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ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SPECIFIC CALL FOR PROPOSALS — EACEA/08/2016

Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020

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1. Introduction

This call for proposals is based on the Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing 'Erasmus+' the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC ⁽¹⁾.

2. Objectives and description

The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) provides the general quality framework for European and international cooperation activities a higher education institution (HEI) may carry out within the Erasmus+ Programme. The award of an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education is a pre-requisite for all HEIs located in one of the countries listed below and wanting to apply and participate in learning mobility of individuals and/or cooperation for innovation and good practices under the Programme. For HEIs located in other countries, the ECHE is not required, and the quality framework is established through inter-institutional agreements between HEIs. The Charter is awarded for the full duration of the Erasmus+ Programme. Implementation of the Charter will be monitored and violation of any of its principles and commitments may lead to its withdrawal by the European Commission.

3. Eligible applicants

HEIs established in one of the following countries are eligible to apply for an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education:

- the Member States of the European Union;
- the EFTA-EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.

The National Authorities will designate, among the applicants, the Higher Education Institutions ⁽²⁾ to be considered eligible to participate in the learning mobility of individuals and/or cooperation for innovation and good practices under the Erasmus+ Programme, in their respective territories.

4. Deadline for the submission of applications and indicative date of publishing selection results

The online application form duly completed must be submitted online by 12.00 (noon, Brussels time, Central European Time, CET) on 31 March 2016.

The indicative date of publishing the selection results is 1 October 2016.

5. Full details

The information about the Erasmus+ Programme can be found at the following internet address: <http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus>

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 347, 20.12.2013, p. 50.

⁽²⁾ A 'higher education institution' as defined in Article 2 of the Erasmus+ legal base is:

- (a) any type of higher education institution which, in accordance with national law or practice, offers recognised degrees or other recognised tertiary-level qualifications, whatever such establishment may be called;
- (b) any institution which, in accordance with national law or practice, offers vocational education or training at tertiary level.

Applications must be submitted according to the guidelines provided by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency and available at the address: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/erasmus-charter-for-higher-education-2014-2020-selection-2017_en
