• 736 applications
• 653 eligible
• 147 funded

• Total: Euro 946, 218
Who is OCULUS:
Optometry Curriculum for Lifelong learning through Erasmus

- USN University College of Southeast Norway
- BIU Bar Ilan University
- HAC Hadassah Academic College
- UPC Polytechnic University of Catalonia
- HU University of Applied Science, Utrecht
- CUL City University London
- UOH University of Hyderabad
- CU Chitkara University
- MU Manipal University
- ASCO Association of Schools and Colleges of India
- ICO Israel College of Optometry
- SAP Sapir Academic College
Associated partners – our supporters!

• WCO World Council of Optometry
• ECOO European Council of Optometry and Optics
• EAOO European Academy of Optometry and Optics
• NOA Norwegian Optometric Association
Vision is our most important sense!
Vision is health.
Good vision promotes good health
Did you know that....* 

- There are 32.4 million blind people in the world
  - 65% are avoidable
  - 21% due to uncorrected refractive errors (Western Europe: 14%)

- There are 191 million visually impaired
  - 76% are avoidable
  - 51% due to uncorrected refractive errors (Western Europe: 47.3%)

* Bourne et al. Lancet, 2013
WHO: optometrists have an important role in eye care service

• First line eye health professionals
• Optometry educations differ from country to country
• Different *scope of practice*
• Ocular Diagnostic services (with use of diagnostic drugs)
  • Detect eye disease early
  • Prevent and reduce unnecessary blindness and visual impairment
• European Diploma

![WCO Categories of Optometric Services](image-url)
What are we going to do?

- Benchmarking for European Diploma, define the gap
- Mentorship: programme country – partner country
- Develop online tool for portfolios
- Implement Evidence Based Practice
- Develop pedagogical resources
- Train the trainers workshops
- Follow-up benchmarking for European Diploma

- Accreditation?
- Re-accreditation