

ANNEX 4

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1 PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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	Title of proposal	Euro-Russian Academic Network Plus (ERANET Plus)	
		Name of organisation	Country
	Applicant	University of Barcelona	Spain
	Co-coordinator	Saint Petersburg State University	Russia
	Partner 1	Universitat Politècnica de Barcelona	Spain
	Partner 2	Friedrich Schiller University of Jena	Germany
	Partner 3	Slovak Agricultural University in Nitra	Slovakia
	Partner 4	University of Poitiers	France
	Partner 5	University of Duisburg-Essen	Germany
	Partner 6	University of Siena	Italy
	Partner 7	Radboud University Nijmegen	The Netherlands
	Partner 8	Jagiellonian University in Krakow	Poland
	Partner 9	University of Glasgow	United Kingdom
	Partner 10	University of Granada	Spain
	Partner 11	Lomonosov Moscow State University	Russia
	Partner 12	South Ural State University	Russia
	Partner 13	Saint Petersburg State University	Russia
	Partner 14	Siberian Federal University	Russia
	Partner 15	Russian State Hydrometeorological University	Russia
	Partner 16	Demidov Yaroslavl State University	Russia
	Partner 17	Pskov State Pedagogical University	Russia
	Partner 18	Lobachensky Nizhny Novgorod State University	Russia
	Partner 19	Moskow Linguistic State University	Russia
	Associate 1	National Accreditation Agency Russia	Russia
	Associate 2	Russian Geographical Society, Committee for Nature Preservation, St. Petersburg Branch	Russia
	Associate 3	Instituto Superior del Medio Ambiente	Spain
	Associate 4	Catalan University Quality Assurance	Spain

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	Countries targeted	Spain, Germany, Slovakia, France, Italy, The Netherlands , Poland, United Kingdom, and Russia	
	Project duration (months)	48 months	
	Amount requested (EUR)	2.556.175 €	
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	<p>Project objective:</p> <p>The Euro-Russian Academic Network Plus (ERANET Plus¹) proposal is built upon the solid foundation of the ERANET-MUNDUS2 project. Selected by the EACEA in 2011 as an Action 2 mobility project with Russia, ERANET Plus expands upon the experience gained through this past project during which the consortium acquired international experience and overcame various obstacles. Best practices will form an integral part of ERANET Plus with all of the members of the consortium contributing their knowledge and know-how to ensure the success of this new project.</p> <p>The ERANET Plus project has expanded the size of the consortium of the previous project, adding an additional European HEI and another Russian HEI to the highly skilled Russian institutions already participating. This larger consortium will serve to continue fostering and encouraging cooperation among the institutions, which also belong to the well-established International Research Universities Network (IRUN). Furthermore, this new project will generate mutual enrichment and intercultural understanding among the people participating in the project, including the recipients of scholarships, who will be able to diffuse their experiences to society as a whole upon their return. The European and Russian universities in the partnership are well recognised for the quality of their research and their high standards in education and all the members already have an extraordinary wealth of experience in international projects. The combination of the high quality network that is IRUN and its Russian counterparts strengthens the ties within an already highly successful project, providing the opportunity for growth upon a solid foundation and resulting in an international network that will contribute its expertise towards the creation of a broader structure and a stable mobility scheme between Europe and Russia, in addition to establishing a solid framework for future collaborations.</p> <p>To involve more staff in mobility programmes, special pamphlets and info days will be created to inform the staff of the possibilities of doing research at a more international level. Another initiative will concern further involving both associates of the programme and other associates in HEIs who are not direct members of the programme in reaching TG3s. TG3s are defined as people who without these scholarships would not be able to study, who use scholarships as a means to survive and to attain educational levels that would be impossible without assistance, who can provide evidence of using other scholarships to continue their studies, and who due to</p>		

¹ The project was formerly called ERANET II. The decision was taken at an S&RG meeting by all the partners present to change the name to ERANET Plus.

² ERANET-MUNDUS: EMA2-STRAND1 with Russia Lot 6 call 2011 (SI-L06)

academic merit deserve the opportunity to study or do research.

One of the primary objectives of this new ERANET Plus project is to create stability and continuity in the partnership by increasing the mobility of the three cohorts (1st cohort ratio 29%, 2nd 33%, and 3rd 38%, a slightly increasing curve), as opposed to the previous project (decreasing curve). ERANET Plus will be organised to consolidate economic efforts by scheduling events that will coincide with the meetings already scheduled for the ERANET-MUNDUS project. Furthermore, the plan is to consolidate the Russian collaboration by unifying the call for applications, thereby simultaneously promoting both projects (joining efforts and merging resources). The core idea is to gain human resources and save money and time. This ERANET Plus project can build on the experience in promotion gained during the first call for applications in the previous project, which was very successful and received an overwhelming number of candidates. The consortium has decided to use both projects to reach out even further and to optimise efforts by promoting the two projects at the same time.

The principal goals are:

- To create lasting associations between Russian HEIs and the European HEIs, providing each institution the experience of the European model and guidance on how to develop new standards.
- To construct a stable mobility between Europe and Russia and to develop a solid framework for future collaborations.
- To meet the disciplinary requirements of interdisciplinary research such as natural sciences, geography and geology, economics and social sciences, culture, language and philology, engineering and technology.
- Promote bridges for scientist investigating Environmental Sustainability on Climate Change, promote awareness of the problematic of these rapid changes, and provide a support to develop new networks related to this issue.
- To create a bridge for an international cooperation in civil rights and citizenship, in sustainable development and in safety based on an economy and a society more ecological motivated.
- To promote awareness of the cultural and linguistic diversity that will guaranty an intercultural education, find a remedy to the problematic language accreditation system in Russia.
- To train new generations of teachers, doctors, researchers, and professors with a wide range of languages and broader cultural awareness.

The specific objectives of the ERANET Plus project are:

- To improve the requirements of teaching staff and young researchers to facilitate the transfer of information and any modern research methodology.
- To disseminate the results and achievements of this cooperation among higher education institutions.
- To further development a high quality educational system.
- To apply a system of credit recognition according to ECTS and to develop joint and double degree programs between the European and Russian universities.
- To integrate other HEIs in remote areas into the international scientific community.
- Find equilibrium on mobility of all the fields of studies, even if there are two main focuses on research on Climate Change and Linguistic development of professors and researchers, no special attention will be given to people related to this field to ensure equal opportunity and fairness on the mobility assignment. The proposed mobility activities will be implemented maintaining an effective balance between all project partners.
- Create strong bonds among the doctoral studies and also among doctoral students and researchers.
- Help improve the networks for scientist teams to consolidate acquaintances.

The ERANET Plus will take advantage of the new added option of creating a Third Country Co-

	<p>coordinator (Saint Petersburg State University) to create a bridge among all the Russian HEIs, the idea is to provide access support for application to TG2 and TG3, help on assessing for applications, and provide an easy access for language accreditation. The Co-coordinator will be in constant contact with the coordinator and provide support for any issue that may rise in the Russian HEIs. The two Russian institutions on the Executive and Communication Group will act as home institutions in the rating procedure for TG2 and TG3 candidates, coordinated by the Third Country co-coordinator which will also act as a home institution for these target groups when needed.</p>
	<p>Brief description:</p> <p>The project proposal, coordinated by the University of Barcelona, is integrated by ten European institutions, ten Russian institutions and 5 associated partners, reaching the maximum allowed by the agency. Key to this proposal is the successful cooperation and participation of all partners as a solid and coherent working group.</p> <p>This project intent to meet the number and mobility level requirements indicated by the call. The proposed number of mobility flows is 160, thus well above the minimum of 150 established in the call proposal 2012. The percentage of mobility levels proposed matches the recommendations. The figures for the distribution of mobility flows according to Target Groups also meet the recommendations outlined in the call.</p> <p>The total percentage of the TG1 will be 65% counting for 104 of the scholarships awarded, and the TG2 will account for a 26% or 41 scholarships, TG3 will include 9% of the total amount of scholarships which will account for 15 scholarships awarded in the call. Although a general average of 27 % European scholarships and 73 % Russians is considered, the mobility flows may be altered to reflect applications demands; nevertheless the restrictions of the Call proposal will be ensured at all times.</p> <p>To ensure smooth organisation of mobility flows and effective management of the partnership, the consortium will integrate the following working groups: Plenary Group, Executive Group, Selection and Recognition Group, Quality and Sustainability Group, Environmental Sustainability on Climate Change Group, and Language Group. The proposed activities will be implemented maintaining an effective balance between all project partners.</p> <p>The ERANET Plus project wishes to promote a flexible mobility structure focusing on the demand for specific subject areas. Therefore, all fields of study are covered: Agriculture Sciences; Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning; Art and Design; Business Studies, Management Science; Education, Teacher Training; Engineering, Technology; Geography, Geology; Humanities; Languages and Philology; Law; Mathematics, Informatics; Medical Sciences; Natural Sciences; Social Sciences; Communication and Information Science; and Other areas of study. The diversity of languages, areas of study and cultures covered by the proposal is the cornerstone of this project, as it will provide a cornerstone to the involvement of the grand holders.</p> <p>The project wants to promote exchange programmes between Russian and European universities through bilateral mobility or placement agreements; as well as to encourage the integration of programmes in their HEIS of a large degree of fields of study, one method to establish this is through academic recognition procedures and equivalence tables.</p> <p>The ERANET-MUNDUS previous experiences have provided this new project with advantages on the implementation of the mobility, on the selection criteria, and have developed a collaboration regarding the Bologna system. Some advantages are, a tailored mobility flow based on the figures extracted by the first cohort of the prior project, and the international gained experience that each institution has acquired. These mobility flow rates were discussed and agreed by meeting of the selection and recognition group meeting.</p> <p>The ERANET Plus project proposal envisages the creation of the appropriate channels for the</p>

preparation and international dissemination of scientific and academic research results. The network collaboration will help to make research results more widely available to all HEIs in the project and will improve the general output of higher education institutions in Europe and Russia. These outcomes will be achieved through the promotion of partners' academic and scientific achievements and activities such as academic and research results, seminars, summer schools, conferences and working group results via the various networks.

The project wants to achieve the establishment and development of students and teachers exchange programmes between Russian and European HEIs through bilateral mobility or placement agreements, it also encourages the development of Bachelor's, Master's and Graduate programmes in various fields of study, establishing academic recognition procedures and equivalence tables for future collaborations, and to provide examples of best practices and experiences in the European Higher Education Area. One objective to promote the implementation of double-degree or joint-degree programmes, international postdoctoral fellowships, international placement programmes, collaborative research and co-supervision of doctoral theses between partner universities.

A large number of the Universities of the consortium have expenses for post-doctorate staff, such as: laboratory equipment and material, special office material fees, special equipment fees and expenses. That is the reason that the consortium agreed to incorporate in the budget the special payment for specialized post-doctoral fees.

Mobility Flow:
(please fill in the tables below in accordance with the concerned lot provision as indicated in the Programme Guide and Guidelines to the Call for proposals)

Type of Mobility	Outgoing		Third country ³	Incoming			TOTAL
	Europeans			Third-Country nationals			
	Target Group 1	Target Group 2		Target Group 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3	
Undergraduates ⁴	10	0	RS	21	0	14	45
Masters	6	6	RS	16	11	1	40
Doctorates	4	5	RS	12	11	0	32
Post-doctorates	3	2	RS	7	6	0	18
Academic staff	7	0	RS	18	0	0	25
TOTAL	30	13	RS	74	28	15	160

Third country	Undergraduates	Masters	Doctorates	Post-doctorates	Staff	TOTAL
RS	35	28	23	13	18	117
TOTAL	35	28	23	13	18	117

³ Please insert the appropriate country code as indicated in the list of codes in annex 7 of this application form

⁴ Undergraduates mobility is covered only under EM A2 Strand 1 and not under EM A2 Strand 2 (please delete the row accordingly)