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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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Call for proposals — EACEA /07/07

for the implementation of Action 1, Action 2 and Action 3 in the academic year 2008/2009 and Action 4 in the year 2007 of Erasmus Mundus

The Community Action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries

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Please note that the implementation of the present Call for proposals is subject to the adoption by the Commission of the annual work plan relating to the Erasmus Mundus programme in 2007

1. Objectives and Description

The Erasmus Mundus programme's overall aim is to enhance the quality of European higher education by fostering co-operation with third countries in order to improve the development of human resources and to promote dialogue and understanding between peoples and cultures.

The following activities are covered by the call for proposals:

- Select high-quality integrated masters courses which are offered by a consortium of at least three higher education institutions in at least three participating countries (Action 1);
- Give scholarships to highly qualified graduate students and scholars from third countries to follow or participate in the selected masters courses (Action 2);
- Select high-quality partnerships between selected masters courses and third-country higher education institutions (Action 3);
- Select projects of at least three institutions in at least three participating countries aiming to improve accessibility and enhance the profile and visibility of higher education in the European Union (Action 4).

2. Eligible applicants

- Action 1: higher education institutions in the 27 EU Member States, the countries of the European Economic Area/European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) and the candidate countries for accession to the EU (Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Turkey). As regards institutions from the candidate countries for accession to the EU they will be able to participate under the present call for proposals for Action 1 only if the official participation of these countries in the programme has been formalised through the relevant instruments governing the relations between the European Community and those countries before the selection decision is taken (October 2007). Otherwise, institutions coming from those countries are not eligible for Action 1 under the present call for proposals.

- Action 2: individuals from third countries, i.e. any country other than the countries mentioned under Action 1 above;
- Action 3: higher education institutions from all countries of the world;
- Action 4: institutions from all countries of the world.

3. Budget and project duration

The total budget earmarked for the funding of projects is estimated at EUR 88,9 millions. In case of Action 4, financial assistance cannot exceed 75 % of the total eligible costs.

- Action 1: each grant will amount to EUR 15 000 annually. Masters courses must start between July and December 2008.
- Action 2: each scholarship will amount to EUR 21 000 annually for each third-country student and a maximum of EUR 13 000 for each third-country scholar. Scholarships are for Masters courses starting in the academic year 2008/2009.
- Action 3: each grant will amount to a minimum of EUR 5 000 and a maximum of EUR 15 000 annually plus allocations for the mobility of European students and scholars. Partnerships must start between July and December 2008 and will last for a maximum duration of 3 academic years.
- Action 4: grants will vary according to the project size. Projects must start between 1 November and 15 December 2007 and will last for a maximum duration of 3 years.

4. Deadlines

Applications must be sent no later than

- Action 1: 30 April 2007
- Action 4: 31 May 2007
- Action 3 ⁽¹⁾: 30 November 2007
- Action 2: 28 February 2008

5. Further information

The full text of the call for proposals and the application forms are available on the following website:

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/mundus/index.htm>

Applications must comply with the requirements set out in the full text and be submitted using the form provided.

⁽¹⁾ Applications for Action 2 and Action 3 can only be submitted by eligible Action 1 Masters Courses selected through the current or previous Erasmus Mundus Calls.