

Cooperation with the South Mediterranean area

A wealth for an integrated EU mobility

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Cooperation in Higher Education

Long tradition of cooperation with the Southern Mediterranean

- ✓ Bilateral programmes between universities
- ✓ National Member State programmes
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus
- ✓ Tempus programme
- ✓ Policy dialogue

- ✓ And Erasmus+



International credit mobility

Call launched: 6 October 2014

Deadline: 4 March 2015

Allocated Budget: 121.3M€

1187 applications received

In total, all 10 budget envelopes oversubscribed

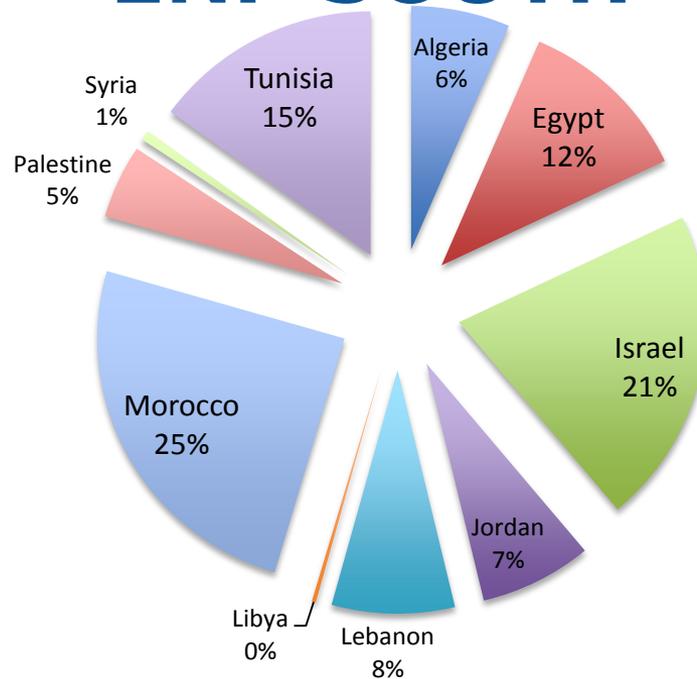
Uneven results for individual NAs and by budget envelope



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Erasmus+ first credit mobility call

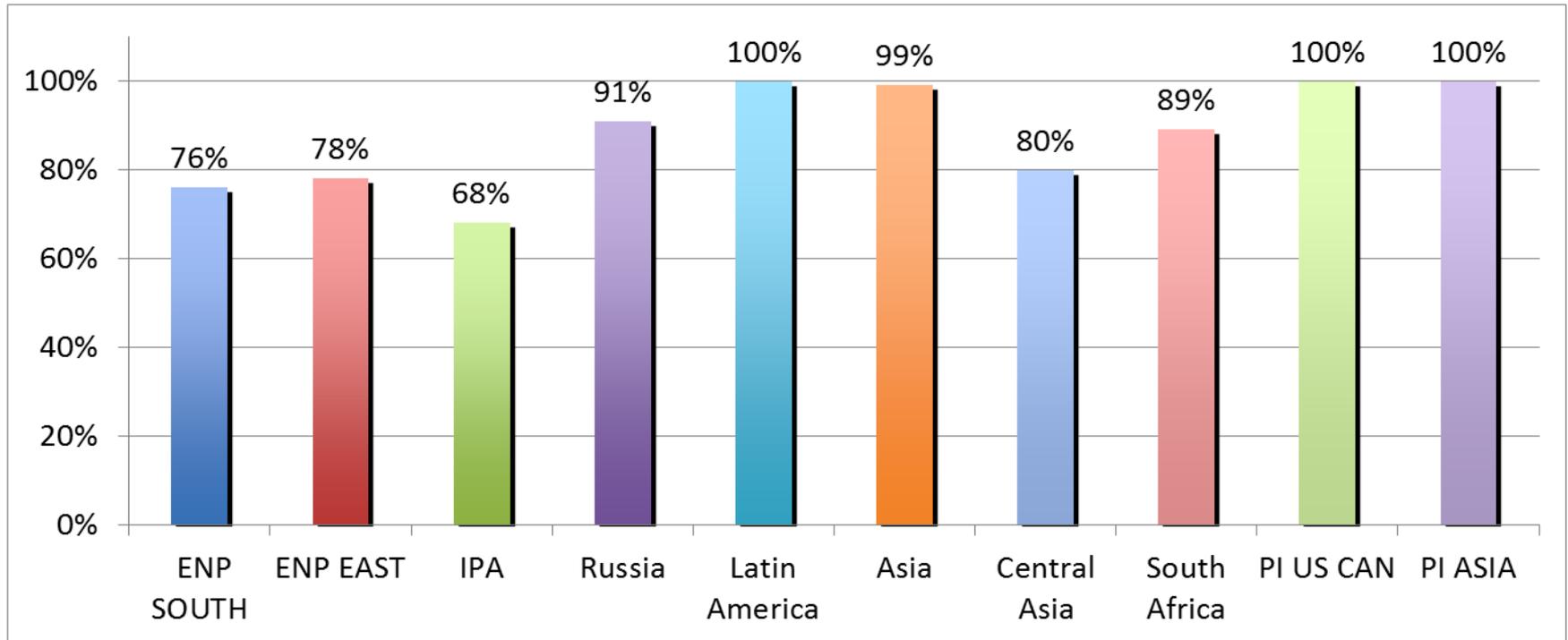
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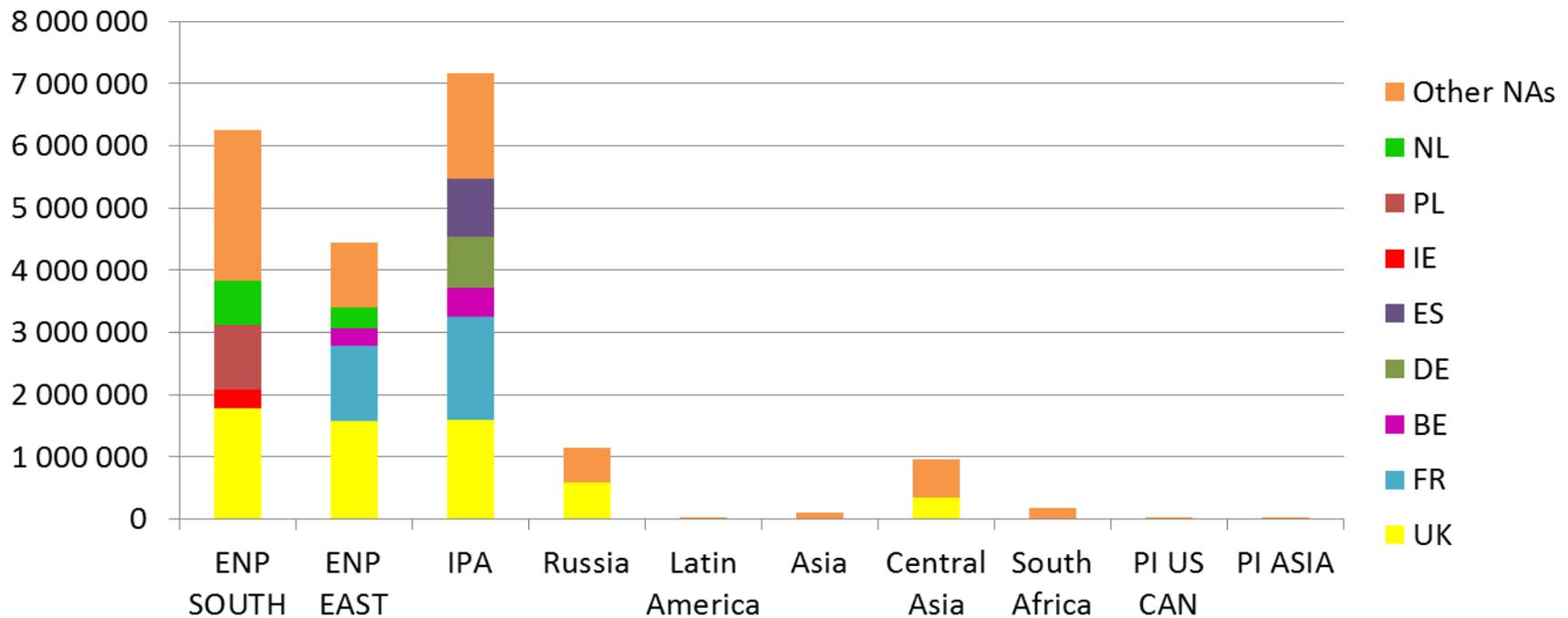


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Best case scenario of budget use



Share of unused budget by country





Cooperation under Erasmus Mundus

- ✓ EMJMD (2014): 11 Joint Masters selected, one involving a Moroccan university as associate partner, 71 students from region selected for scholarships (of which 45 from Syria!, 0 from Libya)
- ✓ EMJD (2014): 12 fellows from region selected (Egypt, Tunisia top)
- ✓ Former EMMC and EMJD: Algeria, Israel and Lebanon involved as full partners in 6 EMMCs and 599 scholarships offered to students from the region (Egypt, Tunisia and Israel top), 147 scholars participated (Israel and Egypt top) and 15 fellows (Egypt, Jordan top)
- ✓ Former EM Action 2 partnerships: 135 HEIs from region participated in the different partnerships.

Cooperation under Erasmus Mundus (II)

Action 2 Country	Undergraduate	Master	Doctoral	Post- Doctorate	Staff	Total
Algeria	253	215	136	62	119	785
Egypt	241	277	165	92	146	921
Israel	271	141	57	29	78	576
Jordan	175	123	81	62	118	559
Lebanon	166	167	93	48	115	589
Libya	60	36	21	11	34	162
Morocco	260	199	163	73	150	845
Palestine	131	141	68	35	81	456
Syria	167	156	117	43	86	569
Tunisia	253	207	173	80	141	854
Total	1977	1662	1089	535	1068	6331



3 examples of Action 3 projects

EDBKN (2013-2016)

European DesignBuild Knowledge Network (Germany, Austria, Italy, Canada, Egypt)

Her.cul.es (2011-2013)

Strengthening the attractiveness of European higher education in Heritage and Cultural Tourism (Italy, France, Germany, UK, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia)

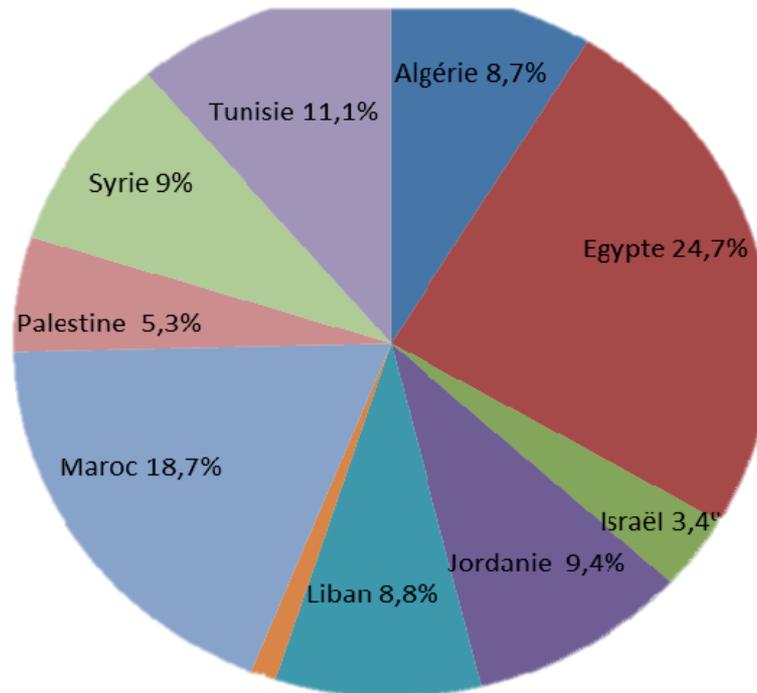
LINKING-MED-GULF (2012-2014)

Synergies and Innovation Linking Europe, the MENA region and the Gulf in Higher Education & Research (Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia)



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Tempus (distribution of budget 2003-2012 – 172 M€)





Main achievements Tempus

- **Staff development**

important role in the professional development of staff in the region
exposure to different perspectives and new insights into subject
valuable work experience and further research opportunities
breaking down hierarchies in region, involvement of women
equal emphasis on non-academic staff

- **Curricular reform**

new methods of designing and structuring courses based on 'learning
outcomes' and ECTS credits and transferred know-how to region
direct impact on introduction of three-cycle system in region
development of joint/double degrees

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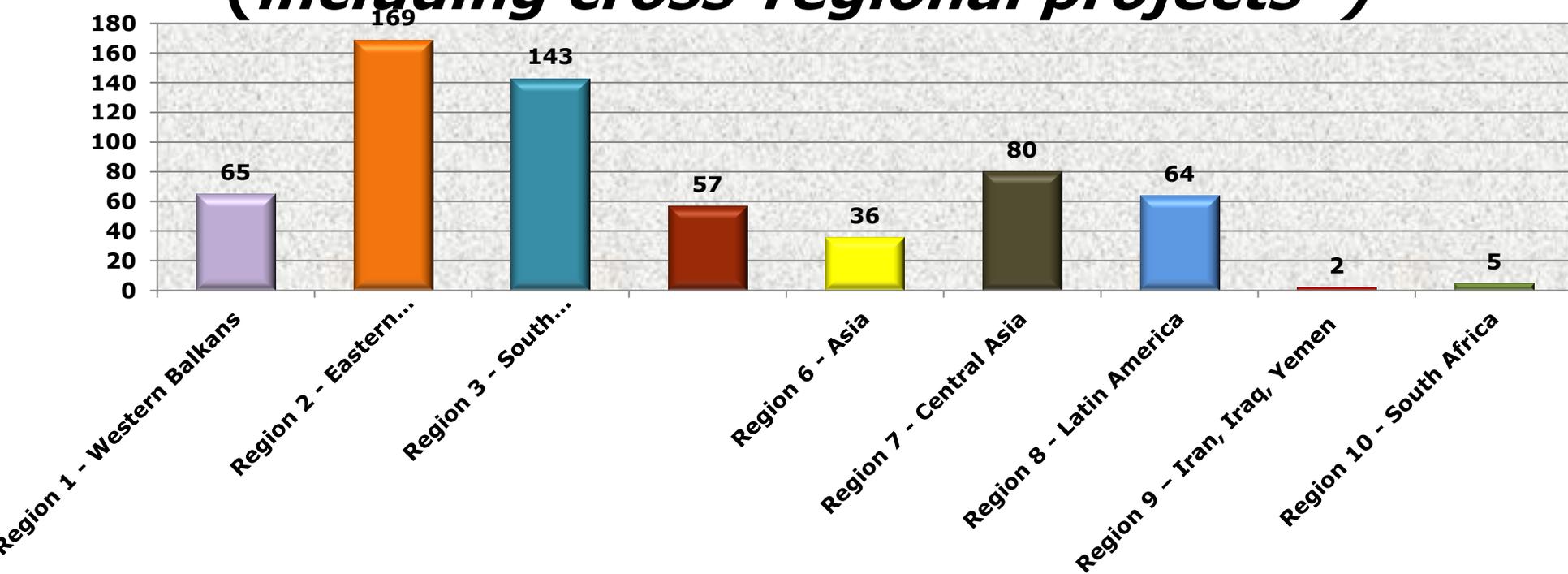
- **Links with labour market**

involvement of local employers in curricular reform
development of career centres, technology transfer offices and entrepreneurship hubs
practical placements and graduate training programmes

- **Supporting reform at national level**

tackling issues such as quality assurance, promoting entrepreneurship in education and reforming doctoral studies
Particularly at regional level: leadership in HE, internationalisation, innovation through best practice and benchmarking
promotion of Bologna transparency tools

Capacity building Erasmus + Regional coverage (including cross-regional projects*)



*Cross-regional projects may involve one or more regions.



Policy dialogue

March 2011 Joint Communication "A partnership for democracy and shared prosperity with the Southern Mediterranean" and May 2011 Joint Communication "A new response to a changing Neighbourhood" stress that education should be a key focus of EU activities in the region; Value of exchanges at university level and the support of EU programmes to increase student and academic mobility and modernise higher education systems; Despite different demographic situations, Europe and South Mediterranean have a common challenge: youth unemployment

- Education and training policy makers have a major task in improving young people's employability.

Policy dialogue (II)

- evaluate mismatches between the skills of young people and the expectations of potential employers
- present policies and programmes aimed at improving the employability of our young graduates and to exchange about policies developed at national and regional levels to improve their transition to the labour market
- development of entrepreneurship in higher education
- quality assurance and transparency tools

Erasmus+ (2015-2020)

- ✓ Credit mobility for staff and students: 155 million € (approx. 26,000 mobility flows)
- ✓ Additional windows for EMJD: 17 million € (approx. 380 scholarships)
- ✓ Capacity Building for Higher Education with Special Mobility Strand: 172 million € (approx. 215 projects)



Further questions?

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