



Directorate-General for Education and Culture

ERASMUS MUNDUS

(2004-2008)



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Overall Aim

- ✓ Improve quality of higher education in Europe
- ✓ Promote intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries



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Programme Actions

- ✓ Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses
- ✓ Action 2: Scholarships
- ✓ Action 3: Partnerships
- ✓ Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness



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Participants

- ✓ Higher education institutions
- ✓ Graduate students
- ✓ Scholars (professors, researchers)
- ✓ Higher education staff
- ✓ Public and private bodies active in higher education
(only Action 4)



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Countries

- ✓ 25 EU Member States and 3 EFTA/EEA countries (EU candidate countries) may participate in Action 1, 3 and 4
- ✓ Third countries (all but the three categories above) may participate in Action 2, 3 & 4



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Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (1)

- ✓ at least 3 higher education institutions from 3 different European countries
- ✓ Institutions from EFTA/EEA and candidate countries are eligible
- ✓ Integrated study programme
- ✓ Study in at least 2 different countries
- ✓ Double/multiple/joint degree



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Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (2)

Funding:

- ➡ Annual flat-rate of 15,000 € for the consortium offering the Masters Course
- ➡ Selected for five years; light-weight annual renewal procedure



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Action 2: Scholarships (1)

- ✓ Linked to Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses
- ✓ Grants for incoming third-country graduate students and scholars
- ✓ Students and scholars apply directly to consortia
- ✓ Consortia select students and scholars and propose a list of grantees to the Commission



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Action 2: Scholarships (2)

- ✓ Funding given to consortia running EM Masters Courses for
 - ☞ Student mobility: 21,000 € per student for a one-year course or 42,000 € per student for a two-year course
 - ☞ Scholar mobility: 13,000 € per scholar



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Action 3: Partnerships (1)

- ✓ Between an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course and at least one higher education institution from a third country
- ✓ Grants for EU-students and EU-scholars involved in Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses for mobility period (3 months) at third-country partner institution



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Action 3: Partnerships (2)

- ✓ Funding to Partnerships (selected for 3 years):
 - ☞ 5,000 € per year per third-country institution (max. 15,000 € per year and consortium)
 - ☞ Student mobility: 3,100 € per student
 - ☞ Scholar mobility: 13,000 € per scholar



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Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness (1)

- ✓ Addressed to higher education institutions and other public or private organisations
- ✓ Participation of third-country institutions possible
- ✓ Activities can take place everywhere in the world
- ✓ Duration: 1 to 3 years



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Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness (2)

✓ Funding:

- ☞ Grant amounts vary according to size of project
- ☞ EU grant does not normally exceed 75% of eligible project costs



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Overall Funding

- ✓ 230 M€ 2004-2008
- ✓ Modest start in 2004 (8 M€), steep annual increase
- ✓ Cruise speed by 2008 at 98 M€
- ✓ Additional funds in 2005-2007 for “Asian windows”: 57 M€



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Selection Results

- ✓ 57 Masters Courses selected (35 already operational)
- ✓ 940 third-country students and 172 third-country scholars
- ✓ 9 Partnerships, providing scholarships to 570 EU-students and 120 EU-scholars
- ✓ 14 Action 4 projects selected



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Further Information

<http://europa.eu.int/erasmus-mundus>