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Opportunities for
cooperation with South
Med region



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1-International

credit
mobility



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WHY is student mobility important?



- Better knowledge of higher education in other regions
- Exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts
- Improves linguistic skills, intercultural experience
- Improves employability through recognition of qualifications & study periods abroad + placements
- Improves quality of teaching and learning



International credit mobility



- Replaces Action 2 of Erasmus Mundus
- Both for students and staff (for learning and teaching)
- Action managed by National Agencies located in Europe
- Use of same quality instruments:
 - *Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.*
 - *Inter-institutional agreements*
 - *Learning agreements for students*

Student credit mobility



Student credit mobility

- Mobility in both directions
- All levels of higher education (short cycle, Bachelor, Master, Doctoral levels)
+ recent graduates + all disciplines
- From 3 to 12 months for studies
- Traineeships not open to partner countries yet
- Each student can benefit up to 12 months per study cycle
- For staff – from 5 days to 2 months



Erasmus quality framework

- Erasmus Charter for Higher Education – for Partner countries, the principles of the Charter are embedded in the inter-institutional agreements
- Inter-institutional agreements to set mobility flows & preconditions
- Learning Agreement for students



Erasmus+ Programme

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Erasmus charter



A novelty for Partner countries!

- Non discrimination
- **Full recognition**
- No fees charged
- Publish course catalogues
- Good preparation of mobile students (language, documents, logistics)
- Assistance for visas, accommodation, insurance
- Guidance to incoming participants
- Equal academic treatment and services
- Integration into the local society
- Mentoring
- Linguistic support



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International credit mobility



- Level of grants adapted to international mobility + organisational support

- European universities apply on behalf of the partnership for:

- Sending and receiving mobility to/from Partner countries

- Individually or within a consortium (only between 2 countries)

- Approx 25,000 mobilities with South Med countries, for 7 years (distributed between all European countries)

When to apply? Call for proposals published in Sept 2014

Mobilities to start in the 2015/16 academic year

Key Action 1

2- Degree mobility & Joint Master Degrees



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Degree mobility & joint degrees

- 138 joint Masters & 42 joint PhDs now
- New joint Masters added every year
- High level scholarships scheme
- Special window for South Med students
- 25,000 students over 7 years



Degree mobility & joint degrees

Taking part in joint degrees as an institution

- ☉ Minimum 3 HEIs from 3 European countries
- ☉ Partner countries can be partners
- ☉ Joint degree must be fully developed at application stage
- ☉ Funding for 1 preparatory year + 3 intakes
- ☉ New Joint PhDs funded by Marie-Skłodowska Curie



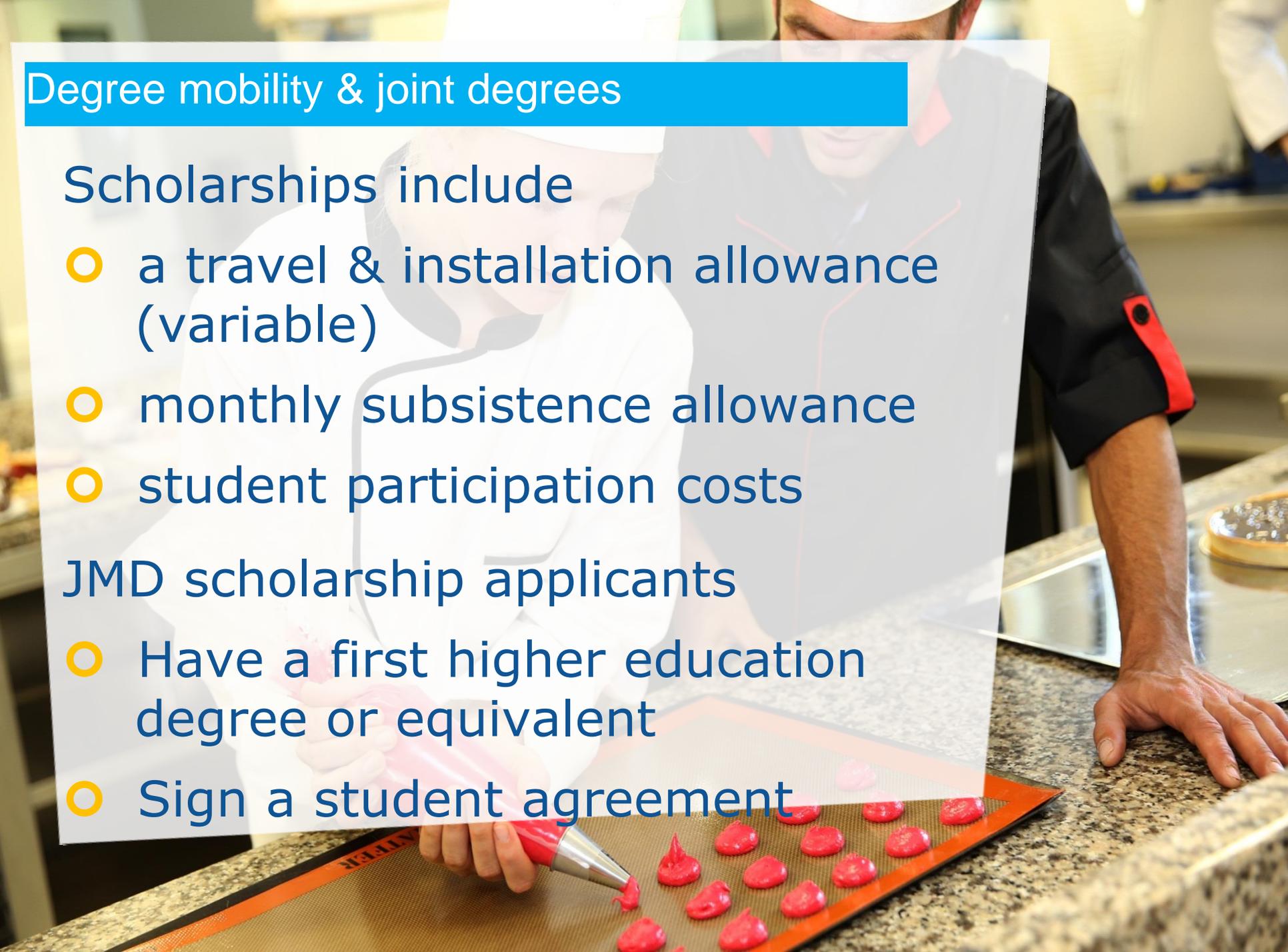
Degree mobility & joint degrees

Scholarships include

- a travel & installation allowance (variable)
- monthly subsistence allowance
- student participation costs

JMD scholarship applicants

- Have a first higher education degree or equivalent
- Sign a student agreement



Cooperation in Higher Education

Key Action 2

3- Capacity Building



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Capacity Building

Successor to Tempus- around 200 projects with South Med for 7 years

Joint Projects

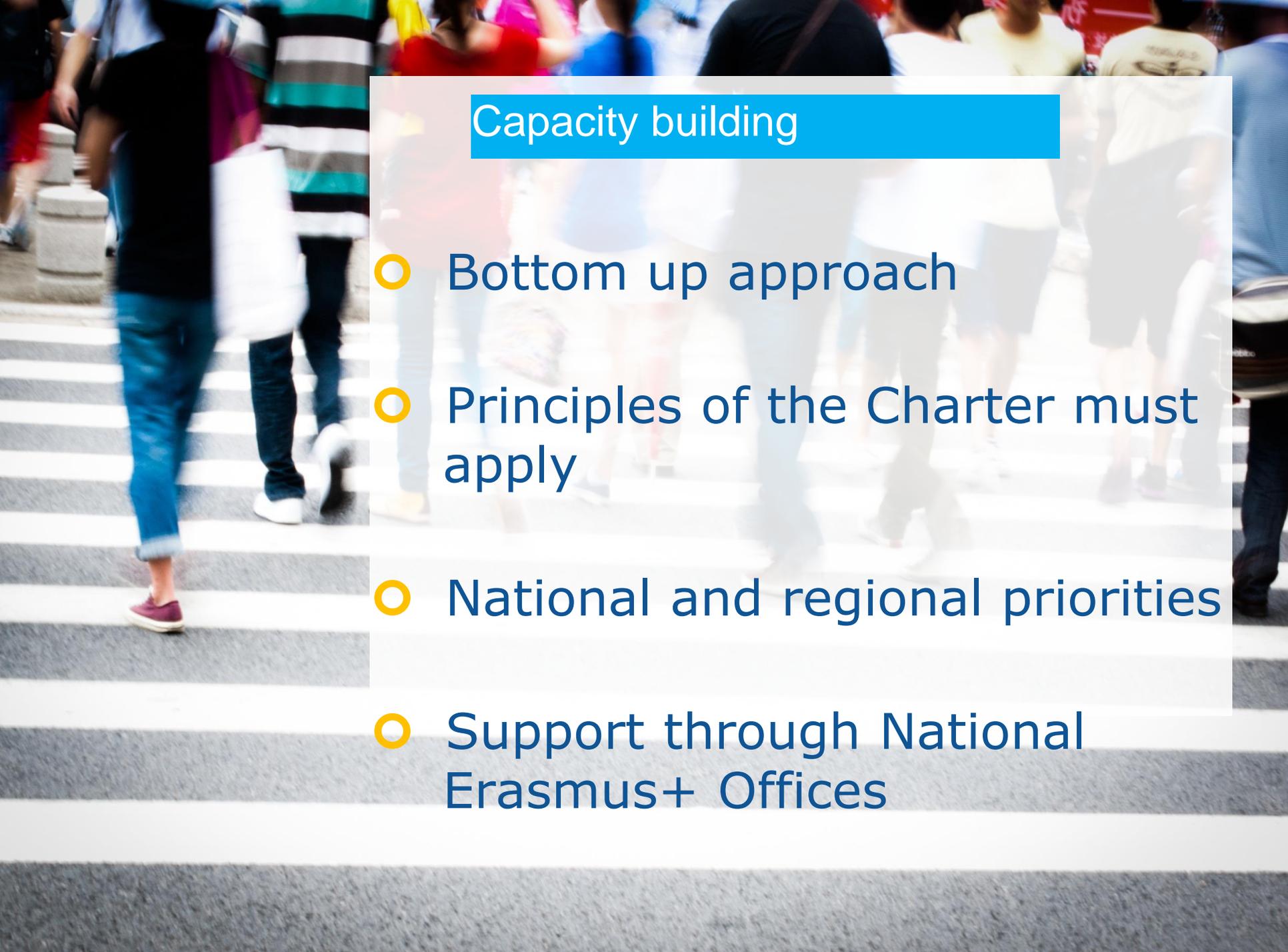
New curricula & degrees, learning & teaching methodologies, upgrading facilities, staff development, QA, governance,

Structural Projects

Reforms at national level w/ Partner Country authorities
policy modernisation,
governance & management of higher education systems

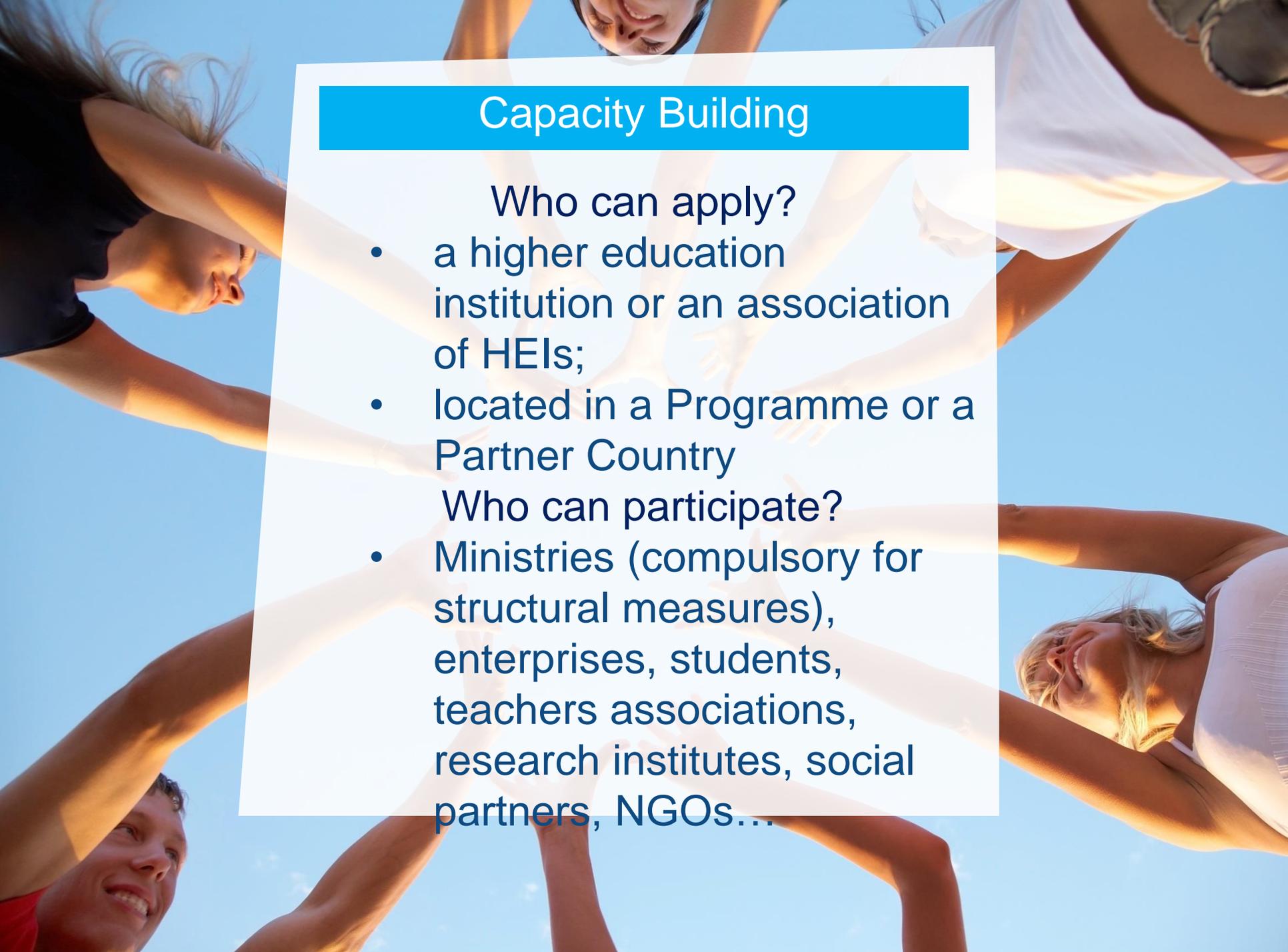
Capacity Building

- Additional mobility strand for Neighbouring countries (fully integrated to project)
- Mobility of staff & students with Europe but also between Partner countries
 - Min 3 European HEI from 3 countries
 - Min 2 HEI per partner country
 - Funding between 0,5 & 1Meuro
 - Use of unit costs
 - Projects of 2 or 3 years
 - Centralised action



Capacity building

- Bottom up approach
- Principles of the Charter must apply
- National and regional priorities
- Support through National Erasmus+ Offices

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Capacity Building

Who can apply?

- a higher education institution or an association of HEIs;
- located in a Programme or a Partner Country

Who can participate?

- Ministries (compulsory for structural measures), enterprises, students, teachers associations, research institutes, social partners, NGOs...

How to get ready?

- Call published in September
- Still 4 months to discuss project proposal
- Review & discuss Charter conditions (esp recognition) and inter-institutional agreements
- Application form for international credit mobility more selective than for intra European mobility
- Ask PIC number





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