

CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EAC/04/09**ERASMUS MUNDUS 2009-2013****Action I — Joint Programmes**

(2009/C 33/06)

1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The Erasmus Mundus programme's overall aim is to promote European higher education, to help improve and enhance the career prospects of students and to promote intercultural understanding through cooperation with Third Countries, in accordance with EU external policy objectives in order to contribute to the sustainable development of Third Countries in the field of higher education.

To attain these objectives this call for proposals targets the following activities:

Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

This action that aims at fostering cooperation between higher education institutions and academic staff in Europe and Third Countries with a view to creating poles of excellence and providing highly trained human resources is composed of two sub-actions.

- *Action 1A* — Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMCs), and
- *Action 1B* — The Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)

whose aim is to support postgraduate programmes of outstanding academic quality, jointly developed by consortia of European and, where relevant, Third-Country Universities and that could contribute to the increased visibility and attractiveness of the European Higher Education sector. Such joint programmes must involve mobility between the consortia Universities and lead to the award of recognised joint, double or multiple degrees.

For further information please go to the Erasmus Mundus Programme Guide 2009-2013 on:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/mundus/index.htm>

2. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION

The conditions applicable to eligible participants and to the composition of the consortium are specified in the Programme Guide under Sections 4.2.1 for Action 1A and 5.2.1 for Action 1B.

3. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible activities are specified in the Programme Guide under Sections 4.2.2 for Action 1A and 5.2.2 for Action 1B.

No thematic priorities have been identified for this call.

4. AWARD CRITERIA

Award criteria are specified in the Programme Guide under Sections 4.3 for Action 1A and 5.3 for Action 1B.

5. BUDGET

Action 1 (A and B): This call for proposals has no direct budgetary impact in 2009. It aims at selecting

- for Action 1A: at least 15 new proposals and up to 36 renewal proposals,
- for Action 1B: 10 new proposals.

For each of the selected proposals, a five year Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) will be issued in the summer of 2009. These FPA's will give rise to the award of annual Specific Grant Agreements starting from the academic year 2010/2011 which will include on the one hand a financial support to the consortia implementing the joint programmes and on the other a yearly defined number of individual scholarships for European and Third-Country students, doctoral candidates and scholars.

6. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The submission deadline for the Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (Action 1A) and Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate Programme (Action 1B) is set for the **30 April 2009**.

In order to facilitate the identification of experts with the relevant academic and research expertise, applicants for **Action 1B — Joint Doctorate Programmes** are invited to submit a short description of the joint programme (one page maximum including the title, field/area(s) covered, core partners and short summary of the programme structure and key features) preferably one month in advance of the above mentioned deadline (i.e. **by 31 March 2009**). A template of this summary sheet with the corresponding submission procedure can be downloaded from the following address:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/mundus/index.htm>

The grant application shall be sent to the following address:

'Education, Audiovisual and Culture' Executive Agency
Call for proposals EAC/.../...
Att. Mr Joachim Fronia
BOUR 00.37
Avenue du Bourget 1
B-1040 Brussels

Only applications submitted by the deadline and in accordance with the requirements specified on the form will be accepted. Applications submitted by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

7. DETAILED INFORMATION

The Erasmus Mundus Programme Guide and the relevant application forms are available at the following address:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/mundus/index.htm>
