

Summary – The 'EYE Global' initiative allows New Entrepreneurs to go on exchange in non-European countries. The geographical extension of the programme means that successful owners of SMEs based outside of Europe can now register as Host Entrepreneurs, be included in the EYE Catalogue and offer/accept exchanges with NEs from the EU and UK (NEs must be citizens and residents of the EU and UK). The way a global exchange is initiated and processed in the IT Tool differs in just a few points from 'normal' exchanges. This paper describes the specificities of global exchanges versus normal exchanges.

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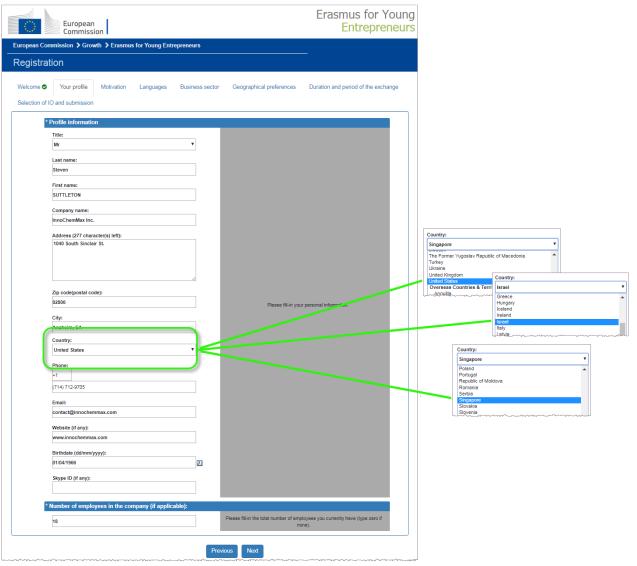
I. Registering as a Global Entrepreneur

A 'global entrepreneur' is either a Host Entrepreneur (HE) residing outside of Europe, or a New Entrepreneur (NE), citizen and resident of the EU or UK, who is potentially interested in an exchange with an entrepreneur from outside of Europe. The following describes the specific details that a global entrepreneur will need to provide in his/her registration form.

Host Entrepreneurs (HEs)

a) Country of residence

When registering to the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE) programme, HEs will now find additional non-European countries as possible countries of residence in their registration form:

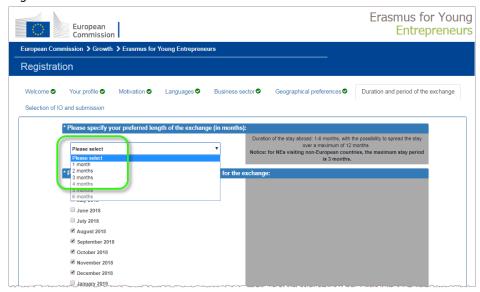


b) Geographical preferences

An HE from outside of Europe is able to accept NEs from the EU and UK (overseas countries and territories (OTC) included). NEs from COSME¹ countries are **not** available for selection in the *Geographical preferences* of the registration form of a global HE.

c) Maximum stay duration

The maximum duration of a stay outside of Europe is limited to 3 months (compared to 6 months in the case of 'normal' exchanges). This is why global HEs are not allowed to select a period longer than 3 months in their registration form:



Please note that a warning concerning this 3-month restriction will show as well when performing a Search & Match between an NE and an HE from outside of Europe.

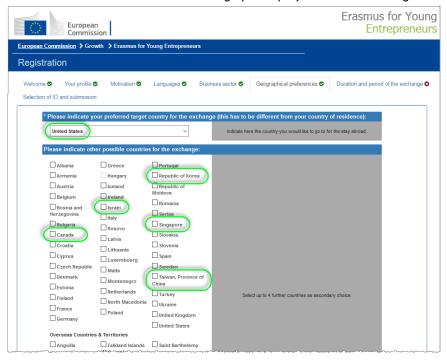
d) IO selection

European Partnerships of Intermediary Organisations based in Europe have been specifically appointed to deal with Host Entrepreneurs coming from the non-European destination countries. In the IO selection list, on the last tab of their registration form, Host Entrepreneurs from outside Europe will therefore have only a limited number of IOs to choose as their main contact in the EU.

New Entrepreneurs (NEs)

a) Geographical preferences

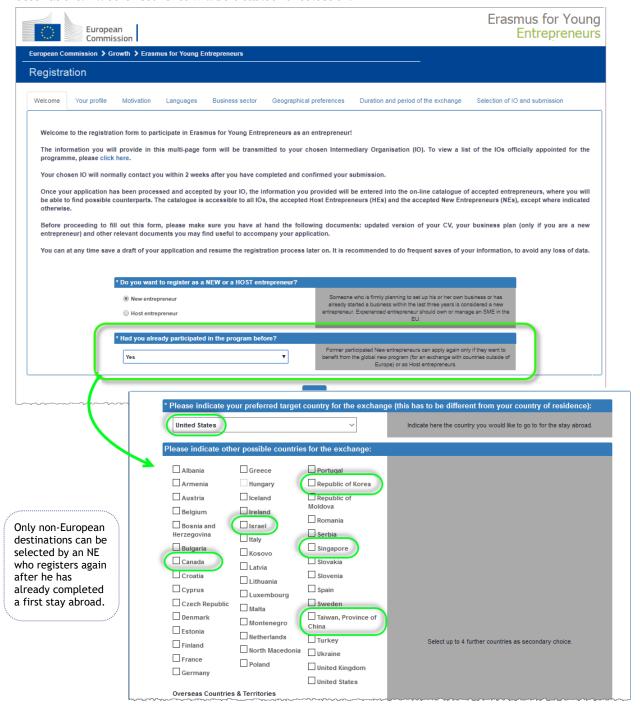
NEs (EU and UK citizens and residents) who are potentially interested in a stay outside of Europe, can now select these additional destinations under 'Geographical preferences' in their registration form:



¹ NEs who are not EU and UK citizens and/or are not residing in EU and UK, and NEs from COSME countries are not eligible for a stay outside of Europe. COSME countries include: Albania, Armenia, Iceland, Kosovo, Montenegro, Norway, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, North Macedonia, Turkey and Ukraine.

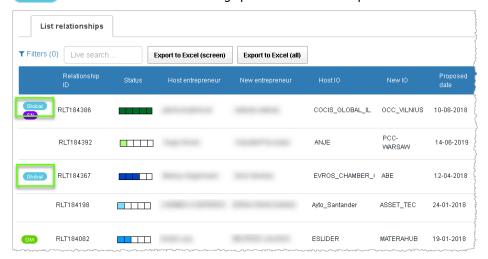
b) Participated NEs

With the geographical extension of the EYE programme, alumni NEs who had an exchange in EYE before March 2018 have the possibility to start a new relationship with an HE from outside of Europe. To do so, they need to register with a new email address and EU Login account, and specify in the registration form that they have already participated. The 'Geographical preferences' tab will then allow them to choose only from available non-European destinations. All other countries will be disabled for selection.



II. Managing Global Relationships

A 'global relationship' (i.e. a relationship involving an HE from outside of Europe) can be initiated by the HE/NE, or by their IO — i.e. just like 'normal' relationships. Once initiated, global relationships are easily identified by a in the interface of the exchange partners and their respective IOs:



Workflow - EC Approval always required

In terms of workflow, building and then executing a 'global' relationship is not different from a 'normal' relationship. However, unlike 'normal' relationships (where a check of the match is not always required from the European Commission, the Executive Agency or the Support Office), <u>all global relationships</u> reach the status of 'EC Approval' and have to be approved by the European Commission at the end of the relationship building process.

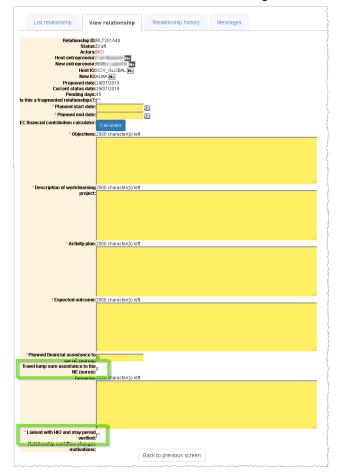
Other New Elements

Some further new elements are present within certain statuses of a global relationship. These include:

a) Travel lump sum assistance to the NE + liaised with HIO

For any relationship receiving a status of 'Draft' (), the New Entrepreneur's IO ('NIO') is expected to enter all required information to prepare the *commitment*. Compared to a 'normal' relationship, the financial support for the global NE will now be split in travel costs and financial support and will be paid by the EYE Global IO, i.e. the HIO.

The NIO will also have to confirm that it has liaised with the HIO with regards to the stay periods, budget availability and all other relevant elements of the exchange.



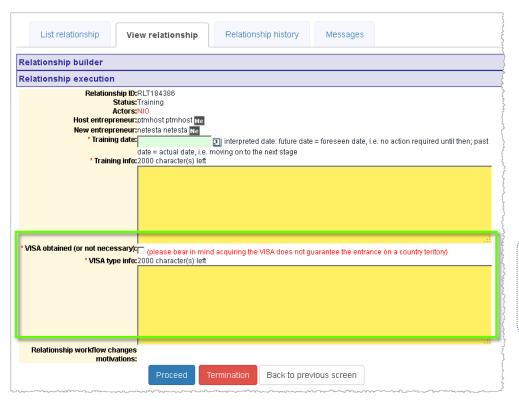
After completing the planned stay period, a 'Travel lump sum assistance to the NE (euros) ' field will give the standard cost to cover travel to the exchange destination.

With the 'Liaised with HIO and stay period verified' check box, the NIO needs to certify that all necessary contacts have been made with the HIO, and that the planned stay period has been confirmed.

b) Visa information

For 'global' relationships, the Host Entrepreneur's IO (i.e. 'HIO') is supposed to prepare a short training or induction course for the New Entrepreneur before the stay can take place. The exchange partners have to agree on a date for this training, and it is suggested that the NIO participates as well. Consequently the NIO has to enter this information as well as other training-related information on the relationship execution page when the relationship has a status of 'Ready for training' (

Once a global relationship gets approved by the IOs and the European Commission, the NE may need to apply for visa for the destination country (where necessary). To account for this extra requirement, the relationship execution page contains 2 additional fields about the Visa requirements, which have to be completed by the NIO (while keeping informed the HIO) when specifying the training date for the global exchange:



Visa obtained and Visa type info are to be completed by the NIO to specify that the NE is in possession of Visa for the respective country (if required).