Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013

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Presentation Topics

1. What are we here for? Putting the Info Day in perspective

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   c) Combining Excellence and Cooperation

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   b) Action 2 – Partnerships
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   a) Variety of actors
   b) Peer review
   c) Transparent and objective

5. Several teams at your disposal
EM 2009-2013 : Objectives

1. Promoting **European higher education**
   - offer **high quality** with a distinct **European added value**
   - Improve **accessibility, profile** and **visibility** in the world

2. Helping improving and enhancing the career prospects of **students**
   - developing the qualifications of men and women

3. Promoting intercultural understanding through cooperation with **third countries** in the field of Higher Education
   - development of **human resources** and the **international cooperation capacity** of HEIs in third countries
   - **mutual enrichment of societies**
In order to

- Work on an equal footing with the most developed countries
- Cooperate and contribute to the development of less favoured regions of the world,

**Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 has an overall budget of almost 1 billion euros**

- 493.69 Million EUR for Actions 1 and 3 (from the EU’s Education Budget)
- About 460 Million EUR for Action 2 (from different external relations instruments: ENPI, DCI, IPA, ICI, EDF)
EM 2009-2013: Key Elements (a)

1. Building on the experience (the consultation process)
   - Interim evaluation of Erasmus Mundus I (2004-2008)
   - Impact assessment and public online consultation of stakeholders
   - Various meetings with programme participants (students, HEIs, national authorities)

   **Unanimous message: the programme is a success and should be continued**

EM 2009-2013 focus remains on:

   - Integrated “joint programmes” with mandatory mobility periods and joint recognition
   - Cooperation partnerships as launched since 2007 in the External Cooperation Window
   - Attractive scholarships/fellowships for full (Action 1 and 2) or partial study periods (Action 2)
   - Simple financial management based on lump sums and flat rates
   - Decentralised management of scholarships by consortia and partnerships
   - European Higher Education visibility and promotion activities
2. Broadening the scope

- Integrating the External Cooperation Window as the new Action 2 of the Programme
- Including the doctoral level under Action 1 - Joint programmes
- Offering full study scholarships to the best European postgraduate students and doctoral candidates
- Including third country HEIs as full actors in the design and implementation of joint programmes
- Reinforcing the role of other socio-economic actors (research centres, non educational organisations, etc.) in the joint programmes’ implementation
- Providing concrete support to our network of National Structures
3. Combining excellence and cooperation

*EM 2009-2013, a unique Community Action Programme in Higher Education that combines EU internal and external policies.*

During EM 2009-2013,

- **Excellence** will be reinforced with an increased focus on
  - Specially designed Joint Programmes at postgraduate level
  - Quality Assurance, empowerment and governance of European HEIs
  - Services offered to international students (from an academic and administrative point of view)
  - Tighter links with the socio-economic sectors

- **International cooperation** will be reinforced by
  - Closer links between European and third country HEIs in Actions 1 and 2
  - Mobility flows of students and university staff between European and third country HEIs
One programme – Three Actions

What can you achieve through Erasmus Mundus?

- Improve the visibility of your department / faculty / institution (at local, regional, national or international level)
- Increase its attractiveness in recruiting highly qualified European and third country students / doctoral candidates / scholars
- Create a strong cooperation network with European and third country partners
- Facilitate the exchange of good practices and innovation process (from the management and content points of view)
- Secure financial support for your academic, research and inter-university mobility activities

$\pm 3,500,000 \text{ €} / \text{“Action 1 - Joint programme” (700,000 per joint programme’s edition)}$

$\pm 4,000,000 \text{ €} / \text{“Action 2 – Partnership” (for a three year project)}$
One programme – Three Actions

What can stop you from becoming an Erasmus Mundus actor?

**IF,**
- Your institution is not interested,
- You do not have a project,
- You do not have time to dedicate to this type of activities,
- Nobody wants to work with you,

**Then... there is very little we can do for you!**
- You think that the programme rules and application process are too complicated...

**Then, let us convince you of the contrary!**
One programme – Three Actions

**Erasmus Mundus 2004-2008**

**Action 1** – Joint Masters

**Action 2** – Scholarships for third country students and scholars

**Action 3** – Partnerships with third country HEIs including scholarships for European students and scholars

**External Cooperation Windows (2006-2008)**

Structured partnerships between European and targeted third country HEIs, with bilateral exchanges of students and scholars

**Action 4** – Awareness Raising projects for the worldwide promotion of European Higher Education

**Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013**

**Action 1** – Joint Programmes (including scholarships)

**Action 2** – Partnerships (including scholarships)

**Action 3** – Promotion of European Higher Education
What’s new? (compared to Erasmus Mundus 2004-2008)

- Joint programmes at **Doctoral level**
- Full **scholarships for Europeans** (students/ doctoral candidates / scholars involved in joint masters)
- Possibility to include **third country HEIs as full partners** of the consortium
- Revised student **scholarships calculation**
  - Taking into account the cost of living
  - Increasing resources for participating HEIs
  - Decentralising the students insurance scheme
- Increased focus on **Sustainability, Employability, Quality Assurance** and **Visibility**
**Action 1 - Joint Programmes (JP) (b)**

- **Integrated** joint study / research programme at masters or doctorate level implemented by a consortium of HEIs (min. 3 Eur. Countries)
  - Jointly designed study/research programme
  - Joint application, selection and assessment criteria
  - Joint students registration and admission conditions
  - Programme content fully recognised by all partners

- **Mandatory mobility periods** in at least **two** of the countries represented in the Joint Programme

- **Double, multiple or joint degrees** to all successful students / doctoral candidates

- If selected, **funded for five consecutive editions** of the joint programme
Action 1 - Joint Programmes (JP) (c)

- Integrated scholarship scheme for
  - Third country students at Masters level
    ⬇ 24,000 € / year
  - European students at Masters level
    ⬇ 10,000 € / year (+ 3,000 € mobility grant if applicable)
  - European and Third country scholars in the joint master
    ⬇ up to 14,400 € for 3 months
  - European and Third country doctoral candidates
    ⬇ 60,000 to 130,000 € for three years depending on the research area (lab. / not lab.) and the enrolment model (i.e. stipends or employment contract)

- The scholarship includes
  - Participation costs (e.g. tuition fees), travel costs, insurance and living allowances
  - Funding is also provided for the consortium management costs
    - 30,000 € / course edition at masters level
    - 50,000 € / doctoral programme edition
Action 2 - Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (a)

• Continuation of the *Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window* scheme

• Funded by **different financial instruments**

• **Fosters:**
  - structured co-operation between HEIs in Europe and specific (/targeted) geographical regions of the world,
  - with the objective of implementing bilateral exchanges of students and university staff between Europe and these regions.

• Award of **mobility scholarships:**
  - at all levels (from undergraduate to post-doc; incl. professors or professionals), for variable durations, in a variety of disciplines and
  - **priorities** defined in consultation with the third country(/ies) concerned
**Action 2 - Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (b)**

- **Partnerships composed of**
  - At least 5 European HEIs (representing 3 different countries)
  - At least 1 HEI from each of the third countries covered by the targeted geographical area
  - Maximum 20 HEIs

- **Funding composed of**
  - **Lump sum** to cover the partnership’s administrative costs
    - 10.000 € / participating HEI (200.000 € max.)
  - **Individual mobility scholarships** for students and staff
    - (including travel, insurance, living allowances and, if applicable, tuition fees)
      - Variable amounts in accordance with the type of beneficiary and length of the mobility (e.g. 1000 € / month for students living allowances)

- **Special attention is paid to socio-economically disadvantaged groups and populations in a vulnerable situation**
Action 3 – Promotion of European Higher Type of activities:

- Funding for « Attractiveness projects » (including internationalisation of *Erasmus Thematic Networks*)
- Grants for the promotion of Erasmus Mundus by National Structures (restricted Calls)
- Studies, Calls for Tender (e.g. Quality Assurance for Masters Courses, Cluster meetings, etc.)
- Support to the **EM Alumni Association** activities

No open call for proposals in 2009!
The Application and selection procedure

Implementation Principles

• **Programme Guide** + Annual Calls for Proposals

• **Action 1:**
  1. Selection of Joint Programmes assisted by high-level *Selection Board*,
  2. Selection of students and doctoral candidates by consortia

• **Action 2:**
  1. External action decision making procedures apply,
  2. Selection of students by partnerships, role of EU Delegations and Third Country Authorities

• Strong support role of **Erasmus Mundus National Structures**
The Application and selection procedure

Involvement of a variety of actors

- The Executive Agency checks eligibility and selection criteria
- The EM National Structures check eligibility of
  - European HEIs without an ERASMUS Charter
  - Recognition status of degrees awarded in the context of “Action 1 - Joint Programmes”
- The EU Delegations in third countries
  - check the eligibility status of the third country HEIs involved (in Action 1 and 2 proposals)
  - Assess the relevance of the proposals in accordance with the regional priorities
- Independent Experts assess the quality of the proposal in relation with the award criteria
The Application and selection procedure

Peer Review

- Proposal assessed by independent experts
  - Selected from the Agency’s *Call for expression of Interest*
  - Two individual assessments followed by a “reconciliation” (/joint/consolidated assessment) and, if divergence between the two experts, the involvement of a third expert
  - Experts’ expertise in international cooperation in HE +
    - Thematic for “Action 1 - Joint Programmes” (experience in assessment of RTD FP projects for joint doctoral programmes)
      - Geographic for Action 2 - Partnerships” (involvement of experts from the target countries)
  - Selection Board composed of high level academic authorities to assist in the selection of “Action 1 - Joint programmes”
The Application and selection procedure

Transparent and Objective

• Proposals assessment based exclusively on the selection and award criteria (eligibility and exclusion criteria must be fulfilled in order for the proposal to be assessed)

• Experts Assessment Manual published on the Agency website prior to the experts’ panel

• Communication of assessment results and experts comments to all applicants
The Application and selection procedure

Phase 1

Students

Consortium / Partnership

Expert 1

Expert 2

Experts’ Panel

Selection Decision / Contractualisation

Receive application

Process / check eligibility

Phase 1

Joint Programme / Partnership Promotion

Applicant

Partners
The Application and selection procedure

Phase 2
Students

Consortium / Partnership

Scholarship application

Select Student Applications

Informs and funds (via the consortium)

Start Study / Research / cooperation activities

Action 1
Process / Check eligibility
Approve selection Award scholarships
Process / Check eligibility

Action 2

Action 2

Check eligibility

Process / Check eligibility

Scholarship application

Applicant

Partners
Erasmus Mundus: Several teams at your service

- The Executive Agency for Education, Culture and Audiovisual
  - EACEA-Erasmus-Mundus@ec.europa.eu
  - EACEA-EM-EXTCOOP

- The European Commission
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  - EuropAid Cooperation Office
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- The Erasmus Mundus National Structures

- The European Commission’s Delegations