

ANNEX 4

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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Title of proposal	cLINK –centre of excellence for Learning, Innovation, Networking and Knowledge	
	Name of organisation	Country
Applicant	University of Northumbria at Newcastle	UK
Joint Coordinator	United International University	Bangladesh
Partner 1	Staffordshire University	UK
Partner 2	Corvinus University of Budapest	Hungary
Partner 3	Université LUMIERE LYON2	France
Partner 4	Gheorghe Asachi Technical University of Iasi	Romania
Partner 5	University of Bremen	Germany
Partner 6	Royal University Bhutan	Bhutan
Partner 7	Kantipur Engineering College	Nepal
Partner 8	Mohammad Ali Jinnah University	Pakistan
Partner 9	Northeastern University	China
Partner 10	Chiang Mai University	Thailand
Partner 11	University Putra Malaysia	Malaysia
Partner 12	Jadavpur University	India
Countries targeted	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan (Gr. A) China, India, Malaysia, Thailand (Gr. B)	
Project duration (months)	36 Months	
Amount requested (EUR)	€ 2,496,450	
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Project objective:

The overall objectives of the proposal are:

1. To enhance quality of higher education among the participating European and Asian countries through collaboration, exchange and sharing best practices based on current and future needs of the Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs).
2. To promote the European Union as a 'centre of excellence in learning in the participating Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, China, India, Malaysia and Thailand), in order to enhance the visibility and attractiveness of European higher education.
3. To improve education, teaching, research and management capacity in 'Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning (02)', 'Business Studies and Management Science (04)', 'Education and Teacher training (05)', 'Engineering and Technology (06)', and Medical Sciences (12)' in participating institutions.
4. To enhance teaching and research networks between HEIs of Asia and EU for sustainable academic co-operation and collaboration.
5. To raise awareness of opportunities in the higher education sector and develop links that can ultimately lead to mutually beneficial economic co-operation.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To promote the exchange of experience, encourage knowledge sharing, recognition of study/research programmes and reciprocal access to the higher education in the EU and Asia.
2. To understand needs of the partner Asian countries and provide students with the mobility for a broader choice of opportunities for further study experience in the EU institutions.
3. To upgrade and enhance educational qualifications and teaching & research skills through mobility of students, researchers and teaching staff with the provision of high quality home and overseas training and research workshops/conferences.
4. To train future staff in emerging fields, practices and methodologies in both research and teaching.
5. To conduct research on the contemporary issues of the participating countries, particularly the health, green communications, disaster management, cyber security, affective computing, technology-enhanced learning, green energy, etc.
6. To conduct academic staff exchange visits to provide learning opportunities through workshops/conferences, teachers' training programme and summer schools.
7. To enhance already established teaching and research activities (for example, eLearning, distance learning, digital library etc.) to make the programme sustainable for innovation, networking and knowledge sharing.
8. To enhance existing resources and research centres (www.irrc-bd.org) / network (www.epsrham.org.uk) to use as a support for all other partners by sharing teaching and learning materials, research papers, electronic books, videos for conference/workshop etc.
9. To enhance existing teaching and research networks that has been established through previous projects.
10. To develop joint research collaborations to achieve scientific, social and economic benefit for all partners.
11. To disseminate the research outcomes through high quality journal/conference/book publications.
12. Finally, to provide support to the talented Asian students to be the future leaders for better academic leadership and good university governance.

Brief description:

cLINK aims to foster new partnerships of emerging Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, China, India, Malaysia and Thailand) with the EU countries (Germany, Romania, Hungary, France, and UK) to reinforce the existing collaborations developed through the EAST-WEST Asia Link project (TH/Asia Link/004 (91712) and eLINK (EU grant no. 2008-4949). The key objective of the cLINK consortium is to enhance the capacity for international cooperation between universities in the Asian and EU countries by facilitating transfer of people, know-how, culture and best practice in training the next generation of researchers and academic staff.

The cLINK project aims (i) to develop new and enhance existing co-operative teaching links and (ii) to enhance established co-operative research on contemporary technology enhanced solution (for example, ehealth, green technology, cyber security etc.) and (iii) to enhance academic networks between HEIs of Asia and EU for sustainable scientific, social and economic benefit for all partners. cLINK will also form a collaborative framework for human resource development through the training and upgrading of skills of the faculty staff members, undergraduate students, postgraduate students and post-doctoral researchers in 'Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning (02)', 'Business Studies and Management Science (04)', 'Education and Teacher training (05)', 'Engineering and Technology (06)' and 'Medical Sciences (12)' areas. The project will allow the enhancement of the knowledge and skills of teaching staff and students by introducing the latest skills and methods using the information and communications technology. In addition to the selected subjects related the academic activities, cLINK will also include research on contemporary issues of the participating countries, particularly the health, green communications, disaster management, cyber security, green energy and disseminate the research outcomes through high quality publications. This will provide a foundation for fostering new partnerships and reinforcing existing collaborations between Asian and EU universities, which ultimately will lead to mutually beneficial economic co-operation. It will also enhance existing academic (virtual and physical) activities to share resources, exchange ideas, knowledge, views and people. Finally, cLINK will involve the mobility of students, researchers and academic staff between participating institutes for education, research and knowledge transfer with new partnership, contemporary teaching and research needs, new technology enhanced solutions and new experience.

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 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3	
Undergraduates ²		<i>BD</i>	3		1	4
		<i>BT</i>	3		1	4
		<i>NP</i>	3		1	4
		<i>PK</i>	3		1	4

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)

		<i>CN</i>	1		1	2
		<i>IN</i>	1		1	2
		<i>MY</i>	1		1	2
		<i>TH</i>	1		1	2
Masters		<i>BD</i>	2	1	1	4
		<i>BT</i>	2	1	1	4
		<i>NP</i>	2	2	1	5
		<i>PK</i>	2	1	1	4
		<i>CN</i>	1		1	2
		<i>IN</i>	1		1	2
		<i>MY</i>	1		1	2
		<i>TH</i>	1		1	2
Doctorates		<i>BD</i>	3	2	1	6
		<i>BT</i>	0	0	0	0
		<i>NP</i>	1	0	1	2
		<i>PK</i>	3	2	1	6
		<i>CN</i>	2	1		3
		<i>IN</i>	2	1		3
		<i>MY</i>	2	1		3
		<i>TH</i>	2	1		3
Post-doctorates		<i>BD</i>	2	1		3
		<i>BT</i>	0	0		0
		<i>NP</i>	1	0		1
		<i>PK</i>	2	1		3
		<i>CN</i>	1	1		2
		<i>IN</i>	1	1		2
		<i>MY</i>	1	1		2
		<i>TH</i>	1	1		2
Academic staff		<i>BD</i>	5			5
		<i>BT</i>	3			3
		<i>NP</i>	3			3
		<i>PK</i>	3			3
		<i>CN</i>	2			2
		<i>IN</i>	2			2
		<i>MY</i>	2			2
		<i>TH</i>	2			2
TOTAL			74	19	19	112

Third country	Undergraduates	Masters	Doctorates	Post-doctorates	Staff	TOTAL
BD	4	4	6	3	5	22
BT	4	4	0	0	3	11
NP	4	5	2	1	3	15
PK	4	4	6	3	3	20
CN	2	2	3	2	2	11
IN	2	2	3	2	2	11
MY	2	2	3	2	2	11
TH	2	2	3	2	2	11
TOTAL	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>112</u>