ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW (EM ECW)
PROJECT FACT SHEET

Erasmus Mundus, External Cooperation Window for Iran, Iraq and Yemen

Call for Proposals: EuropeAid/124352/C/ACT/multi - EM ECW 1st Call for Proposals
Lead Applicant: International Institute for Geo-information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), Enschede, the Netherlands.

Partners: Bordeaux 1 University, France
Free University Berlin, Germany
Warsaw University, Poland
University of Algarve, Portugal
University of Deusto, Spain
Lund University, Sweden
Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands
Middle East Technical University, Turkey
University of Southampton, United Kingdom
University of Dohuk, Iraq
IBB University, Yemen
Sana’a University, Yemen
Thamar University, Yemen
University of Tehran, Iran
Shahid Beheshti University, Iran
Islamic Azad University, Iran
Shiraz University, Iran
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran
Shahid Chamran University of Ahvaz, Iran

Project Abstract:

The aim of the project is to exchange students and staff from all Target Groups (university staff / students from partners in the programme; graduates and students from non-partner universities; vulnerable groups) as well as the five types of mobility (undergraduate, masters, doctorate, post-doctoral and academic staff).

The consortium, comprising university partners with a broad geographic distribution, has an enviable track record in attracting able young women and men to the European Union (EU), and all EU partners currently operate successful Erasmus Mundus programmes. In these programmes, the consortium partners have demonstrated an ability to implement all components of the Bologna agreement, have tackled and found practical solutions to many of the more intractable problems such as visas, multiple and joint degrees, fees and financing, ECTS, and quality assurance protocols, and offer excellent services to the visiting students and scholars.

Lot 7 countries (Iran, Iraq and Yemen) have been undergoing tumultuous political periods. Iran has been subject to economic and cultural isolation, Yemen has a reputation for criminal activities, while Iraq is subject to civil war. These are challenging countries where our consortium, as ambassadors for the EU, can make a big impact by enhancing political, cultural, educational and economical links between the EU and Lot 7 countries, as well as disseminating EU social and democratic values. In other words, though we recognize that there are major challenges, this partnership, is uniquely placed to maximize the opportunities for, and delivery of, a successful exchange programme with Iran, Iraq and Yemen.
The consortium is especially confident because the coordinating applicant (ITC) has had a specific mission of educating students from less developed countries for over 55 years, with many alumni (over 400) coming from Lot 7 countries.

- **Objectives:**
  The main objective of this project is to create a sustainable and vibrant exchange programme in order to enhance the political, cultural, educational and economical links between the European Union and Iran, Iraq and Yemen.

- **Main Activities:**
  The main project activities are to reach all Target Groups, give them equal opportunities to take part in the programme, and realise the exchange programme.

- **Mobility flow:**

  **Number of Individual Mobility Activities foreseen**

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- **Duration:** 42 months

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