EMMCs Management in 2009
Discussion Topics

1. The 2009 third-country scholarships application
2. Observations on the implementation of EMMCs in 2008
3. EM 2009-2013 new features
   - Sustainability / Employability and Quality
   - Scholarships (amounts, beneficiaries, calculation methods, insurance)
   - New role of third-country partners
   - Joint Doctoral Programme
4. Implementation of new features: how and when
5. Questions… and answers!
**EM 2004-2008 rules with EM 2009-2013 budget.**

- As from 2010, EM 2009-2013 rules and new features will apply to **ALL EMMCs**!
The 2009 third country scholarships application

- Same procedure as in previous years
- Application sent to all EMMCs in February. **Deadline 28th February** for the submission to the Agency
- The 2004 generation of EMMCs has received an extension of their FPA for a 6th year
- Different number of scholarships in accordance with the EMMC “seniority”:
  - 2004 EMMCs: 12 third-country EM student scholarships
  - 2005 EMMCs: 16 third-country EM student scholarships
  - 2006 to 2008 EMMCs: 17 third-country EM student scholarships
  (plus 1 or 2 EMMC scholarships for Western Balkans or Turkish students)
- Applications will be treated by the Agency
- New decision procedure: no comitology i.e. EP inspection right
- The Agency will be able to confirm the list of selected students by the end of March 2009

- Reports processing
  - Too many requests for further and/or additional information (mainly financial and mobility data)
  - Objective to streamline the reporting exercise in EM 2009-2013

- Professional management of EMMCs
  - EMMC Consortium Agreements
  - EMMC Student Agreements
EM II - new features:
Sustainability, Employability, Quality, Identity (a)

- **Sustainability**
  - From a management/implementation point of view
    - Formal requirement to produce an « EMMC Consortium Agreement » endorsed by the relevant authorities of the partner HEIs
  - From a financial point of view
    - Gradual decrease in the number of scholarships
    - Increased management lump sum (from € 15,000 to 30,000)
    - EMMC strategy for securing complementary funding
    - Involvement of “associated members” from the professional sector
EM II - new features:
Sustainability, Employability, Quality, Identity (b)

- **Employability**
  - Relevance of the course content for the professional needs
    - Involvement of “associated members” in the course content evaluation and adaptation
    - Include placements/internships/field work activities (→ “associated members”)
    - Involve “associated members” in future employment/research opportunities for graduate students
EM II - new features:
Sustainability, Employability, Quality, Identity (c)

- Quality
  - From adolescence to adulthood → increased focus on excellence in content and management

- External evaluation / EMMC Consortium Agreement / Associated members
- Erasmus Mundus Quality Assessment – Self assessment and handbook of good practices (presentation on 17 February)
- Website www.emqa.eu
EM II - new features: Sustainability, Employability, Quality, Identity (d)

- Identity
  - Active role of individual EMMCs and their (former) students
    - EMA and local alumni associations
    - Follow-up of graduates
    - Clear, up to date and user-friendly Websites
    - EMMC / Programme promotion (→ National Structures role)
EM II - new features: Scholarships (a)

- Scholarships available for:
  - EU students
  - EU scholars only if EMMC includes third-country partner/s

- Two categories of student scholarships
  - **Category A:** Third-country with the «12 months rule»
    - 24 000 € / year
  - **Category B:** any student not fulfilling category A rule.
    - 10 000 € / year (+ 3 000 € if travel to third-country partner)

- **Category A and B** student scholarships will be allocated to **ALL** selected EMMCs as from 2010
EM II - new features: Scholarships (b)

- **(Indicative) Number of student scholarships**
  - will vary **between 7 and 17** per EMMC edition (in accordance with the course « seniority »); equal share between categories A and B.

- **Student scholarships calculation**
  - Article 6 d) of the Programme Decision « ensure, when determining the flat-rate amounts for the scholarships, to take into consideration the level of tuition fees and the estimated expenditure for the studies »
  - EM Programme objective to **guarantee**
    - Participating HEIs with a viable contribution for their joint masters implementation costs (➔ contribution to the fees + increased lump sum)
    - Participating students with adequate living allowances during the study period in Europe
EM II new features – scholarships (c)

Participation fees charged by the 103 Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses to EU and Non EU students
(amount / year)

- Fees for EU students
- Fees for non EU students
- Average fees for non EU students
- Average fees for EU students
- EM II: max. fee contribution non EU
- EM II: max. fee contribution EU

%age of MC concerned (total 103)
EM II - new features: Scholarships (d)

- Insurance scheme decentralised and included in the scholarship amount
  - Centralized management is not cost efficient anymore
  - All HEIs have internal insurance schemes to cover a substantially higher number of students (should obtain better rates than +/-35€/student/month as in the current scheme)
  - National contexts make EC insurance scheme redundant or insufficient
  - External Cooperation Window experience in decentralised insurance scheme has proven to be effective

Insurance budget included in the EMMC implementation and scholarship budget
EM II - new features: Scholarships (e)

- Scholar scholarships
  - 3 to 4 third-country scholar scholarships per course edition
  - Same number of EU scholarships only
    - if EMMC includes third-country partner/s
    - to teach / perform EMMC related activities in the third-country partners
  - Scholar scholarship amount calculated on a weekly basis:
    - 1 200 € / week (min 2 weeks and max 3 months)
    - Simplify/streamline the scholars scholarship management → more flexibility/liberty for the EMMCs
**EM II - new features:**

**EMMC scholarships overview table**

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<td>I</td>
<td>Contribution to travel, installation and any other type of costs</td>
<td>€ 4 000 for a one-year EMMC; € 8 000 for courses longer than one year</td>
<td>€ 3 000 - only if the EMMC includes a mobility period to a Third-Country partner</td>
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<td>Maximum contribution to the EMMC participation costs (including insurance coverage)</td>
<td>€ 4 000 / semester</td>
<td>€ 2 000 / semester</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Monthly allowance</td>
<td>€ 1 000 / month</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Living allowance (including travel costs)</td>
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<td>€ 1 200 / week for a maximum duration of 3 months per scholar</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>From € 24 000 for a one-year EMMC, to € 48 000 for a two-year EMMC</td>
<td>From € 10 000 for a one-year EMMC without mobility to a Third Country, up to € 23 000 for a two-year EMMC with mobility to a Third Country</td>
<td>From € 2 400 for a two-week stay, to € 14 400 for a 3-month stay</td>
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EM II - new features: Inclusion of third-country HEIs (a)

- **Possibility** of including third-country HEIs as **full members**
  - **Not an obligation** (nor a selection/assessment criterion) !!!
  - **Minimal requirement:** to be able to deliver teaching/research facilities corresponding to at least 15 ECTS (or one trimester)
  - Should be (actively) involved in the management and implementation of the course
  - **Flexibility** in the degree of involvement: from thesis preparation (/field work) to degree awarding institution (double, multiple or joint)
  - Inclusion **MUST be instrumental** for the quality/excellence of the EMMC
EM II - new features: Inclusion of third-country HEIs (b)

- If there is a third-country HEI in the consortium:
  - Scholarships can be allocated to scholars participating in the EU HEI/s of the consortium to visit the third-country HEI/s
  - EU and third-country students can spend part of their EMMC period in the third-country HEI concerned:
    - **Category A**: maximum 3 months **ONLY IF** country different from country of origin
    - **Category B**: minimum 2 months and up to 1/2 of the EMMC duration
EM II new features – EMJDs

- **Joint Doctoral Programmes (EMJDs)** are independent from EMMCs (separate application and selection process)
- Same model as EMMCs
  - Identical **minimum requirement** for consortium composition **BUT** non HEI can also be formal partners.
  - Emphasis put on the **integration aspects of the Joint Doctoral Programme** (joint selection / enrolment / assessment / monitoring procedures, joint recognition, double / multiple / joint degrees, etc.)
  - **3 years fellowships** (to be used in a max. of 4 years)
    - Between € 60 000 and € 130 000 for 3 years (depending on the recruitment model – employment or stipends – the field of research, the origin of the student)
    - Mandatory mobility
  - Detailed information in the **Programme Guide and during the Info Day**
How / when to benefit from the new EM II features?

- New features will apply as from 2010 to **ALL EMMCs** (not only to newly selected ones)

- For the 2004 and 2005 generation of EMMCs
  - They should be taken into account in the new application to be submitted by 30 April 2009

- For the younger generations of EMMCs (and for the remaining part of their Framework Agreement)
  - They will be the object of a formal amendment of their Framework Partnership Agreement covering all the rules included in the Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 Programme Guide.
How / when to benefit from the new EM II features?

- Timing for a change in the EMMC composition (e.g. inclusion of third-country partner)
  - A change in the consortium:
    - needs to be made available (/communicated) to potential student candidates in September of the year preceding the enrolment
    - requires an assessment by external experts in order to ensure that the quality of the initial proposal is maintained
    - Requires a formal amendment of the Framework Partnership Agreement
  - Requests for changes in the consortium composition will have to be submitted to the Agency by 15 May of the year preceding the course edition concerned by the new structure
  - All Action 3 partnerships will finish in 2010. Future inclusion of third-country partners to be done through an amendment of the Framework Partnership Agreement