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Call for proposals — EACEA/22/10 for the implementation of Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013**Action 2 — Partnerships**

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This call for proposals applies to the cooperation between European and third country higher education institutions from the South Mediterranean Region (Egypt, Israel and occupied Palestinian Territory), the Central Asian Republics and the Western Balkans (Action 2 Strand 1).

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

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.

The programme's specific objectives are:

- to promote structured cooperation between higher education institutions and an offer of enhanced quality in higher education with a distinct European added value, attractive both within the European Union and beyond its borders, with a view to creating centres of excellence,
- to contribute to the mutual enrichment of societies by developing the qualifications of women/men so that they possess appropriate skills, particularly as regards the labour market, and are open-minded and internationally experienced through promoting mobility for the most talented students and academics from third countries to obtain qualifications and/or experience in the European Union and for the most talented European students and academics towards third countries,
- to contribute towards the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of higher education institutions in third countries through increased mobility streams between the European Union and third countries,
- to improve accessibility and enhance the profile and visibility of European higher education in the world as well as its attractiveness for third country nationals and citizens of the Union.

The Erasmus Mundus Programme Guide and the relevant application form are available at the following address: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php

ACTION 2 — ERASMUS MUNDUS PARTNERSHIPS

This action aims at fostering structured cooperation between European and third-country higher education institutions through the promotion of mobility at all level of studies for students (undergraduate and masters), doctoral candidates, researchers, academic and administrative staff (not all regions and lots may include all mobility flows).

Action 2 — Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (EMA2) is divided into two strands:

- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — STRAND 1 — Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, EDF and IPA instruments ⁽¹⁾ (former External Cooperation Window),
- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — STRAND 2 — Partnerships with countries and territories covered by the Industrialized Country Instrument (ICI).

1. Eligible participants, countries and partnership composition

The conditions applicable to the eligible participants and to the composition of the partnerships for EMA2-STRAND 1 are specified in the Programme Guide under Section 6.1.2.a and in the Guidelines to the Call for proposals EACEA/22/10 under Sections 5.2, 5.3.

2. Eligible activities

Eligible activities for EMA2-STRAND 1 are specified in the 'Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 Programme Guide' under Section 6.1.2.b and in the 'Guidelines to the Call for proposals EACEA/22/10' under Section 5.3.

The planned duration of a project is specifically reported in the individual geographical window/lot and cannot exceed 48 months.

Eligible activities, including preparatory activities, can start as of 30 November 2010.

3. Award criteria

Applications under will be assessed against the following award criteria:

Criteria	Weight
1. Relevance	25 %
2. Quality	65 %
2.1. Partnership composition and cooperation mechanisms	20 %
2.2. Organisation and implementation of the mobility	25 %
2.3. Students'/staff facilities and follow-up	20 %
3. Sustainability	10 %
Total	100 %

4. Budget

The overall available amount under this call for proposals is EUR 15 200 000, aiming at a minimum mobility flow of 653 individuals.

5. Submission deadline

The submission deadline for the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — Partnerships is **15 October 2010**.

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

'Education, Audiovisual and Culture' Executive Agency
 Call for proposals EACEA/22/10 — Action 2
 Att. Mr Joachim Fronia
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 Avenue du Bourget 1
 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel
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⁽¹⁾ ENPI — European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.

DCI — Development Cooperation Instrument.

IPA — Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance.

EDF — The European Development Fund (EDF) is the main instrument for providing Community assistance for development cooperation under the Cotonou Agreement: 'the Partnership Agreement between the members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part and the European Community and its Member States of the other part'.

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

Where an applicant sends several different applications, each one must be sent in a separate envelope.
