Call for Proposals: EACEA/35/08 - Lot 3 (occupied Palestinian territory and Israel)

Coordinating Institution:

Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium

Members of the partnership:

Universidad Complutense de Madrid - Spain
Università di Trento - Italy
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Associates:

Erasmus Student Network - Belgium
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Council for Higher Education - Israel
Palestinian Ministry of Higher Education - occupied Palestinian territory
PEACE - France
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Vluchtelingenwerk Vlaanderen (Flemish refugee fund) - Belgium
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Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration - Israel
Palestinian Academy - occupied Palestinian territory
ASAM - Spain
Israeli Mission to the European Union - Belgium
Palestinian Mission to the European Union - Belgium
**Project Objectives:**

Lot3.emecw.com has been set up in order to promote academic mobility between Israeli/Palestinian and European institutions for higher education (HEIs). Concretely it aims at:

- providing Israelis and Palestinians with a **European dimension** in their studies/research, both at the professional and at the personal level;
- strengthening the academic profile of **faculty staff** and making a substantial contribution to the setting up of doctoral programmes;
- on the basis of earlier results, moving towards further **streamlining of credit-transfer** mechanisms and the **enhanced development of joint degrees**;
- raising further awareness for the needs of **vulnerable groups**, as well as for the principles of equal opportunities, gender balance and fair and objective treatment;
- monitoring internal **communication** within the partnership and external communication with official bodies and media;
- sharing **good practices** in advertising the programme, selecting students and staff, administrative follow-up of the mobility acts and in quality control;
- creating an **academic forum** where further exchanges, cooperation and new projects can be developed;
- stimulating contacts that will contribute to **mutual understanding** between the nations involved; ensuring periodic administrative and financial **reporting** towards the EACEA.

**Brief description:**

Lot3.emecw.com is a partnership of 20 European, Israeli and Palestinian institutions for higher education, led by Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). Its aim is to stimulate academic mobility at all levels (undergraduate, master, doctoral, postdoctoral and academic staff) from Israel and Palestine to Europe and vice versa.

VUB and its European partners have extensive experience in academic cooperation with the Lot 3 region through previous editions of the EM ECW as well as through national programmes and bilateral agreements. In this proposal they intend to share developed practices with new partners.

The consortium is balanced in that it includes 5 Israeli and 5 Palestinian partners, representing a geographical spread within the Lot 3 region as well as different types of HEIs (public as well as private, general in focus as well as specialised, Ba/Ma-oriented as well as research-oriented). On the European side, the 10 partners are either experienced EM ECW partners or they have been suggested by Lot 3 partners on the basis of existing cooperation.

**TG1** mobility is arranged according to the partner institutions’ needs. Most Israeli HEIs are interested in sending Ba/Ma students to Europe for one semester (often, but not exclusively, in EU studies and international law), whereas Palestinian students need opportunities to complete full Ma or PhD programmes. Through its joint supervision programmes at PhD level lot3.emecw.com actively contributes to the ongoing development of doctoral studies at Palestinian HEIs. The project also foresees a high number of mobility acts for academic staff members: as specialists in their fields, they are able to steer mobility at other levels in the right direction. This includes monitoring study recognition, stimulating the set-up of joint programmes and consolidating procedures for mobility.

**TG2** institutions have the same needs and background as TG1 partners, so that the same mobility principles apply to them. Even if there is no academic staff mobility involved here, it is also the explicit aim of the partnership to provide TG2 with a larger institutional benefit, through targeted advertising of the programme and sharing of its good practices.
Given the particular situation of Lot3 scholarships within TG3 will be granted to Palestinian refugees who are residing in Europe. They often need to complete their education with a Ma or PhD degree, but lack the financial means to bear the costs of it.

In the light of the interest European students and (post)doctoral scholars have in the political, economic and cultural situation in the Middle East mobility towards Israeli and Palestinian HEIs is also organised. Specific disciplines targeted here are Hebrew/Arab studies, international politics and land sciences. The partnership wants to increase the already existing EM ECW mobility towards HEIs located in Israel and Palestine.

**Number of Individual Mobility Activities foreseen**

| Type of Mobility | Europeans |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                  | Target Group 1 | Ctry code | Target Group 1 | Target Group 2 | Target Group 3 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Undergraduates   | IL PS       | 40         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 40 |
| Masters          | 3 IL PS     | 10         | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 42 |
| Doctorates       | 2 IL PS     | 3          | 8 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 |
| Post-doctorates  | 1 IL PS     | 1          | 5 |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 |
| Teaching staff   | 5 IL PS     | 10         | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 25 |
| TOTAL            | 14         | 103        | 15 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 138 |

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