

## ANNEX 4

### Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1

### PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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	Title of proposal	<b>JoinEU-SEE IV – Scholarship scheme for academic exchange between EU and Western Balkan countries</b> <b>Lot 6 – <a href="http://www.joineusee.eu">www.joineusee.eu</a></b>	
		Name of organisation	Country
	Applicant	University of Graz	Austria
	Co-coordinator	University of Sarajevo	Bosnia & Herzegovina
	Partner 1	Aarhus University	Denmark
	Partner 2	Cardiff Metropolitan University	United Kingdom
	Partner 3	Freie Universität Berlin	Germany
	Partner 4	Masaryk University	Czech Republic
	Partner 5	University of Antwerp	Belgium
	Partner 6	University of Bologna	Italy
	Partner 7	University of Granada	Spain
	Partner 8	University of Maribor	Slovenia
	Partner 9	University of Montpellier 2	France
	Partner 10	Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje	FYR of Macedonia
	Partner 11	University of Banja Luka	Bosnia & Herzegovina
	Partner 12	University of Belgrade	Serbia
	Partner 13	University of Montenegro	Montenegro
	Partner 14	University of Mostar	Bosnia & Herzegovina
	Partner 15	University of Novi Sad	Serbia
	Partner 16	University of Prishtina	Kosovo
	Partner 17	University of Tirana	Albania
	Partner 18	University of Tuzla	Bosnia & Herzegovina
	Associate 1	International Network of Albanian Student Associations	Albania
	Associate 2	Instituto per l'Europa Centro Orientale e Balcanica	Italy
	Associate 3	Kosova Academic Services	Kosovo
	Associate 4	World University Service Austria	Austria
	Countries targeted	Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo (as defined under UNSCR 1244/99) and Serbia	
	Project duration	48 months	
	Amount requested (EUR)	€ 4.000.000	

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**Project objective:**

The present proposal aims at enhancing the **international cooperation capacity** of Western Balkan universities by sharing good practice and knowledge in the organization of a mobility scheme for student and staff for the purpose of studying, teaching, training and research. It wants to facilitate the **transfer of know-how and innovation** gathered by European universities within their transnational cooperation activities and the Bologna process.

The JoinEU-SEE consortium aims at developing a strong and sustainable cooperation network supporting and fostering the development of a knowledge society and mutual understanding. The enhancement of academic and administrative cooperation between the participating universities and the realisation of mutual know-how-transfer, expertise and methods for mobility of students and staff strongly foster **capacity building and international institutional networking**.

This knowledge and expertise can be drawn on as a means of furthering sustainable development and progress in the area of higher education teaching and learning as well as for **strengthening the management capacity of HEIs in the region** covered by Lot 6.

The exchange of students, researchers and teachers between EU universities and universities from the third countries strongly contributes to the overall aim of the ERASMUS Mundus Partnership programme by fostering the **mutual enrichment** and **better understanding** between the EU and Western Balkan countries. It improves mutual understanding not only in academic but also in political, cultural, educational and economic matters by giving scholars the opportunity to live and learn in an international environment.

**Brief description:**

The exchange programme developed by the consortium composed of the above mentioned partners offers a wide choice of thematic study fields and provides opportunities for undergraduates, masters, doctorates, post-doctorates and staff to obtain further qualifications in their specific academic fields. The consortium selects the students and staff to be granted a scholarship in the context of the programme from the three target groups according to their academic performance, personal motivation, level of language skills, CV and research/study plans in order to guarantee the academic quality of the programme. Following the completion of the selection procedure, the allocation of scholarships will be carried out at the selection committee meeting according to the following criteria: distribution of scholarships per country, type of mobility, duration and Target Group according to the budget approved by the EACEA;

level of vulnerability (for TG 3); applications from disadvantaged groups will be favored; applicants, who have received an EMA2/EMECW scholarship within a different type of mobility in the past, will not be favored; ranking result; fair distribution of host universities; balance of fields of study; gender balance; commitment to contribute to the network of the consortium and to prevent brain drain.

The duration of mobility funded within the programme ranges from one month for academic and administrative staff to the duration of a full master or doctorate study programme. Upon completion of their study period within JoinEU-SEE, the alumni will contribute to the objectives of the programme.

The **institutional cooperation** which has been built up between the consortium partners within JoinEU-SEE in the course of the last years will serve as a solid foundation for any activities relating to the implementation, management and administrative coordination of the present proposal. The cooperation network will be further strengthened and will function as a launching pad for further cooperation activities between the partners in the areas of internationalization in general and mobility in particular.

In addition, the JoinEU-SEE consortium wants to strengthen cooperative ties not only between the partner institutions but also beyond, i.e. between the EU and the third-country region as a whole, in order to make project activities and the ensuing procedures sustainable. The partnership aims to make available to the region its jointly gained knowledge and expertise as well as JoinEU-SEE procedures and tools which have been shown to be successful for the needs of the target region. The stability the JoinEU-SEE consortium has gained over the last years will be an essential factor in the efficient transfer of expertise as the **partner institutions from the Western Balkan region will act as multipliers for passing on information and involving a wider group of stakeholders including non-partner HEIs in their countries**. With the aim of fostering this sharing of information within the region the JoinEU-SEE consortium has decided to offer 28% of the budgeted scholarships to applicants in target group 2. **Increased involvement of non-partner HEIs** through the allocation of a larger percentage of scholarships to target group 2 applicants will help to cultivate the notion of internationalization of higher education in the whole Western Balkan region.

International mobility for students and staff, academic as well as administrative, increases academic competencies but also language skills as well as social and intercultural competencies. An academic experience in an international context will not only increase the open-mindedness of mobile individuals and their competitiveness on the labour market, it will also have an impact in a wider scope as it will help to **develop and strengthen the higher education teaching and learning capacity** at Western Balkan universities. The internationalisation of the Higher Education Area in the third countries through incoming and outgoing mobility of students, researchers and teachers increases the attractiveness of the location. It thus helps to prevent brain drain and consequently leads to a high standard of higher education teaching and learning.

More information is available at [www.joineusee.eu](http://www.joineusee.eu)

Mobility Flow:							
Type of Mobility	Outgoing		Third country <sup>1</sup>	Incoming			TOTAL
	Europeans			Third-Country nationals			
	Target Group 1	Target Group 2		Target Group 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3	
<b>Undergraduates</b>	22	0	AL	7	-	1	82
			BA	14	-	1	
			MK	7	-	1	
			Kosovo	7	-	1	
			ME	7	-	1	
			RS	12	-	1	
<b>Masters</b>	20	6	AL	5	4	0	93
			BA	8	7	1	
			MK	5	4	0	
			Kosovo	5	4	1	
			ME	5	4	0	
			RS	8	6	0	
<b>Doctorates</b>	8	2	AL	2	2	0	40
			BA	5	2	0	
			MK	2	2	0	
			Kosovo	2	2	0	
			ME	2	2	0	
			RS	5	2	0	
<b>Post-doctorates</b>	3	1	AL	1	1	0	14
			BA	1	0	0	
			MK	1	1	0	
			Kosovo	1	1	0	
			ME	1	1	0	
			RS	1	0	0	
<b>Staff</b>	7	3	AL	1	3	0	38
			BA	4	3	0	
			MK	1	3	0	
			Kosovo	1	3	0	
			ME	1	3	0	
			RS	2	3	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>124</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>267</b>

Third country	Undergraduates	Masters	Doctorates	Post-doctorates	Staff	TOTAL
Albania	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>46</b>
FYR of Macedonia	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>
Kosovo	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>
Montenegro	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>
Serbia	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>60</u></b>	<b><u>67</u></b>	<b><u>30</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>	<b><u>195</u></b>

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