

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/18/13**  
**Erasmus Mundus 2009-13 action programme**  
**Implementation in 2014**  
(2013/C 342/05)

**Programme objectives**

By Decision No 1298/2008/EC <sup>(1)</sup> of 16 December 2008, the European Parliament and the Council established the Erasmus Mundus action programme for the period 2009 to 2013. 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 around 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 forms for the concerned actions are available at the following address:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/funding/higher\\_education\\_institutions\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/higher_education_institutions_en.php)

**A. Action 2 — Erasmus Mundus partnerships**

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The call for proposals is being launched with a suspensive clause for the funding allocated to lot 10 (South Africa) and for part of the funding allocated to lots 7 and 8 (Latin America regional), notably the funding allocated to EU mobility to third countries. The award of project grants for lot 10 and the funding for the EU type of mobility under lots 7 and 8 are subject to the adoption of the respective decisions by the European Commission.

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

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 340, 19.12.2008, p. 83.

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, IPA and ICI (ICI +) instruments <sup>(1)</sup>,
- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — STRAND 2 — Partnerships with countries and territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI).

#### A.1. Eligible participants, countries and partnership composition

The conditions applicable to the eligible participants and to the composition of the partnerships are specified in the Programme Guide under Section 6.1.2.a for EMA2-STRAND 1 and under Section 6.2.2.a for EMA2-STRAND 2, and in the 'Guidelines to the call for proposals EACEA/18/13' under Section 5.4.1 for EMA2-STRAND 1 and under Section 5.4.2 for EMA2-STRAND 2.

#### A.2. Eligible activities

Eligible activities are specified in the Programme Guide under Section 6.1.2.b for EMA2-STRAND 1 and under Section 6.2.2.b for EMA2-STRAND 2, and in the 'Guidelines to the call for proposals EACEA/18/13' under Section 5.4.1 for EMA2-STRAND 1 and under Section 5.4.2 for EMA2-STRAND 2.

#### A.3. Award criteria

- Applications under EMA2-STRAND 1 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 %

- Applications under EMA2-STRAND 2 will be assessed against the following award criteria:

Criteria	Weight
1. Relevance	25 %
2. Contribution to excellence	25 %
3. Quality	50 %
3.1. Partnership composition and cooperation mechanisms	15 %
3.2. Organisation and implementation of the mobility	20 %
3.3. Students'/staff facilities and follow-up	15 %
Total	100 %

<sup>(1)</sup> ENPI — European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.

DCI — Development Cooperation Instrument.

IPA — Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

ICI — instrument for cooperation with industrialised and other high-income countries and territories. This includes the promotion of people-to-people links to supplement Erasmus Mundus Action 2 and, given the adoption of ICI revision on December 2011, it also supports the mobility of the European Union students and academic staff to third countries (ICI + under the relevant lots).

#### A.4. Budget

The overall available amount under this call for proposals is approximately EUR 78 657 500, aiming at a minimum mobility flow of 2 808 individuals.

The available budget for all cooperation instruments under EMA2-STRAND 1 is EUR 73 457 500, aiming at a minimum mobility of 2 696 individuals, including the budget of EUR 12 300 000 for the ICI + instrument, promoting EU mobility towards third countries under the DCI instrument and aiming at a minimum mobility of 381 individuals.

The available budget for EMA2-STRAND 2 is EUR 5 200 000, aiming at a minimum mobility of 112 individuals.

#### A.5. Submission deadline

The submission deadline for the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — Partnerships is **3 March 2014 at 12.00 (noon)**, Central European Time.

The Agency has created a system for the electronic submission of all applications. For this call for proposals, applicants must send their application using an electronic form available as of February 2014.

Only the electronic submission (including annexes) will be considered as the formal valid application.

Additionally, one paper copy identical to the electronic submission (including annexes) as a back-up must be sent by registered post to the following address by the submission deadline:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency  
Call for proposals EACEA/18/13 — Action 2  
BOU 02/029  
Avenue du Bourget/Bourgetlaan 1  
1049 Bruxelles/Brussel  
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Only applications submitted by the deadline and in accordance with the requirements specified on the relevant application forms will be accepted. Applications submitted only on paper, by fax or directly by e-mail will not be examined.

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