

ANNEX 4

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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| For Office Use only: - Project Reference | <i>To be filled only by the Agency</i> _____ |
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| | Title of proposal | Aurora – Towards Modern and Innovative Higher Education | |
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| | | Name of organisation | Country |
| | Applicant | University of Turku | Finland |
| | Co-coordinator | Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 1 | University of Bologna | Italy |
| | Partner 2 | University of Deusto | Spain |
| | Partner 3 | University of Groningen | The Netherlands |
| | Partner 4 | Humboldt University Berlin | Germany |
| | Partner 5 | University of Latvia | Latvia |
| | Partner 6 | University of Leuven | Belgium |
| | Partner 7 | Masaryk University | Czech Republic |
| | Partner 8 | University of Tartu | Estonia |
| | Partner 9 | University of Warsaw | Poland |
| | Partner 10 | Higher School of Economics | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 11 | Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 12 | Northern (Arctic) Federal University | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 13 | North-Ossetian State University | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 14 | Novosibirsk State Technical University | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 15 | Pacific National University | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 16 | Russian State University of Humanities | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 17 | St. Petersburg State University of Economics and Finance | Russian Federation |
| | Partner 18 | Udmurt State University | Russian Federation |

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| | Associate 1 | Association of the Classical Universities in Russia | Russian Federation |
| | Associate 2 | Baltic Sea Region University Network | Latvia |
| | Associate 3 | Hospital Clowns | Russian Federation |
| | Associate 4 | Kaliningrad Chamber of Commerce and Industry | Russian Federation |
| | Associate 5 | National Center of Public Accreditation | Russian Federation |
| | Associate 6 | Rectors' Conference of Siberian Federal Region | Russian Federation |
| | Associate 7 | The Council of Rectors of HEIs of the Volga Federal Region | Russian Federation |
| | Associate 8 | Russian Union of the Industrialists and Entrepreneurs | Russian Federation |
| | Countries targeted | Finland, Italy, Spain, Germany, The Netherlands, Latvia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, Poland, Russia | |
| Project duration (months) | | 48 months | |
| Amount requested (EUR) | | 3 749 375 € | |
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| Project objective: | | | |
| <p>The proposal <i>Aurora – Towards Modern and Innovative Higher Education</i> aims at promoting university-business cooperation in the Consortium. Proposal builds on an agenda of higher education institutions and business benefiting from working together. In this context, universities need to develop partnerships with enterprises in order to be able to respond better on the demands of markets. Aurora develops management capacity of Partner Universities e.g. sharing good practices on mobility and mobility administration; creating transparent, democratic and open administration processes that enhance mutual responsibility and accountability in the decision-making processes; and improving transparency and recognition of studies and qualifications. For the participating institutions Aurora will include increased capacity for international cooperation and modernisation; transfer and sharing of knowledge and innovations between education institutions and business; foster universities' role in regional economy; long-term partnerships and profitable opportunities.</p> <p>Aurora's impact on participating institutions, especially Russian universities, and individual grantees is comprehensive. In institutional level, Aurora gives incentive for university education to respond to the rapidly changing demands of economy, contributing of democratic development and good governance and aims at breaking cultural obstacles of universities through cross-border exchange of experts between universities and business. Students and staff participating in mobility scheme gain international experience that allows them not only develop professionally but also adapt global awareness and soft values. Besides individuals participating in mobility scheme, non-mobile students benefit from e.g. expertise of visiting lecturers and intercultural communication at home</p> | | | |

campuses. Experiences of individual grantees contribute to institutional development: Host Universities benefit academically from exchange of experience and good practises in pedagogy and research. In addition, Host and Home Universities receive new ideas on how to broaden the curricula and courses offered for students. Faculties/departments at Host Universities adapt their procedures to accommodate an increasing flow of foreign students, developing new courses ministered in English and/or adapting existing courses to allow for tutoring and evaluation in English when appropriate, even when teaching is given in a local language. These results contribute to the development of both Home and Host Universities: experiences of grant holders lead to higher degree of innovation in teaching and research and increase international cooperation capacity on personal and institutional level.

Brief description:

Aurora recognizes the importance of the interaction between higher education and the labour market and surrounding society, in order to promote knowledge transfer and graduates' employability. In order to develop, societies require individuals capable of producing new knowledge, new ideas and insights instead of re-producing already existing knowledge and procedures. Higher education does not in itself produce expertise – it however builds capacity for individuals to become experts in their field. In the process of education, talented individuals acquire the capacity to develop transferable skills such as theoretical knowledge, critical thinking and research capacity, which are essential prerequisites in the development of expertise.

The theme of the Consortium is *University-Business Cooperation*. Aurora aims at opening a continuous dialogue between Europe and Russian in the field of university and business. It promotes knowledge transfer between universities and entrepreneurs by creating framework for partnership, joint projects and exchange of people.

Mobility scheme consists of 236 grantees. Of these grant holders 70 % represent Russia. Partner universities' students and staff represent 52 % of the mobilities. The Consortium aims at sustainable cooperation by emphasising doctorate, post-doctorate and staff mobilities. These mobilities represent nearly 52% of the total mobility flow. Researchers, teachers and administrative staff contributes to the development of joint research projects and promotes exchange of experience in innovations, business, and educational methods and practices.

Aurora mobility scheme is based on free mobility. This means that applicants to the mobility scheme in all target groups can apply freely to any European/Russian partner university of their interest. Free mobility and lack of pre-assigned mobility quotas allow the mobilities to be chosen on academic criteria. The thematic expertise of each partner can be fully appreciated and the interests of the applicants served. The Consortium aims at multilateral mobility flows that arise from academic interest.

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 ¹ | Incoming | | | TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------|
| | Europeans | | | Third-Country nationals | | | |
| | Target Group 1 | Target Group 2 | | Target Group 1 | Target Group 2 | Target Group 3 | |
| Undergraduates ² | 15 | - | Russia | 43 | | 1 | 59 |
| Masters | 5 | 15 | | 8 | 25 | 2 | 55 |
| Doctorates | 5 | 9 | | 7 | 31 | 1 | 53 |

¹ Please insert the appropriate country code as indicated in the list of codes in annex 7 of this application form

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

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| Post-doctorates | 2 | 6 | | 6 | 8 | 1 | 23 |
| Academic staff | 10 | 3 | | 23 | 10 | - | 46 |
| TOTAL | 37 | 33 | | 87 | 74 | 5 | 236 |

| Third country | Undergraduates | Masters | Doctorates | Post-doctorates | Staff | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Russia | 44 | 35 | 39 | 15 | 33 | 166 |
| TOTAL | 44 | 35 | 39 | 15 | 33 | 166 |