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Eastern Partnership Countries Facts and Figures

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Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association

http://www.em-a.eu

The Erasmus Mundus Programme

Launched in 2004, the Erasmus Mundus programme has supported academic cooperation and mobility with partner countries. As of 2014, cooperation with Partner countries in the field of higher education will be supported through the new Erasmus+ programme.

The Erasmus Mundus programme's objective is to promote European higher education, to help improve and enhance the career prospects of students and to promote intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries, in accordance with EU external policy objectives in order to contribute to the sustainable development of third countries in the field of higher education.

It does this through three Actions:

Action 1 – Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes (Masters Courses and Joint Doctorates)

Action 2 – Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (former External Cooperation Window)

Action 3 – Erasmus Mundus Attractiveness projects

Action 1 – Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes: Masters Courses and Joint Doctorates

Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes are operated by consortia of higher education institutions (HEIs) from the EU and (since 2009) elsewhere in the world. They provide an integrated course and joint or multiple diplomas following study or research at two or more HEIs within the consortium. Masters Courses and Joint Doctorates are selected each year following a Call for Proposals. They also offer EU-funded scholarships or fellowships to top students, doctoral candidates and scholars. Each joint programme carries out five annual selections for these scholarships.

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses have been selected in annual Calls for Proposals, starting in 2004 with the last selection in 2012. Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates were selected in four annual Calls from 2009 onwards (with the last selection in 2012). There are currently **138 Masters** and **42 Doctorates offering scholarships** for programmes starting during the academic year 2013/2014.

Participation in Erasmus Mundus joint programmes

The only full partner in an Erasmus Mundus joint programme from an Eastern Partnership country is Moldova State University, a partner in the MISOCO Master Course (Joint European Master in International Migration and Social Cohesion). Some Universities from Eastern Partnership countries have also been involved as associate partners in Erasmus Mundus joint programmes.

An example of an Action 1 joint programme: IMRCEES

Full name: International Masters in Russian, Central and East European Studies

Partners:

THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, United Kingdom (Co-ordinating institution) UNIVERSITY OF TARTU, Estonia

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU, Finland

UNIVERSITY OF TURKU, FIIIIaliu

CORVINUS UNIVERSITY OF BUDAPEST, Hungary

KAZAKHSTAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, ECONOMICS & STRATEGIC RESEARCH,

Kazakhstan

JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, Poland

Associate University partners:

AZERBAIJAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY, Azerbaijan THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO, Canada ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Georgia

LOBACHEVSKY STATE UNIVERSITY OF NIZHNI NOVGOROD, Russia NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF KYIV-MOHYLA ACADEMY, Ukraine

Website: http://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/erasmusmundus/

Mobility under Action 1 programmes

Each year, students worldwide can apply for Erasmus Mundus scholarships to Masters and Doctorates. Students are selected by the individual consortia on the basis of a transparent selection procedure explained on the consortium website taking into account the excellence of their academic profile. In total 626 students from Eastern Partnership countries have been selected over the 10 annual selections up to 2013 to take part in EM Master Courses.

	2004-2013	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Armenia	75	0	3	6	3	6	13	6	5	13	20
Azerbaijan	23	0	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	3	8
Belarus	62	3	5	2	5	9	5	6	4	11	12
Georgia	71	2	3	3	5	10	9	7	3	12	17
Moldova	66	0	9	5	5	6	10	6	9	7	9
Ukraine	329	4	23	18	24	34	29	30	28	52	87
TOTAL	626	9	45	34	43	70	69	56	49	98	153

Additional budget (EUR 5m) was allocated under Action 1 in the year 2012 to allow for extra 57 Erasmus Mundus Masters scholarships to be awarded to candidates from the six countries: Armenia 6, Azerbaijan 2, Belarus 7, Georgia 4, Moldova 4 and Ukraine 34.

In 2013, additional budget (EUR 5.5m) has been allocated under Action 1 to allow for extra Erasmus Mundus Masters scholarships for candidates from Eastern Partnership countries. This has provided for 127 additional scholarships: Armenia 19, Azerbaijan 6, Belarus 11, Georgia 14, Moldova 7, Ukraine 70.

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses can also invite scholars to teach or research within the EMMC. So far, 46 EM scholars from the region have taken part in the programme.

Four annual selections of Doctoral candidates to start research in one of the EM Joint Doctorates have been made so far. These included 23 fellows from the Eastern Partnership countries.

Action 2 – Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (former External Cooperation Window)

Action 2 partnerships

Under Action 2, Erasmus Mundus Partnerships bring together HEIs from Europe on the one hand and those from a particular region in the world on the other. Together the partnerships manage mobility flows between the two regions for a range of academic levels – bachelors, masters, doctorate, post-doctorate – and for academic staff. Scholarships are awarded to the individuals taking part in the mobility, and a portion of the budget is reserved to contribute to the costs of managing the mobility.

For Eastern Partnership countries, partnerships organise mobility in both directions. In practice, between 80% and 90% of scholarships go to Eastern Partnership country nationals, while between 10% and 20% go to EU nationals.

Action 2 Partnerships selected under annual Calls for Proposals between 2007 – 2013 in total 31 partnerships, covering Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus Moldova and Ukraine. They involve 240 instances of participation by 82 different HEIs from Eastern Partnership countries. The available budget was EUR 112 m.

Selection	Countries covered by a lot	Partnerships	Eastern partnerships
year		selected per lot	selected / budget
2007	Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan	1	2 partnerships
2007	Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus	1	EUR 8 791 150
2008	Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan	1	2 partnerships
2008	Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus	1	EUR 7 999 625
	Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan	1	2 partnerships
2009	Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus	1	EUR 7 999 625
2010	Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan		2 partnerships
Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus		1	EUR 7 989 475
2011	Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan	1	5 partnerships
2011	Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus		EUR 16 233 425
	Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine,	9	9 partnerships
2012	Moldova, Belarus		EUR 35 104 475
2013	Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Ukraine,	9	9 partnerships
	Moldova, Belarus		EUR 28 217 450

On the European side, the same partnerships involved 178 instances of participation from 81 different HEIs in 22 different EU countries. Greatest participation was from universities in: Italy, France, Spain, Poland and Portugal.

Example of an Action 2 partnership:

Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan

Partnership	ALRAKIS	ALRAKIS			
Coordinating institution	GEORG-AUG	GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITÄT GÖTTINGEN (Germany)			
Budget	EUR 3 300 00	EUR 3 300 000			
Selection year	2011				
Website	http://www.alrakis.eu/				
Non-EU partners			EU partners		
EURASIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Armenia		Armenia	UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ	Austria	
YEREVAN STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY Arme		Armenia	KU LEUVEN	Belgium	

YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY	Armenia	UNIVERSITY OF TALLIN	Estonia
AZERBAIJAN UNIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES	Azerbaijan	UNIVERSITÁ DI TUSCIA	Italy
BAKU STATE UNIVERSITY	Azerbaijan	LIFE SCIENCES UNIVERSITY OF WARSAW	Poland
QAFQAZ STATE UNIVERSITY	Azerbaijan	UNIVERSIDAD SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA	Spain
AKAKI TSERETELI STATE UNIVERSITY	Georgia	КТН STOCKHOLM	Sweden
GEORGIAN TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	Georgia		
ILIA STATE UNIVERSITY	Georgia		
SHOTA RUSTAVELI STATE UNIVERSITY	Georgia		
TBILISI STATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	Georgia		

Mobility under Action 2 partnerships

1. Scholarships for Eastern Partnership country nationals to European HEIs

Partnerships selected over the years 2007-2013 organised or plan to organise mobility for **4485 students and 702 staff from Eastern Partnership countries**.

Actual mobility, partnerships selected in 2007 - 2010

Application year	Nationality	Grand Total
Application year	Armenia	41
	Azerbaijan	40
	Belarus	57
2007	Georgia	49
	Moldova	61
	Ukraine	121
2007 Total	OKTAINE	369
2007 Total	Armenia	34
		34
	Azerbaijan Belarus	69
2008		58
	Georgia	
	Moldova	60
2000 =	Ukraine	126
2008 Total	A a i a	381
	Armenia	34
	Azerbaijan	33
2009	Belarus	78
	Georgia	59
	Moldova	65
	Ukraine	99
2009 Total		368
	Armenia	38
	Azerbaijan	37
2010*	Belarus	66
2010	Georgia	50
	Moldova	63
	Ukraine	102
2010 Total		356
TOTAL		1474

Planned mobility under partnerships selected in 2011, 2012 & 2013

Applicatio				
n year	Nationality	Grand Total		
	Armenia	42		
	Azerbaijan	42		
2011	Belarus	180		
2011	Georgia	60		
	Moldova	173		
	Ukraine	322		
2011				
Total		819		
	Armenia	259		
	Azerbaijan	301		
	Belarus	198		
	Georgia	298		
	Moldova	190		
	Ukraine	391		
2012				
Total		1637		
	Armenia	196		
	Azerbaijan	157		
2013	Belarus	181		
2013	Georgia	264		
	Moldova	163		
	Ukraine	296		
2013				
Total		1257		
TOTAL		3713		

2. Scholarships for European nationals to Eastern Partnership countries HEIs

Partnerships selected over the years 2007-2013 organised or plan to organise mobility for **1052** students and **244** staff for European nationals.

Combined mobility for Eastern Partnership countries nationals Action 1 & Action 2

The **combined mobility** for Eastern Partnership countries nationals of Action 1 (695) and Action 2 (5187) of the Erasmus Mundus Programme is **5882**.

Country	TOTAL ACTION 1	TOTAL ACTION 2	GRAND TOTAL
Armenia	83	644	727
Azerbaijan	24	644	668
Belarus	69	829	898
Georgia	79	838	917
Moldova	67	775	842
Ukraine	373	1457	1830
TOTAL	695	5187	5882

Action 2 project achievements in Eastern Partnership countries

Recognition

Partnerships aim to recognise study periods abroad and all use adequate tools (learning agreement, diploma supplement and transcript of records). The use of ECTS has been given priority, has become more consolidated and has further advanced the recognition process.

Vulnerable groups

The involvement of local NGOs and other associations proved to be an efficient way to reach potential vulnerable groups (target group 3 – candidates in vulnerable situations for social and political reasons). The associates have a long tradition and a network that have proved to be very important especially during the promotion. A high number of target group 3 candidates declare to belong to an indigenous population targeted by a specific national policy or internally displaced persons.

Cross-cutting issues

Cross-cutting issues refer to gender balance, equal opportunities and the participation of disadvantaged groups (candidates with special needs or the economically disadvantaged). Partnerships pay attention to cross-cutting issues during promotion and selection. In Eastern Europe the involvement of male and female is rather balanced. The involvement of candidates from an economically disadvantaged group as well as the involvement of candidates with special needs has been more challenging. Partnerships report the difficulties to verify the social status of students. In a few cases candidates with special needs were selected. The partnerships guaranteed that the individuals received adequate assistance.

Tackling brain drain

The prevention of brain drain is appropriately addressed by partnerships, focusing also on non-degree mobility. Selected candidates sign agreements including clauses on respecting the duration of the study period for their stay in the EU. Brain drain can be prevented if the home universities offer further development perspectives and/or partnerships involve other stakeholders in the partner countries and establish links to the working environment.

Sustainability

The major part of the budget of selected partnerships aims at financing scholarships. Partnerships depend on this contribution to offer mobility schemes. However, a number of activities have been undertaken to establish bilateral agreements supporting long-term academic cooperation and exchanges. Positive sustainable actions also include the organisation of regionally focused meetings among the partnerships involving local bodies and authorities.

Action 3 – Erasmus Mundus Attractiveness projects

This Action of the Programme funds projects to enhance the attractiveness, profile, image and visibility of European higher education worldwide. Action 3 provides support to activities related to the international dimension of all aspects of higher education, such as promotion, accessibility, quality assurance, credit recognition, mutual recognition of qualifications, curriculum development and mobility. It also seeks to disseminate the programme's results and examples of good practice, and to exploit these results at institutional and individual level. Many of these have a geographical focus.

Partners from Eastern Partnership countries are involved as follows:

Organisation	Country	Title
ARMENIAN STATE AGRARIAN		ISEKI_Mundus 2 - Internationalization and Sustainability of ISEKI_Food
UNIVERSITY	Armenia	Network
AMERICAN CENTER FOR		
EDUCATION AND RESEARCH,		
INC	Belarus	Tea Team - Training Educational Advisers to Enhance Academic Mobility
EDUCATIONAL ADVISING		
CENTER	Moldova	Tea Team - Training Educational Advisers to Enhance Academic Mobility
DEC EDUCATION	Ukraine	EduCoach - Personal Online Advice for Study-in-Europe Orientation
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF		ISEKI_MUNDUS - Integrating Safety and Environment Knowledge In
FOOD TECHNOLOGIES	Ukraine	World Food Studies
ODESSA NATIONAL ACADEMY		ISEKI_MUNDUS - Integrating Safety and Environment Knowledge In
OF FOOD TECHNOLOGIES	Ukraine	World Food Studies
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF		ISEKI_Mundus 2 - Internationalization and Sustainability of ISEKI_Food
FOOD TECHNOLOGIES	Ukraine	Network
ODESSA NATIONAL ACADEMY		ISEKI_Mundus 2 - Internationalization and Sustainability of ISEKI_Food
OF FOOD TECHNOLOGIES	Ukraine	Network
NATIONAL TECHNICAL		
UNIVERSITY OF UKRAINE 'KYIV		SDPROMO II - Promoting European Education in Sustainable
POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE'	Ukraine	Development
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION		
ADVISING CENTER	Ukraine	Tea Team - Training Educational Advisers to Enhance Academic Mobility

Example of an Action 3 project

EduCoach

Personal Online Advice for Study-in-Europe-Orientation

Coordinated by StudyPortals B.V (The Netherlands)

Coordinator contact Joran Van Aart (email: joran@studyportals.eu)

Website http://educoach.org/

Partners Belgium, Estonia, The Netherlands,

Jordan, **Ukraine**, United States

The EduCoach project aims at helping students and PhD Candidates with personal professional advice to improve the quality of their decision on where to study abroad in Europe. To ensure this goal EduCoach has set up a personal online counselling service for prospective students and PhD candidates. This service combines the success of and need for strengthened international student services and personal advice with the effectiveness of modern information and communication technologies - and the outreach and popularity of existing study choice portals. The Educoach project focuses on different target groups: one of them is 2 million orienting students form Eastern Neighbouring Countries (pilot country: Ukraine).