

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – EACEA N° EACEA/2010 (DRAFT)

ERASMUS MUNDUS 2009-2013

ACTION I - JOINT PROGRAMMES

ACTION III - PROMOTION OF EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION

1. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION

The Erasmus Mundus programme's overall aim 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.

To attain these objectives this call for proposals targets the following activities:

Action 1:

This action aims at fostering cooperation between higher education institutions and academic staff in Europe and third countries with a view to creating poles of excellence and providing highly trained human resources. It is composed of two sub-actions

- *Action 1A – Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (EMMCs)* and
- *Action 1B – Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)*

whose aim is to support postgraduate programmes of outstanding academic quality, jointly developed by consortia of European and, where relevant, third-country universities, which could contribute to the increased visibility and attractiveness of the European higher education sector. Such joint programmes must involve mobility between the universities in the consortium and lead to the award of recognised joint, double or multiple degrees.

Action 3:

This Action aims to promote European higher education through measures enhancing the attractiveness, profile, image and visibility of, and accessibility to, European higher education throughout the world. It provides support for transnational initiatives, studies, projects, events and other activities related to the international dimension of all aspects of higher education, such as promotion, accessibility, quality assurance, credit recognition, recognition of European qualifications abroad and mutual recognition of qualifications with third countries, curriculum development, mobility, quality of services, etc.

Action 3 activities may take various forms (conferences, seminars, workshops, studies, analyses, pilot projects, prizes, international networks, production of material for publication, development of information, communication and technology tools) and may take place anywhere in the world.

For further information please consult the Erasmus Mundus Programme Guide 2009-2013 at:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php

2. ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS AND CONSORTIUM COMPOSITION

Action 1:

The conditions applicable to eligible participants and to the composition of the consortium are specified in the Programme Guide under sections 4.2.1 for Action 1A and 5.2.1 for Action 1B.

Action 3:

The conditions applicable to eligible participants and to the composition of the consortium are specified in the Programme Guide under section 7.2.1.

3. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Action 1:

Eligible activities are specified in the Programme Guide under sections 4.2.2 for Action 1A and 5.2.2 for Action 1B.

No thematic priorities have been identified for this call for proposals.

Action 3:

Eligible activities are specified in the Programme Guide under section 7.2.2.

For the purposes of this call for proposals, projects must address one of the following priorities:

- Projects dealing with promotion of European higher education in certain geographical areas (priority will be given to areas which so far have been less represented in Erasmus Mundus projects: e.g. Africa and industrialised countries)
- Projects that aim to improve services for international students and doctoral candidates
- Projects addressing the international dimension of Quality Assurance
- Projects that aim to strengthen relations between European higher education and research
- Projects promoting European study opportunities for doctoral candidates

Projects which foresee the following activities will not be financed:

- Activities implemented in the context of the Internationalisation of ERASMUS Thematic Networks

4. AWARD CRITERIA

Action 1:

Award criteria are specified in the Programme Guide under sections 4.3 for Action 1A and 5.3 for Action 1B.

Action 3:

Award criteria are specified in the Programme Guide under section 7.4.

5. BUDGET

Action 1 (A and B):

This call for proposals has no direct budgetary impact in 2009. It aims at selecting:

- For Action 1A: 15 new proposals and up to 21 proposals for renewals
- For Action 1B: 12 new proposals

For each of the selected proposals, a five-year Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) will be issued in the summer of 2010. These FPAs will give rise to the award of annual Specific Grant Agreements starting from the academic year 2011/2012 which will include, on the one hand, financial support for the consortia implementing the joint programmes and, on the other, a number of individual scholarships, to be defined on an annual basis, for European and third-country students, doctoral candidates and scholars.

Action 3:

This call for proposals aims at selecting around 5 projects. The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects under the present call for proposals is EUR 1 million. Grant amounts will vary considerably according to the size of the projects selected (usually between EUR 100 000 and EUR 350 000). The financial contribution from the Agency cannot exceed 75% of the total eligible costs.

The financial conditions are specified in the Programme Guide under section 7.5.

6. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Action 1:

The submission deadline for the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (Action 1A) and Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (Action 1B) is set for **30 April 2010**.

In order to facilitate the identification of experts with the relevant academic and research expertise, applicants for **Action 1A (Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses – EMMCs) and 1B (Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates – EMJDs)** are invited to submit a short description of their joint programme (one page maximum including the title, field/area(s) covered, core partners and short summary of the programme structure and key features) preferably one month in advance of the above-mentioned deadline (i.e. **by 31 March 2010**). A template of this summary sheet with the corresponding submission procedure can be downloaded from the following address:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php

Action 3:

The submission deadline for Erasmus Mundus projects to enhance the attractiveness of European higher education is set for **30 April 2010**.

The grant application must be sent by registered mail to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency
Call for proposals EACEA / 2010
Att. M. Joachim Fronia
BOUR 02.29
Avenue du Bourget, 1

B-1040 Brussels
Belgium

Only applications submitted by the deadline and in accordance with the requirements specified on the form will be accepted. Applications submitted by fax or email only will not be accepted.

7. DETAILED INFORMATION

The Erasmus Mundus Programme Guide and the relevant application forms are available at the following address:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php