

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – EACEA/ 35/2008

for the implementation of

Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window in the academic year 2009/2010

The Community Action programme for the promotion of cooperation between higher education institutions and the exchange of students, researchers and academic staff from EU Member States and Third-Countries

1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window aims at mutual enrichment and better understanding between the European Union and Third-Countries. It is designed to foster institutional co-operation in the field of higher education between the European Union and Third-countries through a mobility scheme addressing student and academic exchanges for the purpose of studying, teaching, training and research.

Please note that this is the third EM External Cooperation Window (ECW) Call for Proposals and that EM ECW is integrated as Action II "Partnerships" under the new Erasmus Mundus II programme aiming at promoting institutional co-operation and mobility activities.

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND COUNTRIES

Applicants must be Universities or European Higher Education Institutions representing a partnership up to 20 partners' institutions.

The partnership composition has to be constituted of European Higher Education Institutions, in possession of an Erasmus Charter before the date of publication of the present Call, and Third-Country Higher Education Institutions recognised and accredited by the national authorities.

Activities must take place in one of the eligible countries covered by this Call. There are three groups of eligible countries/regions:

- The 27 member States of the European Union
- European Candidate countries (Croatia and Turkey) and EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway)
- The following Third-countries and geographical regions:
Argentina, Brazil, China, Russia, India, Asia region, Central Asian Republics, Latin America region, Middle East region, Southern and Eastern neighbouring area and Western Balkans region.

3. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

The EC grants will contribute to financing institutional-based partnerships of European and Third-Country higher education institutions to cover the following types of activities:

- J the **organisation of individual mobility** of higher education students and academic staff and
- J the **implementation of individual mobility**. The types of mobility and education to be funded in this Call are:
 - Students: undergraduate, master, doctorate and post-doctorate mobility opportunities
 - Academic staff: exchanging for the purposes of teaching, practical training and research.

The planned duration of a project may **not exceed 48 months**.

Eligible activities, including preparatory activities, can start on **15th July 2009** provided that contracts have been signed. The actions should all be finished before **15th July 2013**.

Except in cases of "force majeure" duly justified and subject to prior authorisation by the Agency, **all individual mobility must start at the latest by 1st September 2010**.

4. AWARD CRITERIA

The award criteria allow evaluating the quality of the proposals submitted in relation to the objectives and priorities set so that, grants are awarded to actions which maximise the overall effectiveness of the Call for Proposals.

Applications will be assessed against the following award criteria and ranked on a scale of 100:

- Operational capacity and expertise of the applicant and partners
(*weighting: 10 out of 100*)
- Relevance of the activities with the objective of the Call for Proposals
(*weighting: 25 out of 100*)
- Methodology to manage the partnership and implement of the mobility activities
(*weighting: 50 out of 100*)
- Sustainability (*weighting: 15 out of 100*)

5. BUDGET AVAILABLE

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is **EUR 163,500** million for the following geographical countries and regions:

Geographical windows	Cooperation Instrument	Indicative Global Amount	Number of projects expected to be funded
South Mediterranean, Eastern Europe and Russia	ENPI	EUR 29 million	8
Yemen, Iran and Iraq	DCI	EUR 3 million	1
Central Asian Republics	DCI	EUR 5 million	2
Western Balkans	IPA	EUR 8.5 million	2
<i>Asia Region:</i>			
Asia Regional	DCI	EUR 20 million	4
India	DCI	EUR 19 million	4
China	DCI	EUR 26 million	5
<i>Latin America Region:</i>			
Brazil	DCI	EUR 9.3 million	3
Argentina	DCI	EUR 2.1 million	1
Latin America Regional	DCI	EUR 41.6 million	13

6. DEADLINE

The deadline for the submission of proposals is **13 March 2009 at the latest**. Proposals must be submitted to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Call for proposals "Erasmus Mundus - External Cooperation Window 08/"
Unit P4
Avenue du Bourget 1 (BOUR 00/37)
B-1140 Brussels
Belgique

An electronic version of the application together with the supporting documents must be submitted to the following email address:

EACEA-EM-EXTCOOP@ec.europa.eu

Only proposals submitted using the correct application form, duly filled in, stamped and certified by the legal representative of the Applicant European HEI will be accepted.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Guidelines to grant applicants and the relevant application form are available at the following website:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/index.htm>

Applications must be submitted by using the relevant application form and contain all the required annexes.