

ANNEX 4

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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Title of proposal	EXPERTS III- Exchange by Promoting Quality Education, Research and Training in South and South-East Asia III	
	Name of organisation	Country
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Co-coordinator		
Partner 1	Katholieke Universiteit Leuven	Belgium
Partner 2	Masaryk University	Czech Republic
Partner 3	Universidad Santiago de Compostela	Spain
Partner 4	Politecnico de Torino	Italy
Partner 5	University of Turku	Finland
Partner 6	Uppsala University	Sweden
Partner 7	Royal University of Bhutan	Bhutan
Partner 8	Kathmandu University	Nepal
Partner 9	Tribhuvan University	Nepal
Partner 10	Khulna University	Bangladesh
Partner 11	University of the Punjab	Pakistan
Partner 12	Pune University	India
Partner 13	Delhi University	India
Partner 14	University of Peradeniya	Sri Lanka
Partner 15	Bogor Agricultural University (IPB Bogor)	Indonesia
Partner 16	Kasetsart University	Thailand
Partner 17	Nanjing University	China
Partner 18	University of Science and Technology of China	China
Partner 19	Visayas State University	The Philippines
Associate 1	The Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)	The Philippines
Associate 2	AGRINATURA	Czech Republic
Associate 3	COIMBRA Group	Belgium
Associate 4	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	India
Associate 5	Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)	Pakistan
Associate 6	Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN)	India
Associate 7	Compostela Group of Universities (CGU)	Spain

Associate 8		Jesuit Refugee Service – Asia Pacific (JRS-AP)	Thailand
Countries targeted		Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand	
Project duration (months)		48	
Amount requested (EUR)		2.499.200 EUR	
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Project objective:			
<p>The overall aim of EXPERTS III- Exchange by Promoting Quality Education, Research and Training in South and South-East Asia III, project is to promote multidisciplinary and multilateral cooperation among the partners in South and South East Asia and EU. It takes into account the objectives (both general and specific) of the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (EMA-2) call and the objectives and expected results of the South and South-East Asian (SSEA) countries as reflected in their national reports on the state and development of education. It aims to facilitate the new collaborations between Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from the least developed countries in South and Southeast Asia and EU, and also to reinforce the existing cooperation in the region by exchanging information in science and policy issues while sharing key issues of sustainable development in academic cooperation. The project will establish an innovative framework for capacity development of junior faculty staff, undergraduates, postgraduates, and postdoc researchers through training and upgrading their skills in specified fields of study through a scheme of structured mobility between 7 EU partners and 13 universities in South and Southeast Asia (SSEA) from 10 countries.</p> <p>The main objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build on the experience and existing cooperation of the EXPERTS consortium establishing sustainable cooperation among the partners from both SSEA and EU in high quality research and education • To enhance the international cooperation capacity of the participating institutions from SSEA by transferring and sharing know-how and best practices, administrative capacities, and training the next generation of researchers and academic staff, • To exchange ideas, views and knowledge among the partners from both SSEA and EU thus creating opportunities for enhanced communication, collaboration, cultural awareness, and understanding the roles of HEIs, • To promote EU Higher Education Systems in the participating third countries, in particular to enhance the attractiveness of European higher education in the region, • To promote cooperation between sending and hosting institutions- with the goal to increase the compatibility of Higher Education Systems in the EU and Asia and their joint efforts in partnership by facilitating transfer of know-how and good practices, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ planning of sustainable cooperation, ▪ organization of annual consortium meetings, ▪ training in emerging practices and methodologies in research and teaching, 			

- preparation of information and dissemination events,
 - preparation of dissemination materials (leaflets, publications, etc),
 - development of a website,
 - Implementation of an extensive partnership agreement with equal rights and obligations for all partners, development of internal quality tools based on evaluation reports and other indicators,
 - Developing joint supervision for PhD.
 - Interacting with other Erasmus Mundus Action 2- consortium in the region/ working with non-university partners
- At content level, special emphasis in the EXPERTS project is given to research and cooperation and to the development of collaborative research initiatives and business opportunities through joint research initiatives in the priority field areas for Lot 12 with special emphasis on engineering and technology, agricultural sciences, environmental studies, business-management and social sciences. In the long run joint study programs shall be developed and implemented.

At PhD and postdoc level priority will be given to the joint development of innovative and high quality research proposals relevant to the region. Half of academic mobilities will be given to staff from international relations offices to train them in internationalization.

Brief description:

This project places an emphasis on research and cooperation, establishing collaborative framework for human resource development through training and upgrading the skills of junior faculty staff, undergraduates, postgraduates and postdoc researchers by specified learning objectives in the field of engineering and technology, agricultural sciences, environmental studies, business-management and social sciences. The implementation of individual mobilities, with special emphasis to research initiatives, will provide students from SSEA regions with mobility for a broader choice of opportunities for study experience in EU higher education institutions. We anticipate to further strengthen our cooperation and to develop new areas of cooperation in harmonizing innovative research as well as continuous actions for transparency and comparability between the different HE systems in EU and SSEA countries under EM Action 2. By applying ECTS standards to the exchanges, the transparency and recognition of studies and qualifications will be improved and the know-how on the Bologna process disseminated.

The consortium has chosen to include 4 countries from group A (Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan) and 6 countries from group B (China, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Thailand). All together, the consortium consists of 13 universities from SSEA and 7 universities from EU allowing the coverage of as many subject areas as possible. The associates are chosen as they are the network of universities (such as in Asia- SEARCA and in Europe: COIMBRA Group, Compostela Group of Universities, AGRINATURA), which ensure the effective dissemination of information about the project.

The sustainability of the results and the dissemination of the expertise gained by the full-scale long-term network cooperation between the European and the Asian partners reaching also beyond the scholarship offered will bring new collaborative research initiatives and will create an opportunity for joint degree programs between EU and SSEA partners. Dissemination and promotion of the project will be done strategically so that we can attract talented Asian students (undergraduates, master and PhD) to be the future leaders for better academic leadership and good governance in their respective countries. The participating institutions in the region will also work more closely with TG 2 universities to bring them into the idea of the EXPERTS III project and to make them familiar with the "Bologna Process" as well. All partners have very strong commitment to the project's objectives and proven high operational and academic capacity.

Total of 133 mobility flows are planned. 27 undergraduates (20%), 36 Master (27%), 26 Doctorate (20%), 18 Post-docs (13%), and 26 staff Mobilities (20%) from which half will be for academic staff and half for personnel related to the internationalization process and institutional building of the universities to learn techniques about the management and administration with reference to the international realm at the EU higher education institutions.

Mobility Flow:

Type of Mobility	Third country	Incoming			TOTAL	Distribution per Mobility type (%)
		Third-Country nationals				
		Target Group 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3		
Undergraduates	<i>BD</i>	2			2	27 (20.3%)
	<i>BT</i>	4			4	
	<i>NP</i>	4			4	
	<i>PK</i>	2			2	
	<i>CN</i>	4			4	
	<i>IN</i>	2			2	
	<i>ID</i>	3			3	
	<i>PH</i>	2			2	
	<i>LK</i>	2			2	
	<i>TH</i>	2			2	
Masters	<i>BD</i>	2	1		3	36 (27.0%)
	<i>BT</i>	3	1	1	5	
	<i>NP</i>	3	1		4	
	<i>PK</i>	2	1	1	4	
	<i>CN</i>	3	1		4	
	<i>IN</i>	3	1		4	
	<i>ID</i>	2			2	
	<i>PH</i>	2	1		3	
	<i>LK</i>	2		1	3	
	<i>TH</i>	2	1	1	4	
Doctorates	<i>BD</i>	2	1		3	26 (19.6%)
	<i>BT</i>	1			1	
	<i>NP</i>	2	1		3	
	<i>PK</i>	2	1	1	4	
	<i>CN</i>	3			3	
	<i>IN</i>	3	1	1	5	
	<i>ID</i>	1			1	
	<i>PH</i>	1	1		2	
	<i>LK</i>	1	1		2	
	<i>TH</i>	2			2	
Post-doctorates	<i>BD</i>	1	1		2	18 (13.5%)
	<i>BT</i>					
	<i>NP</i>	2			2	
	<i>PK</i>	1			1	
	<i>CN</i>	2	1		3	
	<i>IN</i>	1	1		2	
	<i>ID</i>	2	1		3	
	<i>PH</i>	2			2	
	<i>LK</i>	2			2	
	<i>TH</i>	1			1	

Type of Mobility	Third country	Incoming			TOTAL	Distribution per Mobility type (%)
		Third-Country nationals				
		Target Group 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3		
Academic staff	<i>BD</i>	2			2	26 (19.6%)
	<i>BT</i>	1	2		3	
	<i>NP</i>	3			3	
	<i>PK</i>	2			2	
	<i>CN</i>	3	1		4	
	<i>IN</i>	2	2		4	
	<i>ID</i>	2			2	
	<i>PH</i>	1	1		2	
	<i>LK</i>	2			2	
<i>TH</i>	2			2		
TOTAL		103	24	6	133	100

Third country	Undergraduates	Masters	Doctorates	Post-doctorates	Staff	TOTAL
Bangladesh	2	3	3	2	2	12
Bhutan	4	5	1		3	13
Nepal	4	4	3	2	3	16
Pakistan	2	4	4	1	2	13
China	4	4	3	3	4	18
India	2	4	5	2	4	17
Indonesia	3	2	1	3	2	11
The Philippines	2	3	2	2	2	11
Sri Lanka	2	3	2	2	2	11
Thailand	2	4	2	1	2	11
TOTAL	27	36	26	16	26	133