



Education and Culture DG

# ERASMUS MUNDUS II (2009-2013)

*Presentation of the Commission Proposal*



## PREPARATORY WORK

Proposal based on results of:

- Interim evaluation of Erasmus Mundus I (2004-2008)
- Impact assessment and public online consultation of stakeholders
- Various meetings with programme participants (students, HEIs, national authorities)





## MESSAGES RECEIVED

- Programme is a success and should be continued
- Main changes requested:
  - ✓ Increase scholarships for European students
  - ✓ Include joint doctoral programmes
  - ✓ Serve the needs of third-country HEIs better
- Unanimous messages across all consultations





## OBJECTIVES: OVERALL AIMS

- Enhance the quality of European higher education
- Promote dialogue and understanding between peoples and cultures through cooperation with third countries (3C)
- Promote EU external policy objectives and the sustainable development of 3C in the field of higher education





## OBJECTIVES: SPECIFIC AIMS

- Foster cooperation between HEI and academic staff in EU and 3C with a view to creating centres of excellence and providing highly trained human resources;
- Contribute to mutual enrichment of societies by developing a pool of well-qualified, open-minded and internationally experienced women/men through promoting mobility for the most talented students and academics from 3C to obtain qualifications/experience in the EU and for the most talented European students and academics towards 3C;
- Contribute towards the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of HEI in 3C through increased mobility streams between the EU and 3C;
- Improve accessibility and enhance the profile and visibility of EU higher education in the world as well as its attractiveness for 3C nationals.





## PROGRAMME DESIGN: ACTIONS

- ✓ **Action 1:** Erasmus Mundus joint masters programmes and joint doctoral programmes of outstanding academic quality, including a scholarship scheme -> objectives 1 and 2
- ✓ **Action 2:** Partnerships between EU and 3C HEI in specific regions as a basis for structural co-operation and mobility at all levels of higher education -> objective 2 and 3
- ✓ **Action 3:** Measures enhancing the attractiveness of the EU as an education destination -> objective 4
- ✓ **Technical support measures** (Executive Agency, studies, experts etc)





# PROGRAMME DESIGN: ACTION 1

- ✓ **Joint (integrated) masters programmes**
  - ✓ Offered by HEIs in at least three EU countries
  - ✓ HEIs in 3C may participate [new!]
  - ✓ Joint admission, selection and exam criteria
  - ✓ Obligatory mobility
  - ✓ Award of double, multiple or joint degrees
  - ✓ Joint degrees are given priority [new!]
  - ✓ Selected for five years
  - ✓ Increased weight on quality assurance and monitoring [new!]
- ✓ **Joint (integrated) doctoral programmes [new!]**
  - ✓ Same features as joint masters programmes plus:
  - ✓ Focus on inter-disciplinarity and innovation
  - ✓ Participation of industry, research centres etc
  - ✓ “Co-tutelle” for thesis
  - ✓ Possibility of a preparatory year





# PROGRAMME DESIGN: ACTION 1

- ✓ **Scholarship scheme linked to joint programmes**
  - ✓ Full-study scholarships for 3C students at master level
    - ⇒ 2-year scholarships
  - ✓ Full-study scholarships for 3C students at doc level [new!]
    - ⇒ 3-year scholarships
  - ✓ Full-study scholarships for EU students at master and doc level [new!]
    - ⇒ 2-year scholarships (master), 3-year scholarships (doc)
    - ⇒ Obligatory mobility to third country if on offer
  - ✓ Short-term scholarships for 3C academics at master level
    - ⇒ Normally 3 months to teach or do research in EU
  - ✓ Short-term scholarships for EU academics at master level
    - ⇒ Normally 3 months to teach or do research in 3C





## PROGRAMME DESIGN: ACTION 2

- ✓ **Partnerships [new!]**
  - ✓ Large partnerships between HEIs in EU and 3C in a specific region
  - ✓ 3C concerned are those covered by the external cooperation instruments
  - ✓ Erasmus-style cooperation mechanisms, transfer of know-how
  - ✓ Definition of priorities according to the needs of 3C concerned





## PROGRAMME DESIGN: ACTION 2

- ✓ **Scholarship scheme linked to partnerships [new!]**
  - ✓ Scholarships for 3C and EU nationals of varying length (3 months to 3 years)
  - ✓ Scholarships for bachelor, master, doctorate and post-doctorate students and HE staff (training, teaching, research)
  - ✓ Mobility not linked to specific programmes (all programmes on offer in partnerships can be followed)
  - ✓ Use of Erasmus mobility features and instruments
  - ✓ Special attention paid to socio-economically disadvantaged groups and populations in a vulnerable situation
  - ✓ Anti brain-drain measures





## PROGRAMME DESIGN: ACTION 3

- ✓ **Projects to enhance the attractiveness of EU HE in the world**
  - ✓ Projects aimed at enhancing the attractiveness, profile, image, visibility and accessibility of EU HE
  - ✓ Projects relating to the international dimension of HE (promotion, QA, credit recognition, mutual recognition of qualifications, curriculum development, mobility, quality of services...)
  - ✓ Promotion of the programme and its outputs
  - ✓ Grants to National Structures for information and dissemination activities [new!]
  - ✓ Conferences, seminars, workshops, studies, analyses, pilot projects, prizes, international networks,
  - ✓ Public/private bodies active in HE (EU and non-EU)





## PROGRAMME NOVELTIES: SUMMARY

- ✓ Wider scope: inclusion of external policy objectives -> future reference programme in the field of HE cooperation with third countries
- ✓ Collaborative partnerships with 3C HEIs (Action 2)
- ✓ Action 1:
  - ✓ Joint doctoral programmes + scholarships
  - ✓ Possible inclusion of 3C HEIs in joint programmes
  - ✓ Priority for joint degrees
  - ✓ Better scholarships for EU students
  - ✓ Stronger focus on continuous quality monitoring
- ✓ Action 3: information grants for National Structures





## PROGRAMME FUNDING

- ✓ 493.69 MEUR for Actions 1 and 3
- ✓ around 460 MEUR available for Action 2 from ENPI, DCI, ICI, IPA, EDF
- ✓ Use of flat rates and unit costs for Actions 1 and 2
- ✓ Co-funding (up to 75%) for Action 3





## PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ Management at EU level by DG EAC+AIDCO through Executive Agency
- ✓ Annual Calls for Proposals
- ✓ Action 1: selection of joint programmes assisted by high-level Selection Board, selection of students by consortia
- ✓ Action 2: own legal bases linked to EM programme decision, external action decision making procedures apply, selection of students by partnerships, role of EU Delegations and 3C authorities
- ✓ Strong support role of National Structures





## PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- ✓ Role of National Structures
  - ✓ Information and contact point for candidates and participants in the programme
  - ✓ Programme-related information and dissemination activities
  - ✓ Identification and dissemination of best practices
  - ✓ Contact point for national recognition issues
  - ✓ Participation in project monitoring





## PROGRAMME EVALUATION & MONITORING

- ✓ Interim evaluation in 2012
- ✓ Ex-post evaluation in 2015
- ✓ Continuous project monitoring with help of National Structures, EU Delegations and peer reviews





## ADOPTION CALENDAR

- ✓ Adoption by COM: 12 July 07
- ✓ Council first reading: July-November 07
- ✓ EP first reading: November 07-June 08
- ✓ Adoption by co-decision: Autumn 08?

