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CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/34/07

Implementation of Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window in the academic year 2008-2009**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**

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Please note that the implementation of the call for proposals is subject to:

- (i) the adoption of appropriations of the Community budget for 2008 relevant to this action; and
- (ii) the formal approval of the programming documents for the relevant actions and the relevant financing decisions.

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.

The following activities and costs will be covered by the programme:

the setting of institutional-based **partnerships** of European and Third-Country higher education institutions to cover both types of activities:

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

2. Eligible applicant and beneficiaries

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.

3. Eligible country

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:
Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Russia, India, Southern and Eastern neighbouring area, Middle East region, Central Asian Republics, African Caribbean and Pacific Group of States, Western Balkans region and Asia region.

4. Budget available

The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is **EUR 100,348 million** for the following geographical regions and countries:

Geographical windows	Indicative Global Amount
South Mediterranean and Eastern Europe and Russia	EUR 33,528 million
Yemen Iran Iraq	EUR 3 million
Central Asian Republics	EUR 5 million
African Caribbean Pacific States	EUR 5 million
Western Balkans	EUR 6 million
Asia Regional	EUR 20 million
India	EUR 9,6 millions
Brazil	EUR 9,3 million
Chile	EUR 4,92 million
Mexico	EUR 4 million

5. Deadlines

Applications must be sent no later than:

- **15 February 2008**

6. 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/extcoop/call/index.htm>

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