Call for Proposals: EACEA/35/08. Lot 14 (China)

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**Project Objectives:**

The EMECW Project “Lot14.emecw.com” aims at 235 individual mobility flows with partners from the EU, Turkey, Liechtenstein and China.

Starting from the EU’s objectives in its relationship with China as well as the priorities of the Chinese government and the Chinese Ministry of Education.

Europe and China both face daunting social challenges. Particularly in the last few years Chinese scholars have actively debated how the Chinese government should respond to issues like ageing society, inequality, the development of a middle class, and welfare. Europe’s experience in this field is possibly one of the main sources of influence that it can exert on China. This is not so much a matter of imposing conditionalities, but rather of creating the opportunities of Chinese students and scholars to explore European practices, to familiarize with the lessons learned, and to formulate conclusions for the future socio-economic reforms in their own country. In many ways there is a congruence between China’s “harmonious society” thinking and Europe’s social policies. Academic exchanges will contribute that European experiences and concepts will be lifted up to the different levels of the public debate and policy making. All the members of this consortium have a strong track record in studying these issues.

A total of 235 mobility flows is planned in this project, of which 44 at Ba-level, 49 at Ma-level, 55 at PhD-level, 39 at Postdoc level and 48 at Academic staff level. 18 mobility flows are planned to China at Ba and Ma-level. 6 PhD scholarships and 6 Postdoc scholarships of 6 months each are planned from the EU to China. 10 Academic staff scholarships are planned from the EU to China for 1 month each. This ensures all allocations are within the prescribed quota’s and it brings EU to China mobility to 19%.

We not only aim at an impact at individual level, through the cultural, linguistic and educational benefit, which we mainly aim at with the mobility of 52 undergraduates and 61 master students. Through the mobility of 48 academic staff members, 23 postdoctoral researchers and 49 Phd students, we mainly aim at an impact at institutional level:

- in the perspective of a sustainable character of the EMECW programme itself, and more specific exchanges between universities from China and EU institutions, 38 academic staff and 33 postdoctoral researchers become EMECW coordinators at their institution and will promote the EMECW scheme and exchanges with Europe. They will guard administrative and quality assuring procedures and foster transparency in credit transfer.
- the capacity and level of services of international offices increases; good practices are shared;
- even in TG2, through an open call, we aim at initiating institutional bonds as fundamentals for further cooperation with institutions in the region involved.
- in the perspective of the increased research and managerial capacity of the institutions involved, through the formation of doctorates, the professionalization of academic staff, the involvement of a cohort of postdoctoral researchers.
- in the perspective of the increased educational capacity of the institutions involved, through curriculum development in social sciences and related disciplines at Chinese universities.

Through the involvement of Chinese Mission to the EU, it is the objective to come to broader terms of agreement concerning credit transfer with the EU.

**Brief description:**

The operational management of this project is mainly based on the good practices that have been developed by the coordinator and some of its partners in the management of other EMECW projects, Tempus Projects and Asia Link projects. Also Asian partners have developed relevant expertise through the participation in Asia Link projects and exchange schemes, mainly with Asian partners. The strength of the associate partners is a great asset in the implementation of this project, involving in total 235 mobility flows.
As a matter of fact, the core is social science disciplines with an extension to disciplines that have a relevance for the objectives as described.

Through the 235 mobility flows, we not only work on personal development, but we mainly strive for institutional spin-offs of these mobility actions. Academic staff and postdoctoral researchers are expected to transfer the good practices in this domain towards their home universities.

### Number of Individual Mobility Activities foreseen

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