ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW (EM ECW)  
PROJECT FACT SHEET

Call for Proposals: EACEA/35/08 - Lot 9 (Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan)

Coordinating Institution:
Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands

Members of the partnership:
Middle East Technical University - Turkey
Freie Universität Berlin - Germany
Lund University - Sweden
Universidad de Deusto - Spain
University of Ljubljana - Slovenia
Universidade do Algarve - Portugal
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Germany
JSC "Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research" - Kazakhstan
T. Ryskulov Kazakh Economic University - Kazakhstan
Academician E.A. Buketov Karaganda State University - Kazakhstan
Kazakh national Technical University named after K.I. Satbayev - Kazakhstan
The L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University - Kazakhstan
Ahmed Yasawi International Turkish-Kazakh University - Kazakhstan
Khujand Branch of Technological University of Tajikistan
Kyrgyzskiy Nationalnyi Universitet - Kyrgyzstan
Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration - Uzbekistan

Associates:
METUtech - Turkey
Association for Solidarity with Asylum Seekers and Migrants (ASAM) - Turkey
University of Cádiz - Spain
Space Technologies Research Institute - Turkey
Bilim Educational Advising Centers’ Network in Kazakhstan - Kazakhstan
Turkmen State University named after Magtymguly - Turkmenistan
Turkmen Polytechnic Institute - Turkmenistan

Project objectives:
This proposal sets up a mobility scheme and an organisational structure for its realisation. 8 European universities are open to receive students and staff from 9 Central Asian universities. Without external funding, like this scholarship scheme program of the EU, the realisation of the proposed mobility scheme would be impossible. The relevance of the underlying proposal is simply the delivering of substantial assistance to universities and young students from Central Asia by offering them a new window to the world, to enable them to get in touch with the international academia and to assist them in finding new approaches that will fit better to the current and future needs of their country. Moreover, they will learn about the European university system, curriculum development, combining research and education, and the benefits of close cooperation between universities on the one side and industrial/public partners on the other side, etc. European universities offers guests from Central Asia high tech laboratories for conducting research projects, nearly unlimited access to literature resources.
in vast libraries, modern ways of teaching by using multi-media tools, new insights in learning processes and evaluation & quality assurance of courses and study programs.

The capacity building of students and staff will come to effect at the following three levels:

- Firstly, at the individual level through increasing the professional qualities, personal development and language skills, global awareness; this all will contribute positively to their competitiveness in a 'global knowledge society'.

- Secondly, at the institutional level through structural contacts and cooperation with European partner universities (double or joint degrees, quality assurance, etc.); being involved in the proposed mobility program will stimulate international awareness.

- Thirdly, at the country level through enabling mobility activities for groups such as academicians, civil servants, vulnerable groups, etc.

It will be certain that as the system scale increases from individual, institution to country, the needed time scale for observing clear progress in capacity building will increase as well. The proposal, once fully implemented, will certainly contribute to all the objectives of the program

**Brief description:**

This proposal sets up a mobility scheme and an organisational structure for its realisation. The main purpose is to foster mobility and cooperation between a consortium of 8 universities from 7 different European eligible countries on the one side and 9 universities from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan on the other side. The consortium already has a lot of experience. Mobility is foreseen for 106 individuals, distributed over 5 categories: Undergraduates, Master Students, Ph.D. Students, Post-docs and Academic Staff. Also supporting activities for university administrators are taken into account.

Due to apparent difficulties associated with Central Asian countries, priority is given to universities which already have existing links with EU partners and experience in international projects (like with METU, Ljubljana and other international organizations). Moreover, in most cases preference was given to institutions that are leading in their home country and/or are meeting the thematic fields (priority fields) of interest most.

Turkmen State University and Turkmen Polytechnic Institute (both from Ashgabat) are included as associate partners for the time being, because a full partnership appeared to be impossible to arrange before the deadline of the call. Cooperation with foreign universities needs decision-making at the highest governmental levels, which creates some inertia and slows down processes. In order not to loose the effect of all efforts being undertaken to establish contacts the consortium decided to stay in touch with these possible future partners. Both partners together are covering a broad range of relevant thematic fields and are leading in their country.

Information about the program and online application for candidates can be found on the current project’s website [www.erasmusmunduslot8.com](http://www.erasmusmunduslot8.com)
### Number of Individual Mobility Activities foreseen

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