"The experience of a European country: example of Latvia"

ASEM Erasmus+ Information Day
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• **LATVIA** – one of the 33 Erasmus+ Programme countries

• Erasmus+ **Partner country** Higher Education Institution (HEI) can plan its international student and staff mobilities to/from Erasmus+ Partner country in the application of Erasmus+ Programme country, e.g. LATVIA, HEI’s application

• Erasmus+ **Partner country** HEI cannot submit the application
Experience of LV HEIs

• “Predecessor Activity” - Erasmus Mundus (EM) Action 2 - Mobility Partnerships with the 3rd countries’ higher education institutions

• Long intra-EU/EEA students and staff mobility experience (former Erasmus celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2012) – considered certainly as the success story
Activity administration - LV

- Activity is **administered at decentralised level** - respective Erasmus+ National Agency of the Programme Country is in charge
- **In Latvia (LV)** – Erasmus+ NA in the field of education and training is **State Education Development Agency**
- The **NA ensures** consultations, selection, approval, contracting, monitoring, payments etc.
LV Applicants – Call 2015

• Pre-condition – Holder of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), **47 LV HEIs** – holders of the **ECHE**

• **20 LV HEIs** have submitted **applications in Call 2015**
• At least **1 Higher Education Institution** from the eligible **Erasmus+ Partner Country** must be involved

• **Erasmus+ Partner Countries’ HEIs** must observe and apply the rules defined in the **ECHE** (laid out in the Interinstitutional Partnership Agreement):

• **By signing** the international inter-institutional agreement, partner countries **commit themselves to respecting its principles**

• It is recommended that HEIs from Programme and Partner countries **sign this agreement once they are selected for funding for international mobility, and in any case before the mobility takes place**
They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the:

- organisation and management of the mobility
- in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution
Call 2015 LV - Profile of the applicants

- All **20 applicants** - **active participants in the intra-EU students and staff mobility projects**

- **Type of LV applicants:**
  - 5 universities
  - 5 state HEIs with specialised profile (e.g. Music, Art, Sports,...)
  - 2 regional state HEIs
  - 4 private HEIs
  - 4 colleges

- **Geographical location:**
  - 16 HEIs located in Riga
  - 4 HEIs located in the regions (balanced coverage – different regions)
Call 2015 LV – Applications’ profile

• **Proposed duration** of the received project applications:
  • 7 applications are for **16 month projects**
  • 13 applications are for **24 month projects**

• **Number of Partner Countries** included in the application:
  • 1 country – 3 applications
  • 2-5 countries – 12 applications
  • 6-10 countries – 3 applications
  • More than 10 countries – 2 applications

• Currently all 20 applications undergo Qualitative Evaluation
Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (1)

• 8 ASEM Asia Partner countries included in the LV HEIs’ applications of Call 2015:
  • AUSTRALIA, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, CHINA, INDIA, Indonesia, JAPAN, KAZAKHSTAN, SOUTH KOREA, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, RUSSIA, Singapore, Thailand, VIETNAM

• Possibilities for other countries for the next calls
Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (2)

- Number of requested mobilities – Students (incoming, outgoing)

![Bar chart showing the number of requested mobilities for various countries.](chart.png)
Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (3)

- **Number of requested mobilities – Staff** (incoming, outgoing)

![Bar chart showing the number of requested staff mobilities for different countries.](chart.png)
Call 2015 LV – ASEM Asia countries (4)

- Number of requested mobilities – **Students & Staff**
  (incoming, outgoing)
Activity Financing

• **4 different EU funding instruments** provide the available budget:
  • Instrument for Pre-accession (**IPA**)
  • European Neighbourhood Instrument (**ENI**)
  • Development Co-operation Instrument (**DCI**)
  • Partnership Instrument (**PI**)

• Available financing is split in **10 Regional Envelopes**
Call 2015 LV – Budget

- **Total budget for Latvia Call 2015** - 1,293,353 EUR, detailed information (per 10 envelopes) available: Erasmus+ LV NA web-site

- **Total grants requested in Call 2015** - 2,513,947 EUR
Financing – ASEM Asia countries (1)

- **European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI):**

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LV 2015 Requested – Russia (ENI & PI)

• Altogether – 181 mobilities requested
### Financing – ASEM Asia countries (2)

- **Development Co-operation Instrument (DCI):**

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LV 2015 Requested - DCI Asia&Central Asia

- Altogether – 145 mobilities requested
**Financing – ASEM Asia countries (3)**

*Partnership Instrument (PI):*

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LV 2015 Requested - PI Industrialised Asia

- Altogether – 44 mobilities requested
Important aspects for application

• Each Partner Country is evaluated / scored separately

• The provided description has to prove certain important aspects of co-operation between Erasmus+ Programme Country HEI and Erasmus+ Partner Country HEI

• In order to prepare qualitative application – input from both sides – Programme Country as well as Partner Country – higher education institutions is strongly encouraged
Internationalisation Strategy

• **Link of the Partner Country** to the EU HEI’s Internationalisation Strategy

• International scope of the EU HEIs, **identification of HEI’s/HEIs’** in Partner Country

• **Justification for mobility flows** (according to the Internationalisation Strategies of the involved HEIs)
Co-operation Arrangements

• Co-operation arrangements, experience with the particular Partner Country
• Previous/running/planned co-operation arrangements (respective roles & tasks) between the applicant EU HEI and its Partner Country partners
• N.B. – new partnerships are encouraged!
• Staff mobility to/from new Partner Institutions can serve for further development of the co-operation, fostering of sustainability, etc.
• Measures for **selecting** of the **participants**
• **Information and support** – prior the mobility
• **Mechanisms for recognition**, incl. outcomes of staff mobility
• Potential **impact** (sustainability) **at all levels** – individual, HEIs, local, regional, national (during and after the project)

• **Dissemination** – faculty, HEIs’, broader level, **both** – Programme & Partner Countries

• **Strategy** – monitoring & evaluation of the **outcomes**
Europe-Asia: promotion of HE co-operation

• Several EU projects have already been devoted to the promotion of European – Asian higher education co-operation

• Project outcomes can be used also for Erasmus+ activities
ASEMUNDUS – *Promoting of Higher Education Co-operation between EU and Asia*

- **Project co-ordinator**: Germany
- **Project partners**: 8 EU countries, incl. LV
- **Project duration**: 2009 – 2013
- **3 HEIs’ networking seminars in Asia** *(Indonesia, Thailand, Korea)* (with participation of EU HEIs (incl. LV)), identification of Asian promoters, project ideas’ compendia etc.)
EM ASEMUNDUS project (2)

- ASEMUNDUS Good Practice Report prepared at the end of the project “Succeeding in European-Asian Higher Education Co-operation”, available on:
  Erasmus+ LV NA web-site
EM INTERUV project (1)

- **INTERUV** – *Joint programmes – facilitator of the university internationalisation*
- **Project co-ordinator:** Poland
- **Project partners:** 14 EU countries, incl. LV
- **Project duration:** 2012 – 2014
- **3 regional seminars on internationalisation & joint programmes’ issues** (targeted for the EU partner regions (including Central Asia) as well as involved EU countries)
EM INTERUV project (2)

- All useful project outcomes available on the project web-site: [http://www.interuv.eu/](http://www.interuv.eu/)
Further information/ contacts

- **Erasmus+ Programme Countries** – **International Higher Education Contact Points**:  
  https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/international-erasmus-plus-contact-points_en

- **Erasmus+ Partner Countries** – **National Erasmus+ Offices (NEOs)**:  
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Thank you for your attention!