**WHAT ARE THE FUNDING RULES?**

This action follows a lump-sum funding model. The amount of the single lump-sum contribution will be determined for each grant based on the estimated budget of the action proposed by the applicant. The granting authority will fix the lump sum of each grant based on the proposal, evaluation result, the funding rate of 90% and the maximum grant amount. The EU grant per project is as follows:

• For Strand–1 - Fostering access to cooperation in higher education: Between EUR 200,000 and EUR 400,000 per project

• For Strand–2 - Partnerships for transformation in higher education: Between EUR 400,000 and EUR 800,000 per project

• For Strand–3 - Structural Reform projects: Between EUR 600,000 and EUR 1,000,000 per project.

**How is the project lump sum determined?**

Applicants must fill in a detailed budget table according to the application form, taking into account the following points:

• The budget should be detailed as necessary by beneficiaries and organised in coherent work packages (for example divided into ‘project management’, ‘training’, ‘organisation of events’, ‘mobility preparation and implementation’, ‘communication and dissemination’, ‘quality assurance’, “equipment” etc.).

• The proposal must describe the activities/deliverable covered by each work package.

• Applicants must provide in their proposal a breakdown of the estimated costs showing the share per work package (and, within each work package, the share assigned to each beneficiary and affiliated entity).

• Costs described can cover staff costs, travel and subsistence costs, equipment costs and subcontracting as well as other costs (such us dissemination of information, publishing or translation).

• The costs for equipment should present a maximum of 35% of the awarded EU grant and the EU grant will cover 100% of the eligible costs.

• The subcontracting should represent a maximum of 10% of the awarded EU grant.

• Financial support to third parties is not allowed  
• Costs relating to volunteers involved in the project are allowed. They shall take the form of unit costs as defined in the to the Commission Decision on unit costs for volunteers313 .

• SME unit costs are not allowed.