# Eligible partners/ institutions

In the context of Collaborative Projects in Higher Education (CBHE), eligibility extends to partner institutions, particularly those located in third countries not associated with the Programme. These institutions play a pivotal role in ensuring the effectiveness and success of the project. Their active participation and shared ownership in the proposal's development foster responsibility for the project outcomes and its long-term sustainability.

Eligible Participating Organizations (Who can apply?)

To be eligible, applicants (beneficiaries and affiliated entities, if applicable) must be public or private legal entities falling under the following categories:

* Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) or organizations of HEIs;
* Organizations or institutions active in the labor market or in the fields of education, training, and youth.

These entities must be established in one of the eligible countries:

* An EU Member State,
* A third country associated with the Programme,
* A third country not associated with the Programme from an eligible region. The eligible regions covered by this action are Regions 1, 2, 3, 5a, 6, 7a, 8a, 9, 10, and 11.

Coordinator

Among the entities described above, only higher education institutions (HEIs) or organizations of HEIs can be coordinators of a CBHE application.

General Rules for HEIs:

HEIs located in an EU Member State or in a third country associated with the Programme must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).

HEIs established in eligible third countries not associated with the Programme must be recognized as such by the competent authorities, along with their affiliated entities (if any). They must offer full study programs leading to higher education degrees and recognized diplomas at the tertiary education qualifications level.