

# ERASMUSCENTRO Consortium

## 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Together we build dreams.



*Maria João Cardoso*



## Where

**Coimbra is located in the central region of Portugal near the coastline, between Porto and Lisboa.**

**The city has been known for centuries as the city of students and has a strong historical and cultural heritage.**



# 6 TEACHING UNITS



## **ESAC - Coimbra Agriculture School**

[www.esac.pt](http://www.esac.pt)



## **ESEC - Coimbra Education School**

[www.esec.pt](http://www.esec.pt)



## **ESTGOH - Oliveira do Hospital Management and Technology School**

[www.estgoh.ipc.pt](http://www.estgoh.ipc.pt)



## **ESTeSC - Coimbra Health School**

[www.estescoimbra.pt](http://www.estescoimbra.pt)



## **ISCAC - Coimbra Business School**

[www.iscac.pt](http://www.iscac.pt)



## **ISEC - Coimbra Institute of Engineering**

[www.isec.pt](http://www.isec.pt)



**6** SCHOOLS

**11629** STUDENTS

**726** TEACHERS

**394** NON-TEACHING STAFF

**61** BACHELORS

**54** MASTERS

**69** POSTGRADUATE COURSES

**21** TECHNICAL COURSES

- ❑ Crucial policy in the governance of the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra (IPC)
- ❑ Alignment with the strategic framework of European cooperation in the field of education and training to achieve the targets set for building the European Education Area (EEA)
- ❑ Erasmus+ is the major basis to implement international relations priorities
- ❑ Main Objectives
  - ✓ To promote international mobility to make it a regular element of education accessible to all, more *green* and more *inclusive*
  - ✓ To extend and to deepen international cooperation in order to reinforce the links between education, applied research and society aiming a sustainable growth based on excellence and innovation
  - ✓ To implement digital transformation and sustainable practices, including the application of the European standards of Erasmus Without Paper (EWP) and of European Student Card (ESC)

## Mobility Programmes >450 Interinstitutional Agreements

### ❑ Erasmus+

**Students/academic year**

**450** Incoming    **250** Outgoing

**Teaching and staff/academic year**

**200** Incoming    **150** Outgoing

### ❑ International Credit Mobility (ICM)

**250** approved grants (inc+out) for students and staff with 14 countries (2 projects- 2019; 2020)

### ❑ Santander Ibero-american grants

### ❑ IPC América Latina grants

### ❑ **MOBILITY AULP** – exchange programme for students among Portuguese speaking countries and Macau

## International Cooperation

- ☐ To reinforce the links between education, applied research and society
- ☐ To extend and deepen international partnerships and projects aiming sustainable growth based on excellence and innovation skills

## Erasmus+ Ongoing Projects

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|--|---|
| <b>4</b> Strategic Partnerships (SP)   | <b>4</b> Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) |
| <b>5</b> Cooperation Partnerships (CP) | <b>1</b> Sector Skills Alliance (SSA)                 |

## Partnerships of excellence

- 1** Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree



*The starting point* 



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## European Framework in 2011



Education and Culture DG

Lifelong Learning Programme

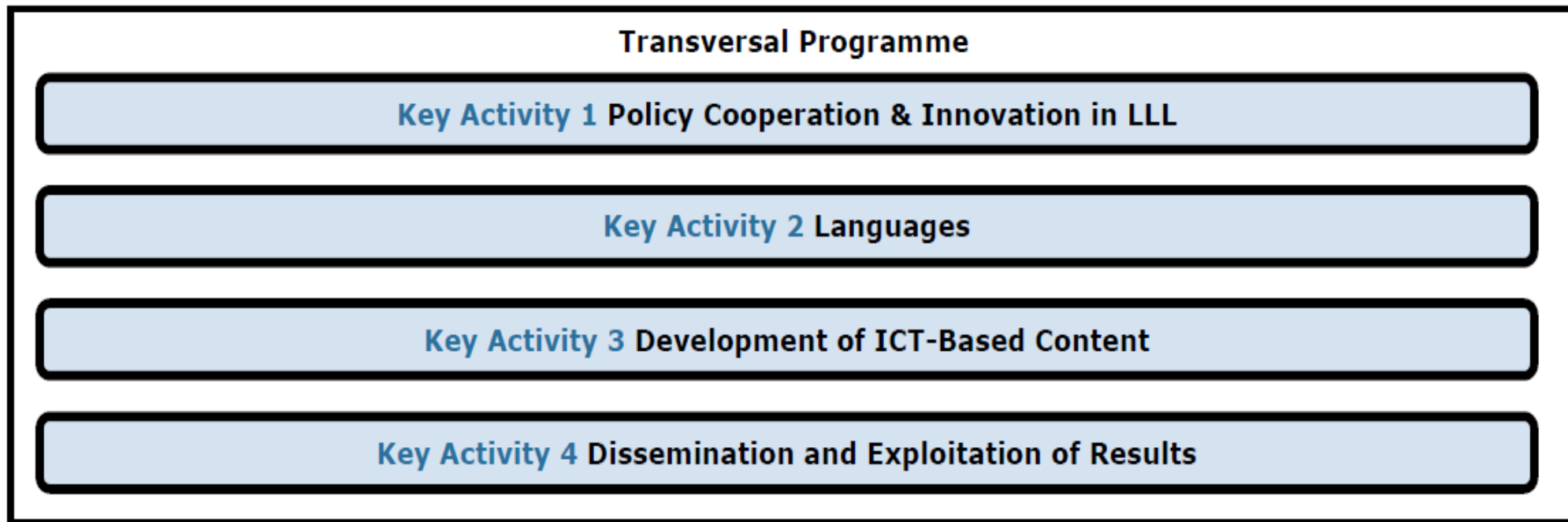
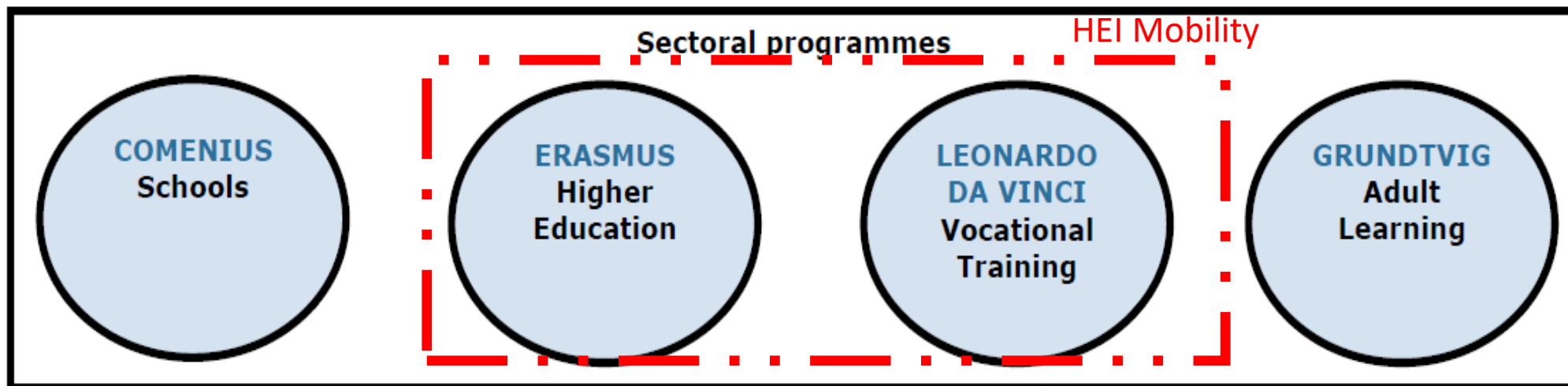
2007-2013 - total budget EUR 6.970 million





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# LLP Programme





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High competition  
from consortia in  
LDV programme

Complex distribution  
of Erasmus funding  
(Demand > Supply)

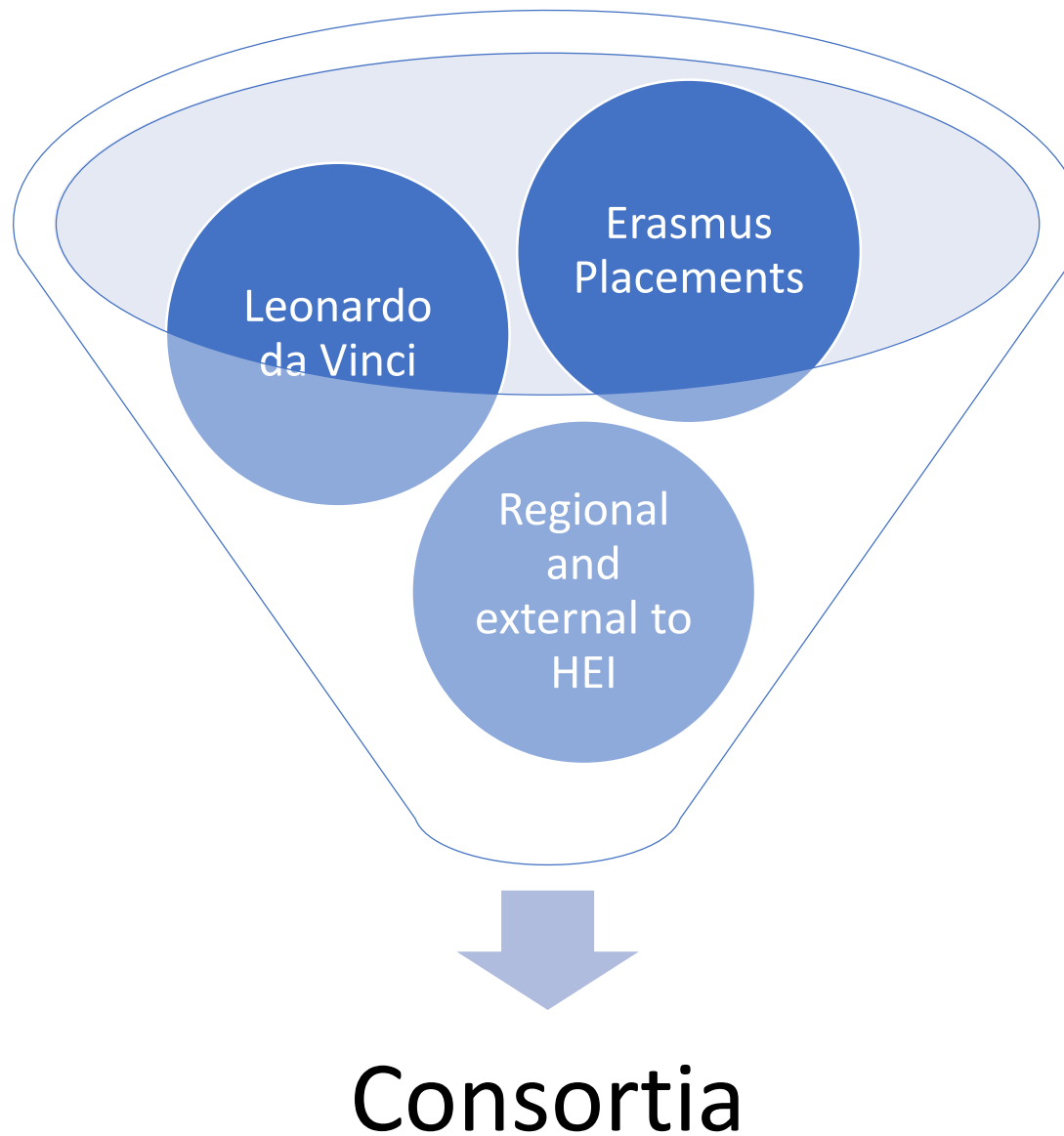
HEI  
Difficulties

Very low budget  
to organizational  
support (25%)

Low budget for  
erasmus mobilities



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# Polytechnic Education

STRONG  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
COMPONENT

PROFESSIONAL  
ORIENTED

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

LONG LIFE LEARNING

INTERNATIONAL  
FOCUS

EMPLOYABILITY

*International Placements*

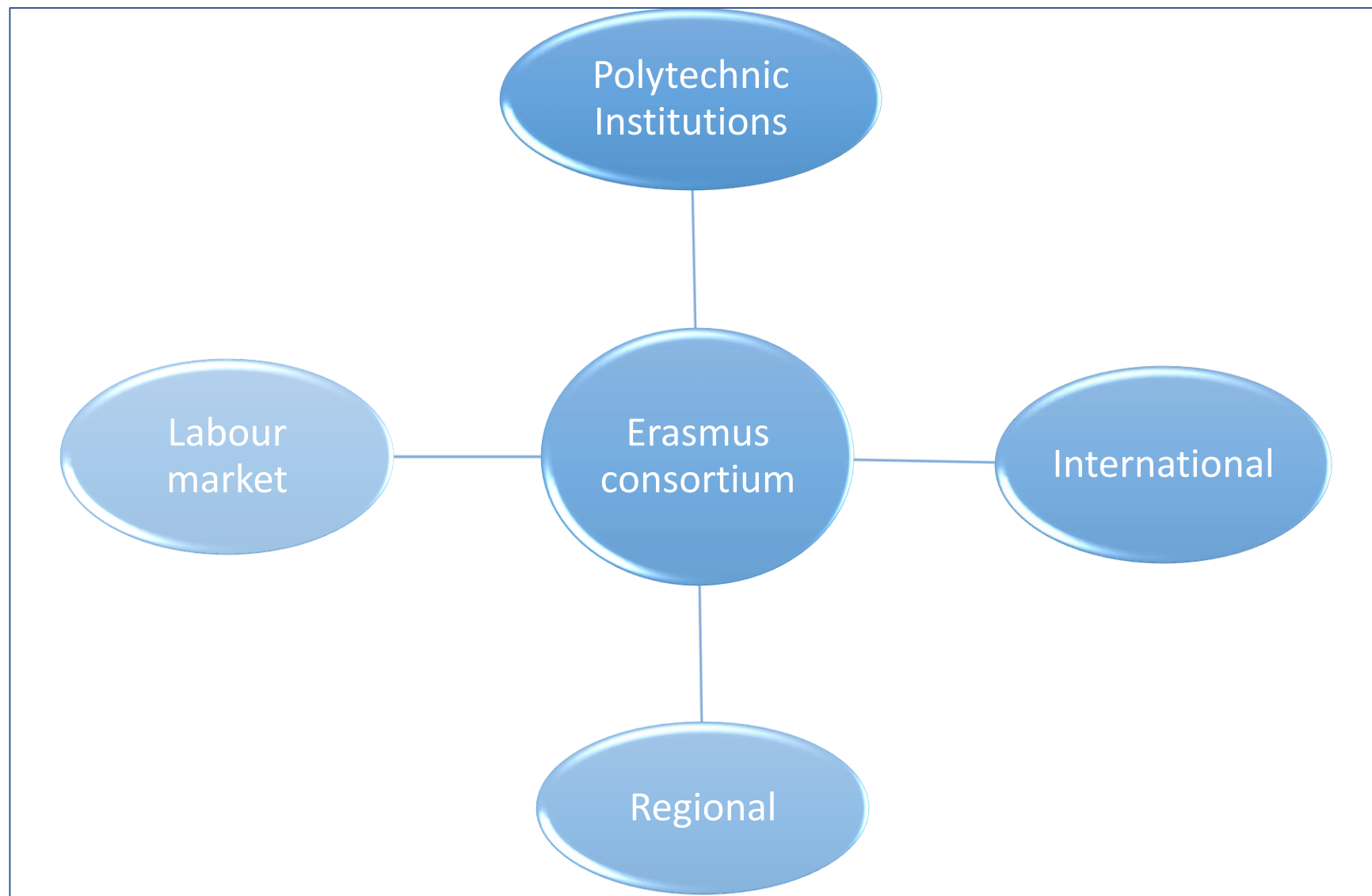


# ERASMUSCENTRO Initiative

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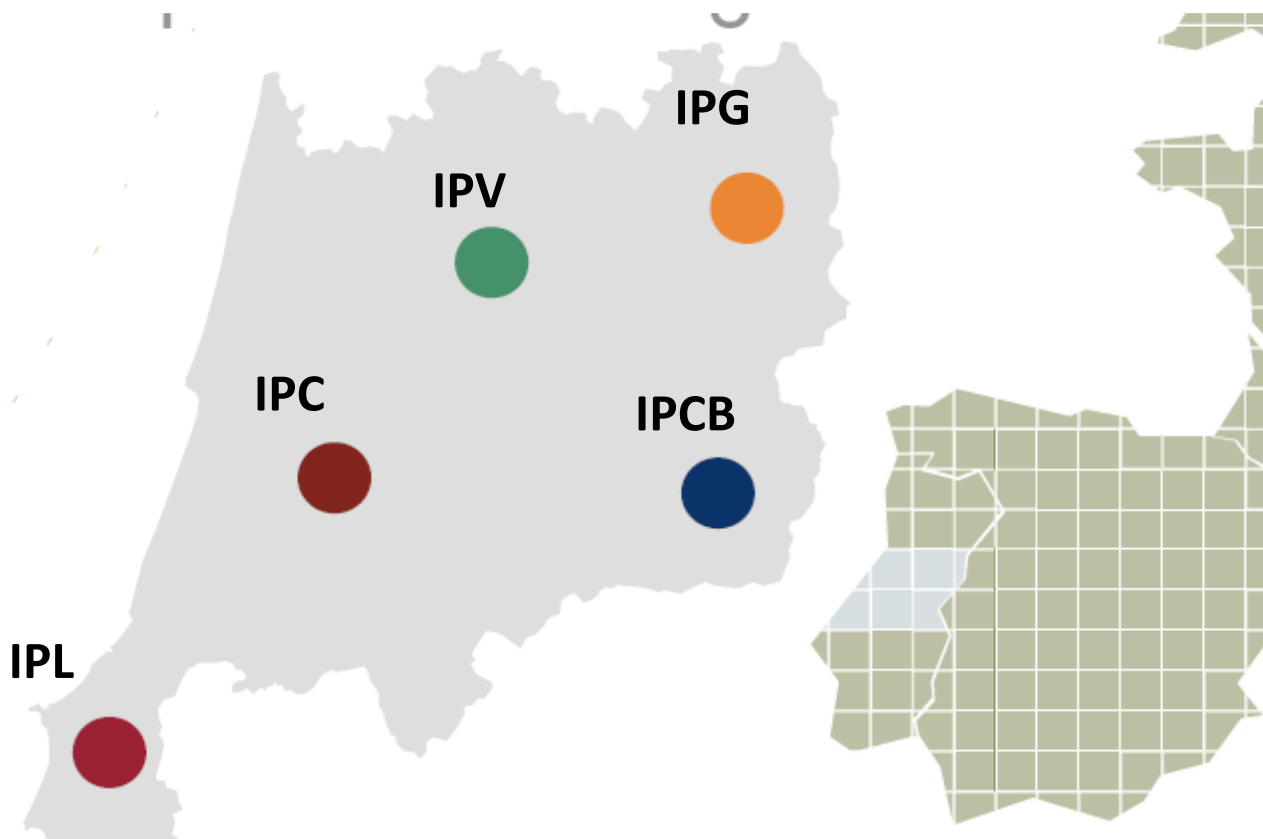


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# ERASMUSCENTRO Initiative

Application for the 1<sup>st</sup> Erasmus consortium in Portugal



HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

**5 Polytechnics**

COIMBRA (IPC) - **Coordinator**

CASTELO BRANCO (IPCB)

GUARDA (IPG)

LEIRIA (IPLEIRIA)

WISEU (IPV)

**1 Strategic Partner**

COMPANY COUNCIL of the CENTER (CEC)

**Associated Partners**

Business Associations, Companies,  
Municipalities, Business Incubators,  
regional organizations



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## Mission

- ❑ **ERASMUSCENTRO** was the first regional Erasmus consortium created in Portugal and had the mission to strengthen and deepen the link between the higher polytechnic education and the labour market.

## Activity

- ❑ To promote traineeships (Erasmus Placements) in European countries (outgoing) for the consortium Polytechnic students and traineeships in Portugal (incoming) for European students.



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# Objectives

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- ❖ To create a wide network of HEI and business entities generating opportunities
- ❖ To promote a strong link between the polytechnic higher education and the labour market in the Centre of Portugal
- ❖ To improve the quality of the polytechnic higher education
- ❖ To promote internationalisation
- ❖ To promote the transnationality of technical and professional knowledge
- ❖ To disseminate the consortium to Companies, Universities and European students
- ❖ To provide visibility of partners and of the region and reinforce the European and international dimension
- ❖ To establish links with other European consortia
- ❖ To promote other training/research/cooperation projects



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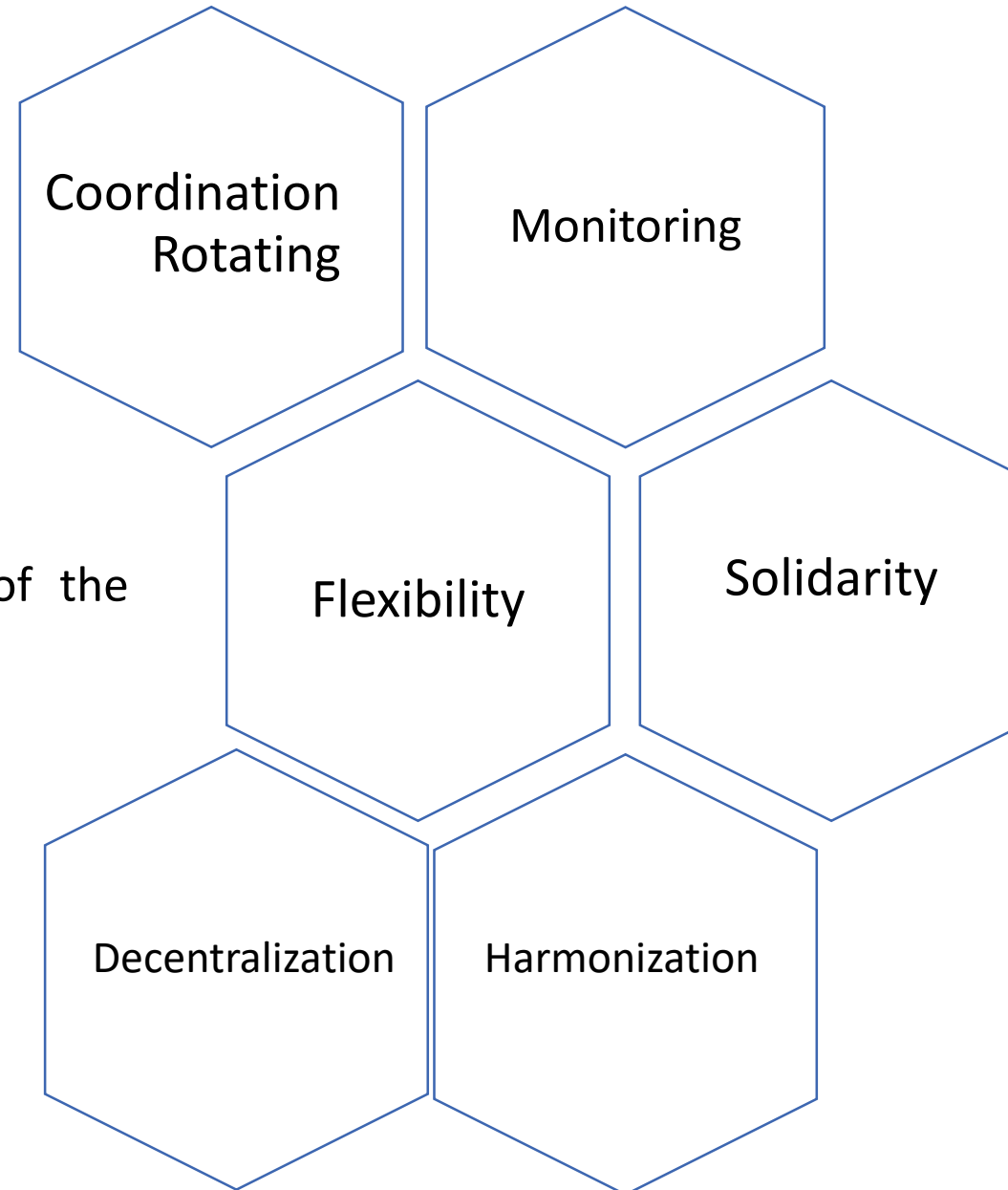
## General Agreement:

Established the scope, objectives and values of the consortium

## Annual Financial and administrative amendment

Annual rules of distribution among HEI's according to contract with Portuguese NA

## Core values and Rules



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100%  
approval of  
funds  
requested

All partners,  
at least,  
doubled  
students  
mobilities for  
placements

International  
activities  
financed by  
organizational  
support

National and  
international  
recognition of  
the project

Requests for  
membership  
from other  
Polytechnics





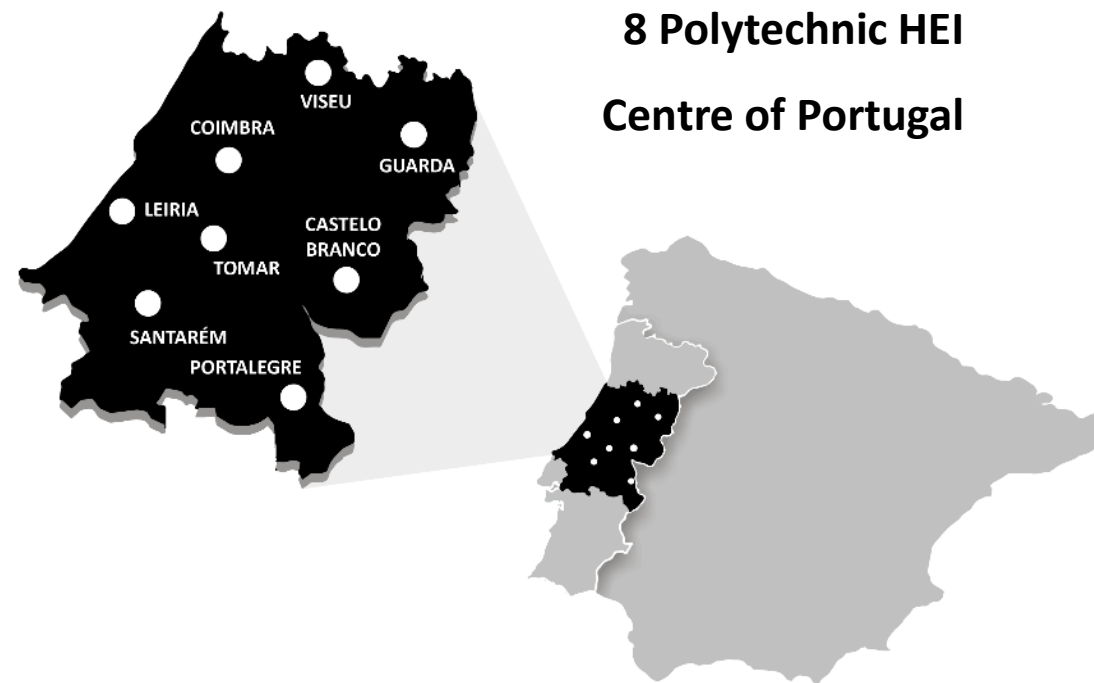
# Enlargement process



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**2012:**  
Polytechnic of Portalegre  
Polytechnic of Santarém

**2014:**  
Polytechnic of Tomar

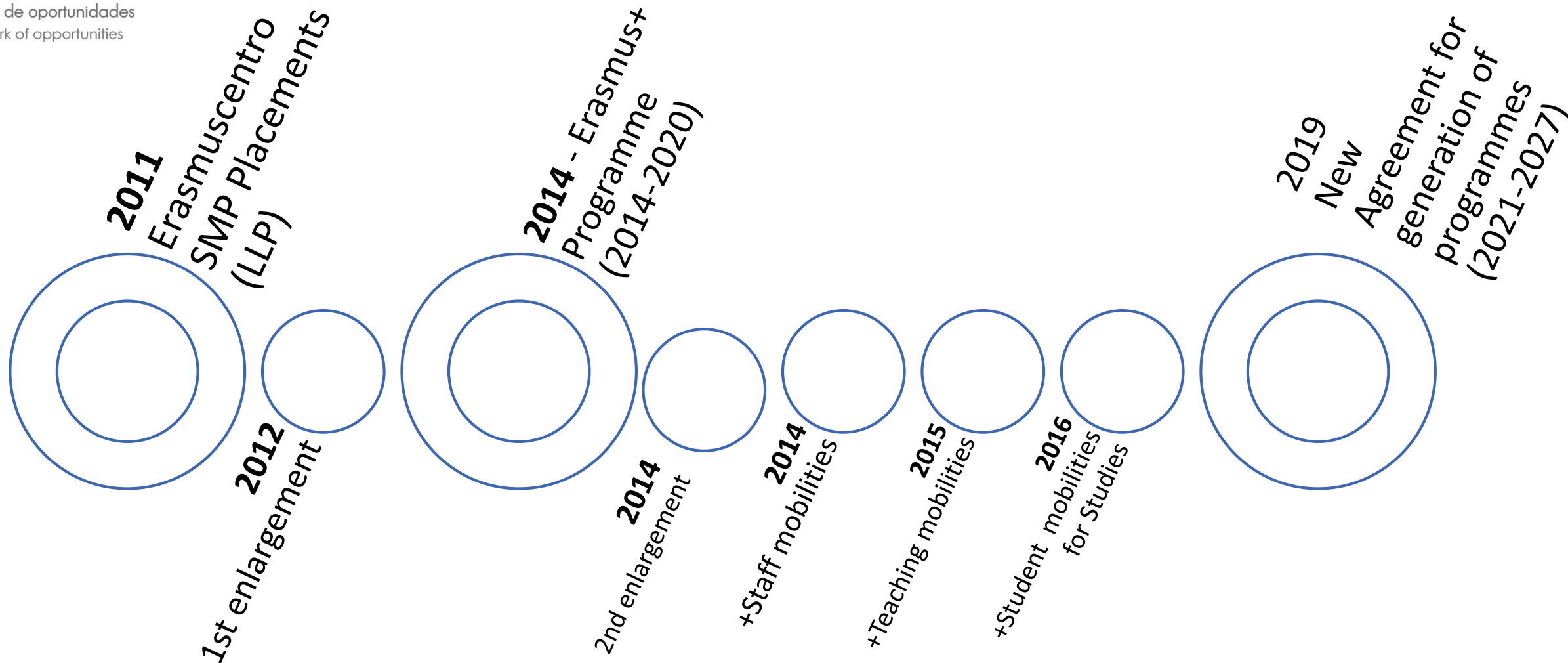


**8 Polytechnic HEI  
Centre of Portugal**





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## 2019 – New Agreement

Update of the  
mission

New governance  
Model

Efficient  
management rules

Reinforcement of  
the international  
identity

Alignment with the  
new generation of  
European  
programmes



## Mission

To develop and deepen cooperation between the erasmus+ members and other programmes and/or projects that contribute to the promotion of the internationalisation of these Higher Education Institutions as well as the respective regions in which they are located

## Goals

To develop a set of activities in the area of internationalization, namely:

1. International mobility
2. International dissemination and networking
3. Joint participation in international and/or regional projects and
4. Implementation and sharing of good practices



## Erasmus+ - 2021-2027

Certification 2021-2027 – Polytechnic of Coimbra (HEI Coordinator)

2020 – Management Committee

Presidency – Polytechnic of Leiria

Secretary – Polytechnic of Tomar

2021 – Management Committee

Presidency – Polytechnic of Tomar

Secretary – Polytechnic of Leiria

2022 - Management Committee

Presidency – Polytechnic of Castelo Branco

Secretary – Polytechnic of Portalegre





## 28 Partners

### 8 HEI - Polytechnics

IPCastelo Branco - IPCB

IPCoimbra - IPC

IPGuarda - IPG

IPLeiria - IPL

IPPortalegre –IPP

IPSantarém- IPS

IPTomar – IPT

IPViseu - IPV

### Municipalities and Regional Entities

CIMRC- Comunidade intermunicipal da região de Coimbra

CILT - Comunidade intermunicipal da Lezíria do Tejo

CILT - Comunidade intermunicipal do Médio Tejo

CIMAA - Comunidade intermunicipal do Alto Alentejo

CML – Município de Leiria

CMG - Município da Guarda

DESMOR – Empresa Pública Municipal para a promoção e gestão do Desporto em Rio Maior



## 28 Partners

### **Business Associations**

AEBB – Associação Empresarial da Beira Baixa

AIRV - Associação Empresarial da Região de Viseu

CEC- Conselho Empresarial do Centro

NERLEI – Associação Empresarial da Região de Leiria

NERGA - Núcleo Empresarial da Região da Guarda

NERSANT - Associação Empresarial da Região de Santarém

### **Sectorial entities and other organizations**

ARCIL – Associação para a recuperação de cidadãos inadaptados da Lousã

ESN PORTUGAL – Federação Erasmus Student Network Portugal

FEC – Guardiões da Vida – Associação para o Fórum da Energia e Clima

Fundação ADFP – Assistência, Desenvolvimento e Formação Profissional

OLANO – Olano Logística de Frio

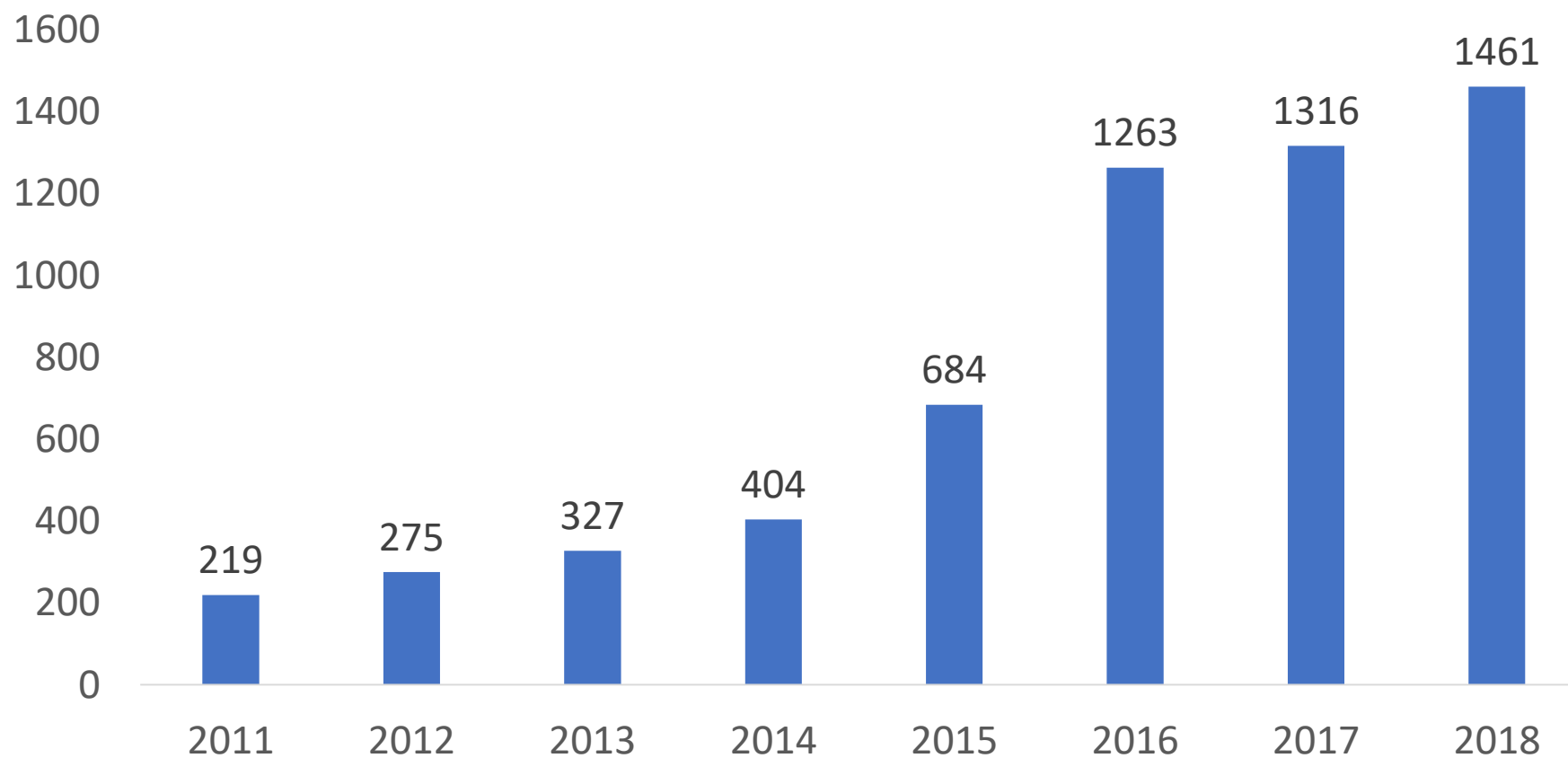
ULSNA – Unidade de Saúde Local do Norte Alentejo

Vissaium – Associação para o Desenvolvimento de Viseu



## Evolution

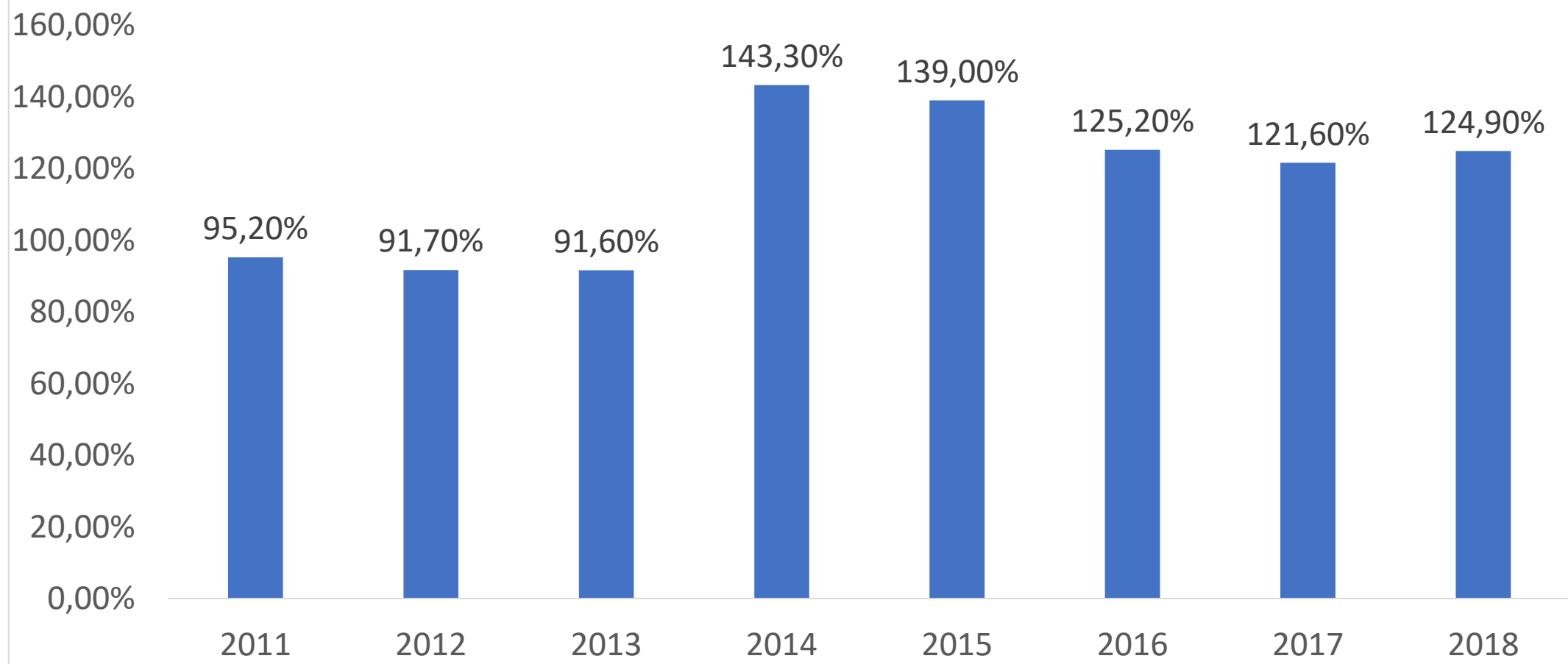
Erasmuscentro - Number of mobilities



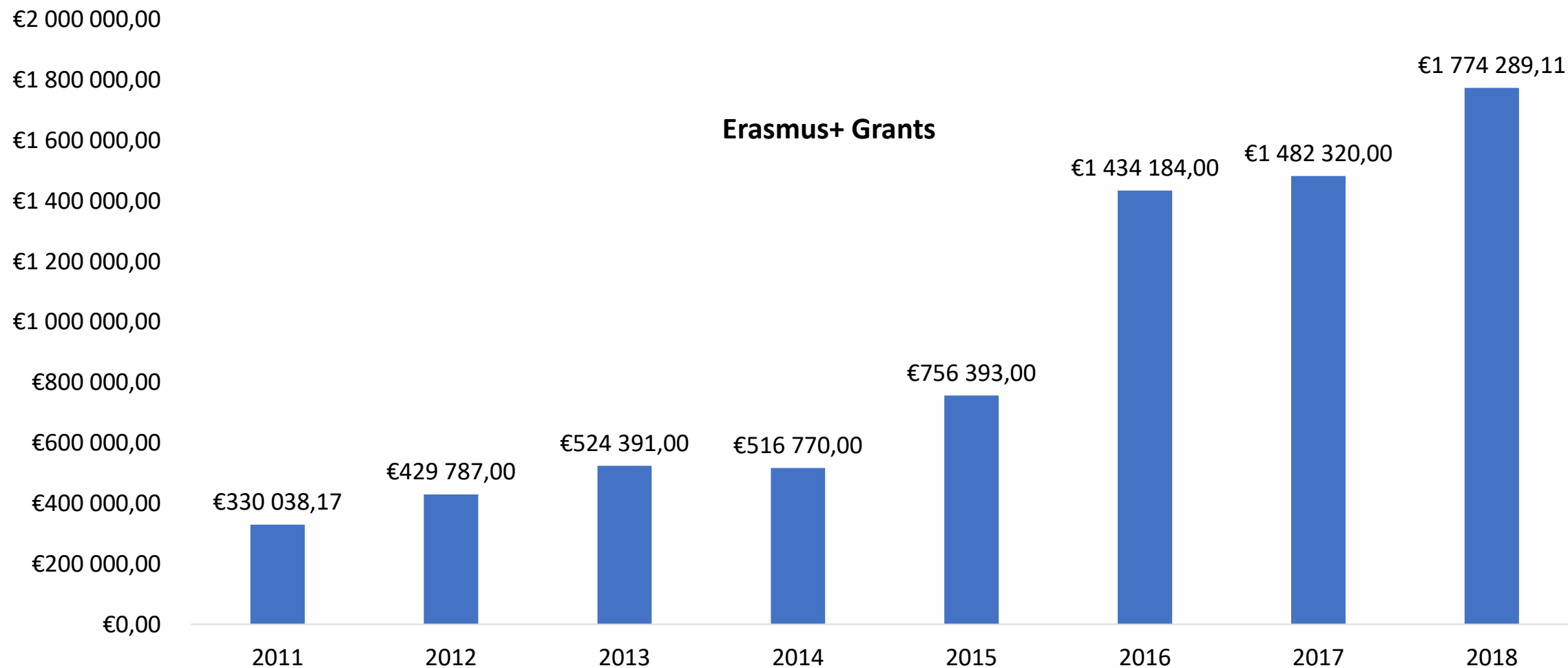
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Erasmuscentro - Execution rate



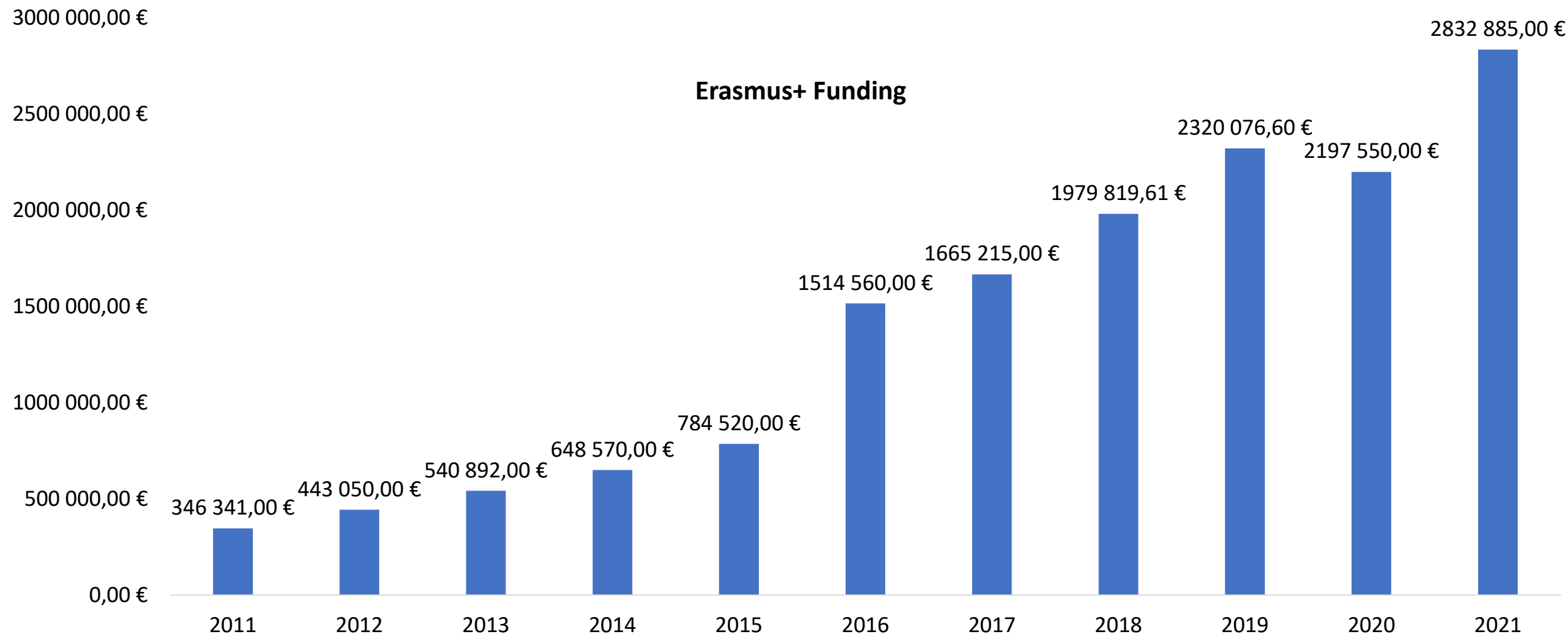
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## Erasmus+ Funding





- ✓ A pioneer project in Portugal created in 2011, still under LLP Programme
- ✓ A relevant regional dimension including eight polytechnics, representing 46000 students, and 20 other partners as Corporate Associations and Municipalities and other relevant regional organizations
- ✓ After 10 years Erasmuscentro remains the largest Erasmus consortium in Portugal in number of mobilities and funding
- ✓ The 8 Polytechnics are committed to achieve the goals established in the new agreement



Thank you

