



# The European Union and Africa: A Partnership in Numbers

## Advance Knowledge & Skills

The EU supports the mobility of staff and students through the [Erasmus+ programme](#) and the [Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme](#). To further facilitate such exchanges of students and staff, the EU and Africa also promote the harmonisation of qualifications across Africa to ensure that learning outcomes are comparable across universities. This work is done through the 'Tuning' project which involves 120 African universities, as well as the 'Quality assurance and accreditation' initiative. Support to skills development, notably through Vocational education and training has intensified over the last years.

### Education and VET



The EU supports primary and secondary education as well as Vocational education and training with **EUR 1.34 billion** over the years 2014 and 2020.

### Formal Education



Over **8 million** children enrolled in primary and over **160,000** children enrolled in secondary education in Africa, as a result of EU funded interventions (completed between 2013 and 2014).

## Erasmus+ Programmes

### Erasmus+ mobility (2014-2017)



**770** "mobility partnerships" supported since 2014.

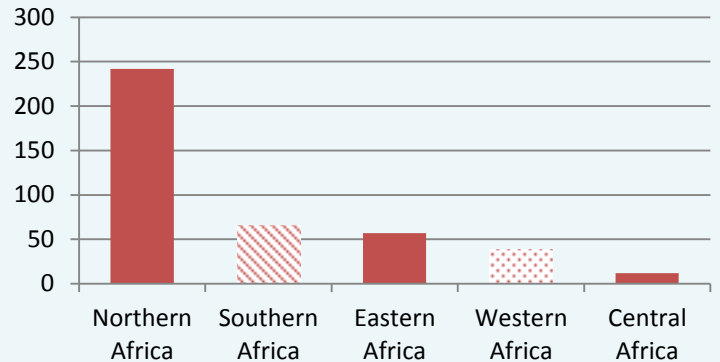


**9,700** African students, researchers and staff have undertaken mobility to Europe since 2014.

**4,300** European students, researchers and staff have undertaken mobility to Africa since 2014.

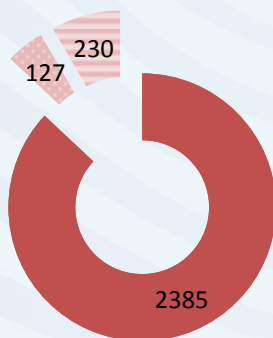


### Participation of African institutions in Erasmus+ (2014-2017)



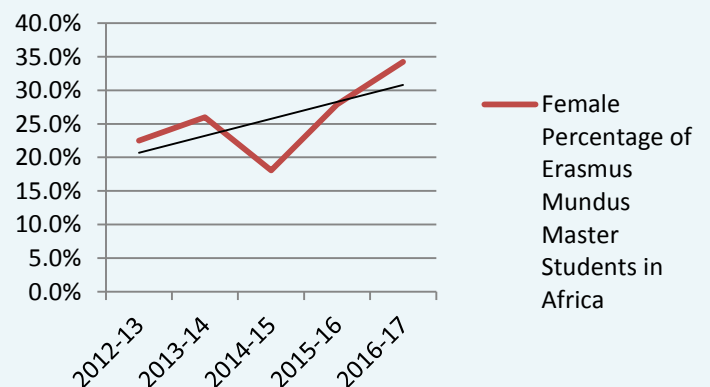
In total, **414** African institutions participated in 2014-2017.

### Participants of the Erasmus Mundus Programme in Africa (2004-2017)



- Students of Master Courses
- Fellows of Joint Doctorates
- Scholars teaching Master Courses

### Female Percentage of Erasmus Mundus Master Students in Africa



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## The Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme (2016-2017)

### Participation of African institutions



**42** African universities

**14** EU universities

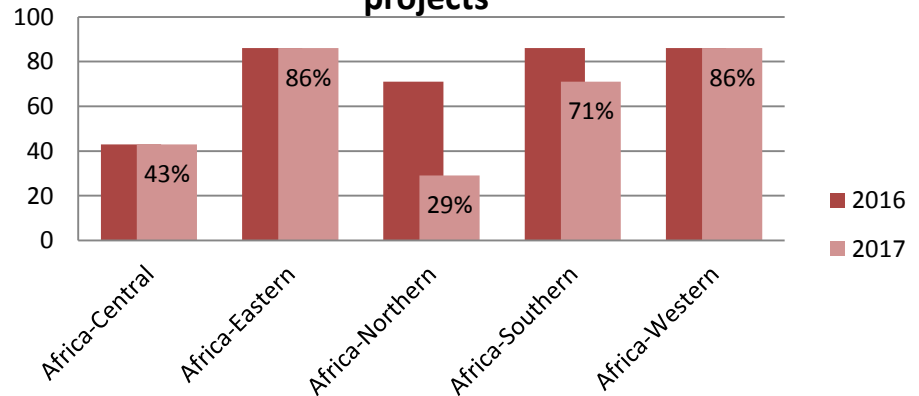


**20 million** EUR budget



**14** projects selected

### Participation of African regions in selected projects



### Research and Innovation



The EU-Africa cooperation and dialogue on research has intensified over the recent past through various channels such as the **High Level Policy Dialogue on science, technology and innovation** and the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA).

#### Cooperation with African organisations in Horizon 2020 and previous phase (2007-2017)

**822** projects in which African organisations are involved received **249 million euros** from the EU.

**2100** researchers from African Union member states participated in Skłodowska-Curie actions.



### With EU Support...

**53,560 people**

have benefitted from VET, skills development and other active labour market programmes in Africa .

**15,400 teachers**

were trained in Africa.

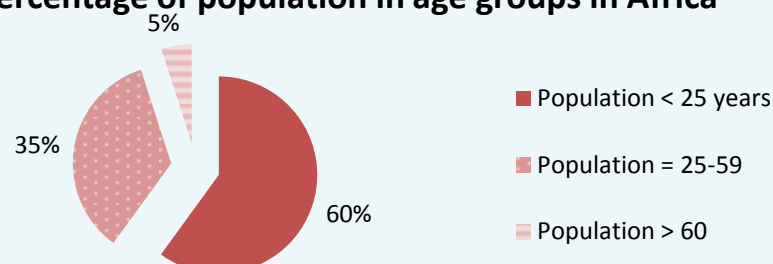
EU funded interventions completed between mid-2015 and mid-2016 contributed to the results



**More than 180,000** people from Africa have received an EU visa for educational purposes (All valid permits on 31 December of each year, Eurostat, 2015).

### Background

#### Percentage of population in age groups in Africa



Africa has the youngest population in the world with 60% being under 25 years, which represents one of the greatest potentials for economic and societal change.