS</b>	International mobility and cooperation
<b>COMPETENT MINISTRIES</b>	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth
<b>2010</b>	Accredited by the Commission to implement LLP and YiA
<b>2011</b>	Croatia is granted full access to programmes
<b>1 January 2014</b>	National Agency for implementation of Erasmus+



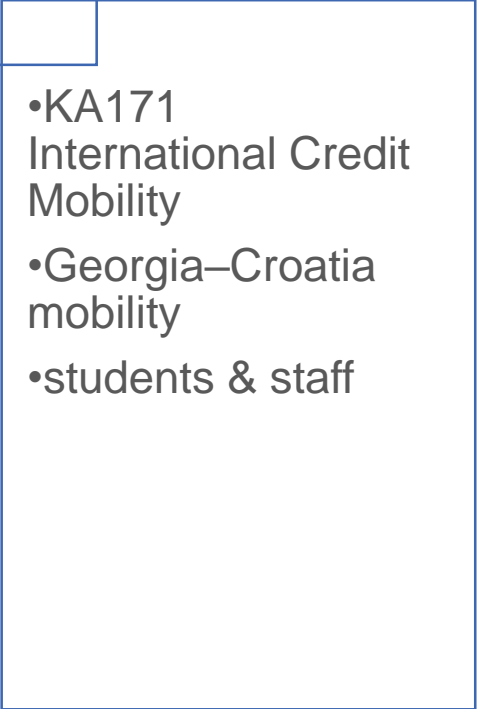
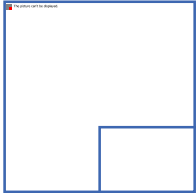
## Erasmus+ in Higher Education

### Key Cooperation Opportunities



- KA131  
Mobility within  
Europe

- students & staff
- Programme  
Countries –  
International  
opening



- KA171  
International Credit  
Mobility

- Georgia–Croatia  
mobility
- students & staff




- KA220-HED  
Cooperation  
Partnerships

- Institutional  
innovation
- long-term  
institutional  
cooperation



ACTIVITES	STUDENTS		DURATION
	student mobilities for <b>studies</b> (SMS) student mobilities for <b>traineeships</b> (SMT)	short term (5-30 days)* long term (2-12 months)	
STAFF	staff mobilities for <b>teaching</b> (STA) staff mobilities for <b>training</b> (STT)	5-60 days    2-60 days	

\* *bachelor and master level -> short-term blended mobility (compulsory virtual component)*  
*doctoral level -> short-term mobility (non compulsory virtual component)*

 Students with fewer opportunities  
 Participants with inclusion support (available for staff and students)

## Mobility projects funded through external policy funds (KA171)

- from **2015** onwards
- budget split into 12 different regions
- Neighbourhood East region (Region 2): Armenia, Azerbaijan, **Georgia**, Moldova, Ukraine, and Belarus
- funding for Region 2: avg. 472.151,43 EUR; ~ 16-18% of the total budget for this activity

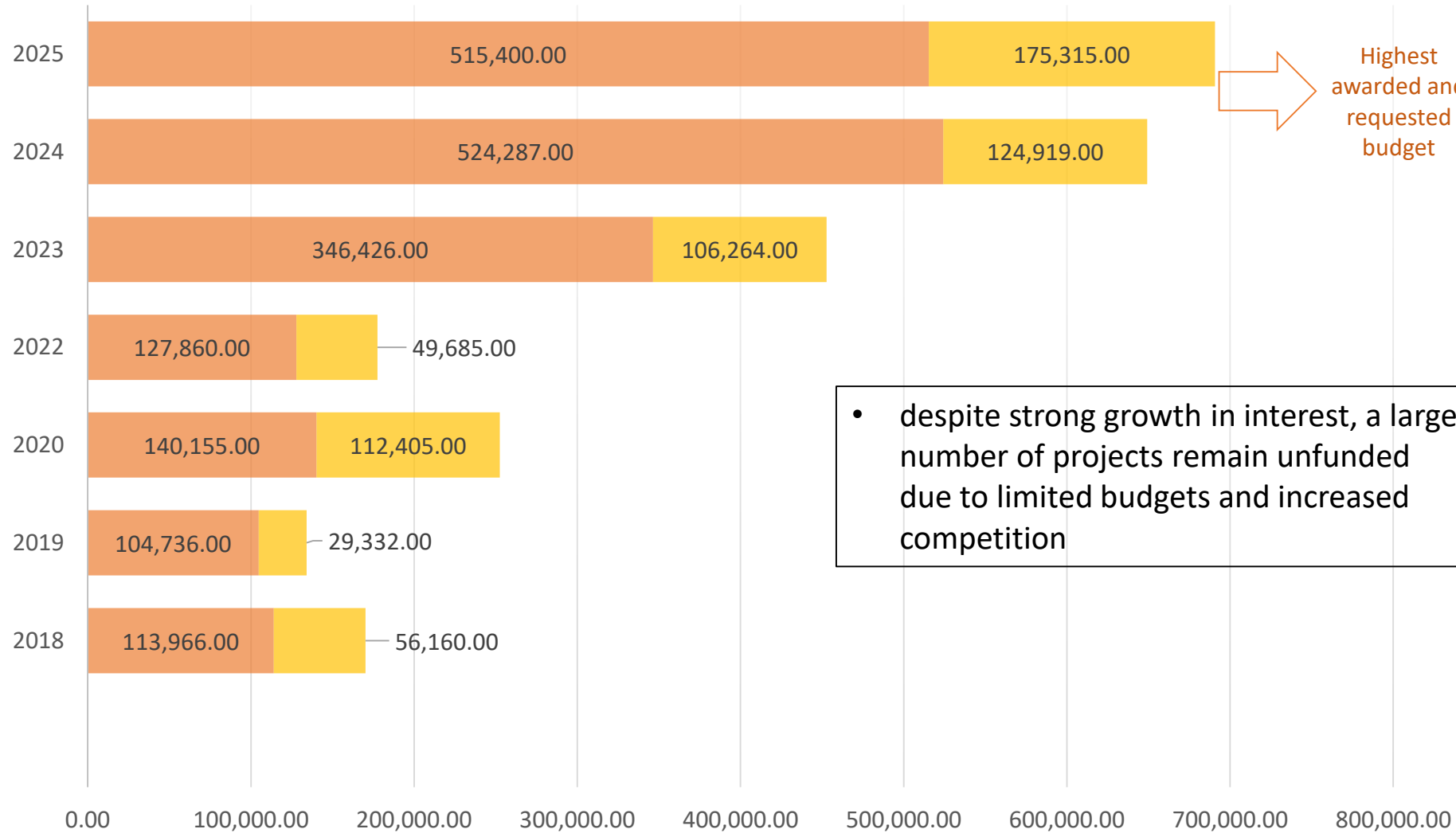
## Mobility projects funded through internal policy funds (KA131)

- from **2022** onwards
- part of the budget intended for cooperation within EU countries; mobilities limited exclusively to the **outgoing direction** (from Croatia to Georgia)
- 20 % of the total awarded budget

- total of **104** realised mobilities in 6 years (75 staff, 29 students)
- 2018 - first student mobilities
- 2020 – highest number of realised mobilities
- average duration: staff – 5,6 days; students – 60 days

- total of **24** staff mobilities from Croatia to Georgia in 2 years (17 STA; 7 STT)
- 2022 – 13, 2023 – 11 staff mobilities
- same Croatian HEIs as in KA171 + Catholic University of Croatia

# Erasmus+ Cooperation with Georgia Budget - KA171



Highest awarded and requested budget

- despite strong growth in interest, a large number of projects remain unfunded due to limited budgets and increased competition

The most active Georgian partners:

- **Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)**
- **Ilia State University**
- **Kutaisi University**
- **European University LLC**

The most active Croatian institutions are:

- **University of Zagreb** - widest partner network
- **University of Rijeka** - regular cooperation with GIPA
- **Lavoslav Ružička University of Applied Sciences in Vukovar** - continuous cooperation with Georgia since 2018
- **Baltazar University of Applied Sciences** - long-term cooperation with Ilia State University

Study fields:

- **Social sciences and governance**
- **Business and economics**
- **Law and public administration**
- **Media and journalism**
- **Technology and IT**
- **Medicine and health sciences**
- **Arts and humanities**
- **Maritime and transport studies**

A noticeable trend **after 2022** is the stronger inclusion of:

- private universities
- business/technology-oriented institutions
- applied-science universities



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## Georgian HEIs (15)

- Ilia State University
- Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA)
- Kutaisi University
- European University LLC
- Georgian American University
- Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University
- Business and Technology University
- Georgian Technical University
- Tbilisi State Academy of Art
- Iakob Gogebashvili Telavi State University
- Tbilisi State Medical University
- Batumi Navigation Teaching University
- Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University
- Caucasus University
- Sul Khan-Saba Orbeliani University

## Croatian HEIs (14)

- University of Zagreb
- University of Rijeka
- University of Dubrovnik
- University of Zadar
- University of Split
- Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek
- Lavoslav Ružička University of Applied Sciences in Vukovar
- Baltazar University of Applied Sciences
- Polytechnic in Požega
- PAR University of Applied Sciences
- Algebra Bernays University
- Međimurje University of Applied Sciences in Čakovec
- Aspira University of Applied Sciences
- Catholic University of Croatia



# Study in Croatia initiative

## Study in Croatia, a country full of opportunities

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living in Croatia?  
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and discover more  
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➤ Promotes Croatia as an attractive study destination for international students

Coordinated by the Ministry of Science, Education and Youth of the Republic of Croatia and the Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

The [Study in Croatia portal](#) is the official source of information about higher education in Croatia aimed at prospective international students



Fairs



Online & offline  
promotional activities



Support to HEIs and  
students



# Why choose Croatia and Croatian universities?

## WHY CHOOSE CROATIA?

- Central European and Mediterranean country; member of the European Union, Schengen Area and the eurozone
- one of the ecologically best-preserved parts of Europe
- one of the safest countries in the world
- 2nd highest average of sunny days in Europe
- beautiful coast and more than 1000 islands to explore

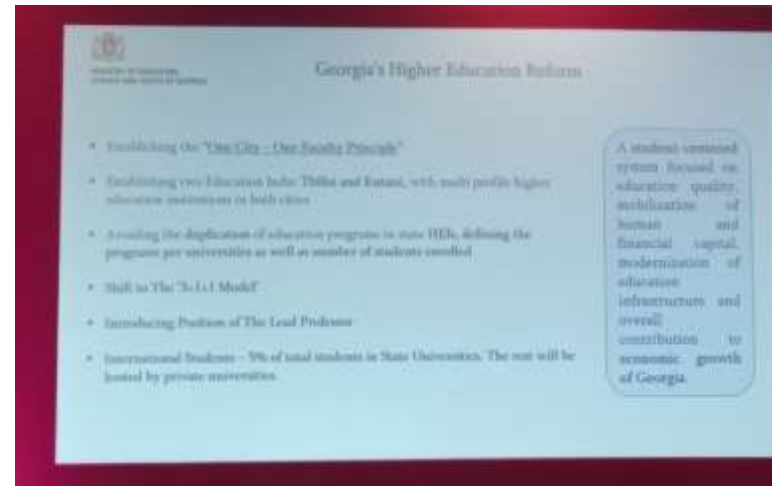


## WHY CHOOSE CROATIAN UNIVERSITIES?

- more than 350-year-long tradition of high-quality education
- internationally recognised qualifications
- affordable studying and living costs
- possibility to take student jobs during studies
- 1800 study programmes in all fields with more than 140 programmes in English

[Study programmes in English and other foreign languages](#)

**Study in Croatia** initiative is expanding its international reach into the Caucasus and Central Asia and plans to participate at **EURIE 2027** with a joint higher education delegation.



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Bringing together diverse perspectives, "Around the World with EURIE: Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia" offered a dynamic overview of recent developments and internationalization strategies across different higher education systems.

Romanian American University representative Mihai Sebea underlined key transformations shaping Romanian higher education, while University of Transport "Todor Kableshkov" representative Krasimir Krastanov highlighted Bulgaria's growing appeal as a study destination. Representing Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of Georgia, Maia Shukhoshvili presented Georgia's higher education system within a global context, emphasizing partnerships and pathways for international cooperation.

The session reflected the importance of cross-border dialogue in advancing global higher education.

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#InternationalCooperation  
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