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**Results of the first selection
round for Capacity Building
and International Credit
Mobility**

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STRUCTURE

- ✘ General remarks on the first calls within Erasmus +
- ✘ Montenegrin HEIs in the CB projects
- ✘ Montenegrin HEIs in International Credit Mobility projects
- ✘ Lessons learnt



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GENERAL REMARKS

- ✘ First call is a success
- ✘ Low absorption in some regions
- ✘ Budget stability
- ✘ Focus on regional dimension



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CREDIT MOBILITY

- Real novelty, heavy investment
- -Large success: 21,000 beneficiaries (15,000 incoming), more with 2nd call
- Full absorption will not be reached
- **Avoid under-consumption next year (ENI & IPA)**
- "do & don't" guidelines
- Ensure high-quality assessment
- Next phase: implementation + reporting



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CAPACITY BUILDING

- ✘ Pay attention to eligibility criteria → high number of ineligible applications
- ✘ Lack of innovative elements
- ✘ Choose high quality partners
- ✘ Involve Partner countries in early stages of project preparation
- ✘ Respect national & regional priorities (relevance threshold)
- ✘ Coordinated approach needed
- ✘ Regional dimension to be considered



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- ✘ - Funding will increase (27 projects in 2016 against 15 in 2015)
- ✘ - Measures taken to increase participation:
 - + preparatory year is optional
 - + streamlined award criteria
 - + simplified application and assessment for award of additional scholarships for targeted regions of the world



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JEAN MONNET

- ✘ High demand from HEIs inside and outside the EU-879 applications received (double compared to 2014)
- ✘ High success rate (29%)
- ✘ Room for improvement: EaP, South Med, WB
- ✘ **Low absorption from Montenegrin HEIs**
- ✘ Growing Jean Monnet Community
- ✘ Encourage participation of civil society
- ✘ Stimulate participation of junior researchers



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CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECTS

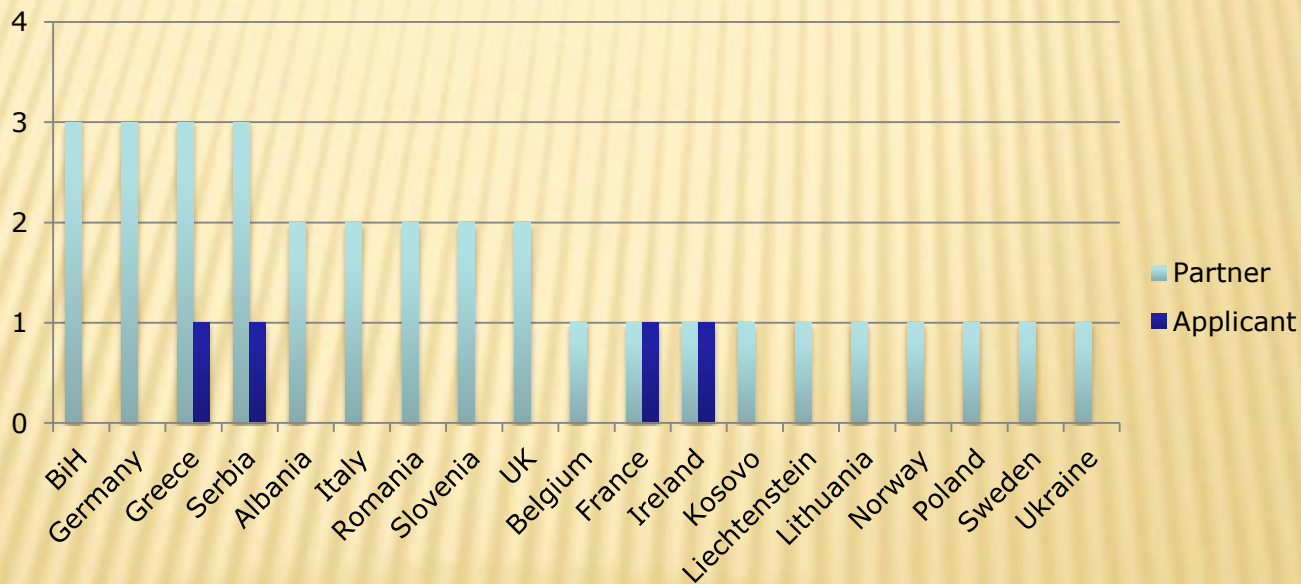
Montenegro in Capacity Building projects

1. *School-to-Work Transition for Higher education students with disabilities in Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia & Herzegovina*
2. *Library Network Support Services: modernizing libraries in Western Balkan countries through staff development and reforming library services*
3. *Establishing Modern Master-level Studies in Information Systems*
4. *Enhancement of HE research potential contributing to further growth of the WB region*



PARTICIPATION OF MONTENEGRO IN ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA2 – CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION (1ST CALL)

✘ - 4 projects selected within 1st call





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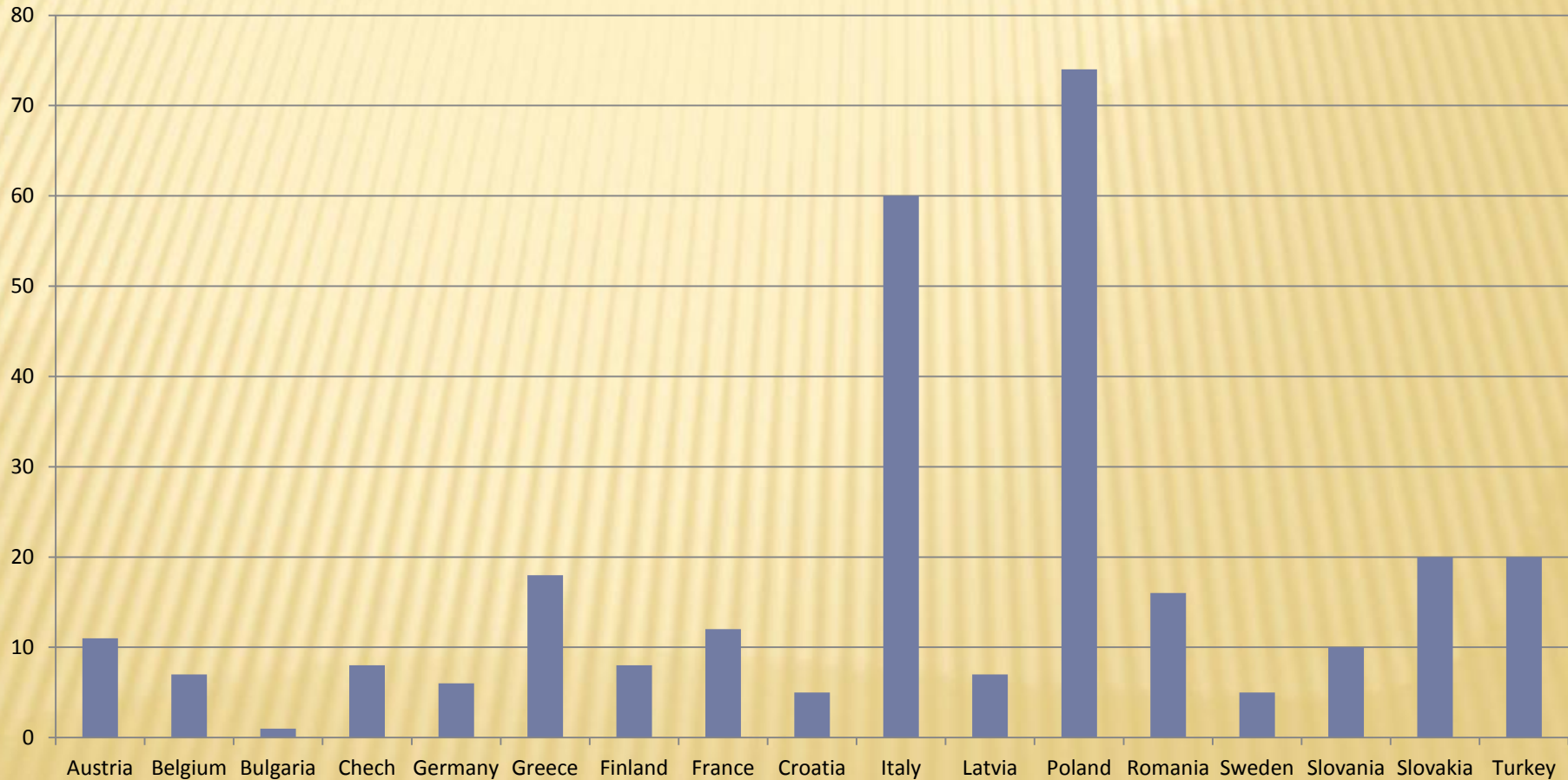
INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY

- 32 bilateral agreements concluded
- All three HEIs involved
- Results of the second round still not finalized



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APPROVED BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH MONTENEGRIN HEIS WITHIN THE FIRST CALL

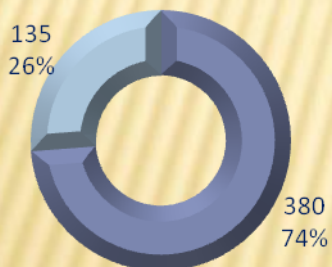




TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY TYPE OF PROJECTS

515 applications

Applicants' countries



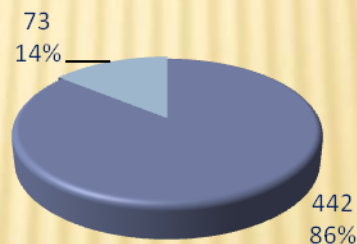
■ Programme Countries
■ Partner Countries

National- / Multi-country



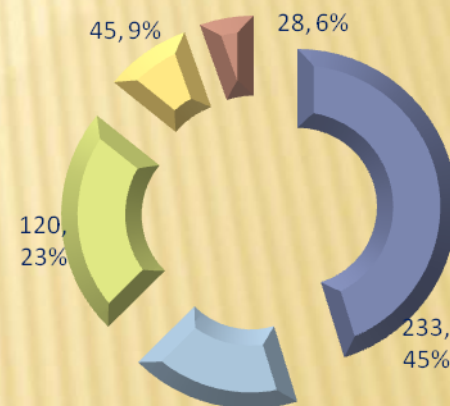
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Joint / Structural Projects



■ Joint Projects:
■ Structural Projects :

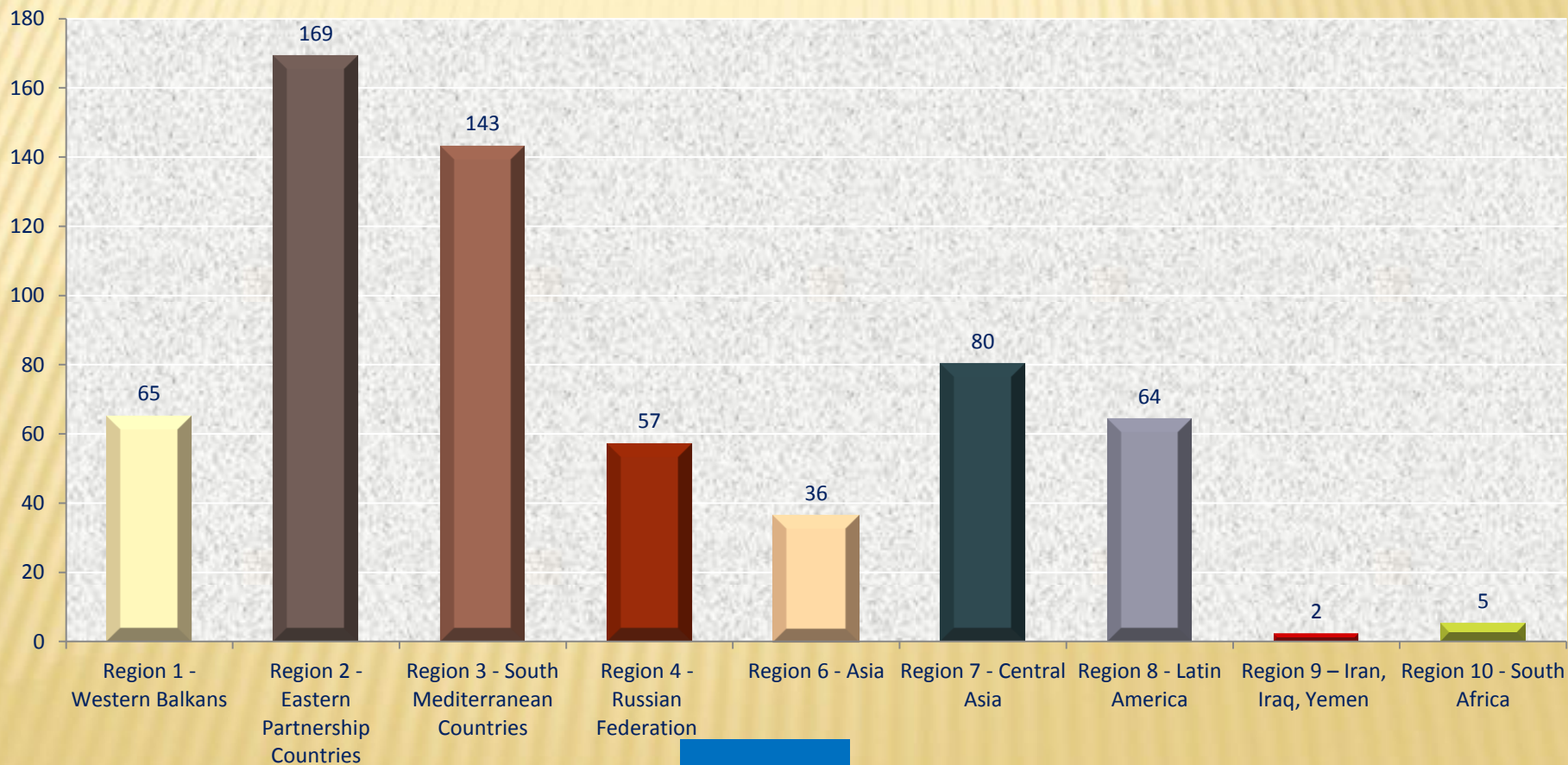
Categories



■ JP Curriculum development
■ JP Modernisation of HEIs governance
■ JP Strengthening relations of HEIs with society
■ SP Modernisation of HE systems
■ SP Strengthening relations of HE systems



COVERAGE OF THE REGIONS (INCLUDING THE CROSS-REGIONAL PROJECTS)





SPECIAL MOBILITY STRAND (SMS)

	Region 1 - Western Balkans		Region 2 - Eastern Partnership Countries		Region 3 - South Mediterranean Countries	
	Total number of proposals	Total SMS requested	Total number of proposals	Total SMS requested	Total number of proposals	Total SMS requested
Intra regions	60	11	118	23	122	25
Cross-regional	5	1	51	6	21	0
Total per region	65	12	169	29	143	25
	18,5%		17%		17,5%	



ELIGIBILITY CHECK

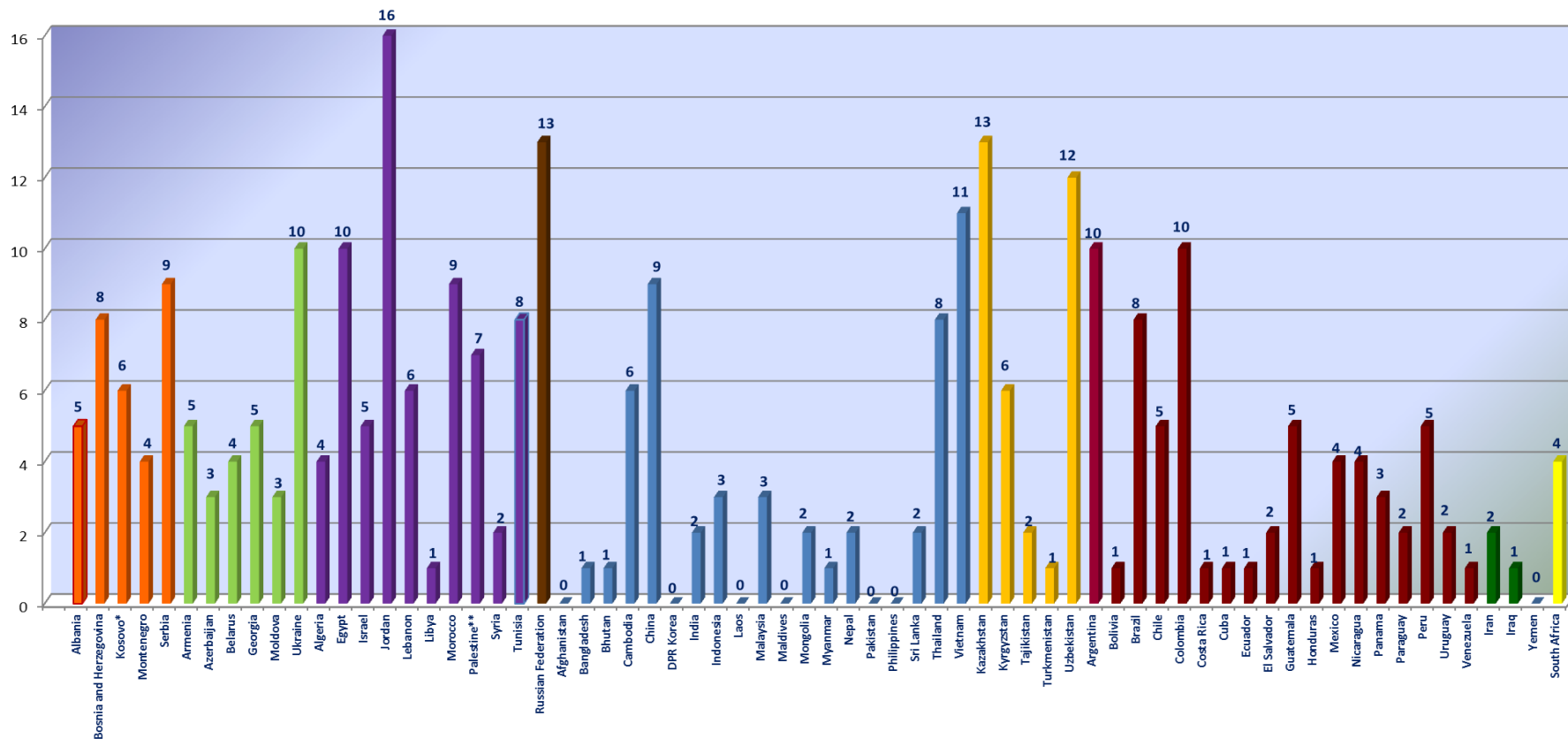
Eligible	452
Ineligible	63
➤ Minimum number of higher education institutions required not respected	44
➤ Missing Ministries for higher education in Structural Project	12
➤ Wrong / missing mandates related to partners; applicants contacted for correction and no reply received	3
➤ Applicant not having the profile required for eligible organisations	2
➤ Incomplete applications	2
TOTAL (Eligible + Ineligible)	515



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PARTICIPATION OF PARTNER COUNTRIES AS COORDINATOR OR PARTNER IN SELECTED PROPOSALS*

Red = WB; Green = EP; Violet = SM; Blue = Asia; Orange = CA; Dark Red = LA; Dark Green = ILY; Yellow = SA



*Total number of project in which the country is involved as coordinator or partner in selected proposals



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Summary of Results 1st Call

Proposals recommended for funding: **140** (27% from 515 submitted)

Proposals with Partner Country coordinator: **28** (20%)

Joint Projects: **122** (87%)

Structural Projects: **18** (13%)

National: **53** (38%)

Multi-country: **87** (62%)

Average consortium size: **12 partners** (min. 6 – max. 34)

Average budget: **880.000 €**



LESSONS LEARNT

- ✘ Relatively high percentage of **ineligible applications** (12%) due to insufficient understanding of minimum requirements for consortia;
- ✘ **National/regional priorities** established for the Partner Country **need to be respected** and matched with the local needs (assessed in award criterion 'relevance');
- ✘ A need to mobilise **new institutions** (not the usual suspects) both in Programme and Partner Countries, **as grant holders and/or partners**;
- ✘ Outreach **beyond the capital cities** to institutions in the **regions** and the **periphery**;
- ✘ Lack of innovative approaches (**new content and methodologies**);
- ✘ Accreditation of HEIs participating in the projects



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USEFUL LINKS:

www.neomontenegro.ac.me

www.ec.europa.eu