



Programme “Erasmus Mundus”

The programme was established with decision 2317/2003 on December 5, 2003 of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union.

Objectives of the programme:

Erasmus Mundus is a programme for cooperation and mobility in higher education. It aims to increase the quality of European higher education and to promote intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries. The programme aims to strengthen European cooperation and international links in higher education by supporting high-quality master's programs by providing opportunity for students and scholars to pursue postgraduate studies in European universities and by encouraging mobility of European students and scholars to teach in third countries.

Types of activities:

Erasmus Mundus is composed of the following activities:

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Activity 1

Erasmus Mundus Master's programs: they are the main component of the programme. These are integrated Master's programs of high quality offered by a consortium of at least three European universities, in at least three European countries. Programs must be "integrated", which means that they must provide training in at least two universities and finally to provide a diploma recognized by at least two universities or general diploma.

Activity 2

Erasmus Mundus scholarships: in order to give the master's programs from Action 1 a strong external projection, to them it is attached a scheme to provide scholarships for students and scholars from third countries. These scholarships are aimed at professionals who come to Europe to follow the programme from the list of masters programs Erasmus Mundus or work for one of them.

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Activity 3

Partnership: aims to encourage European universities to open to the world and to strengthen their presence in the international arena. This activity provides the opportunity to create partnerships with universities in third countries. These partnerships allow for mobility of students and scholars from third countries in Erasmus Mundus master's programs.

Activity 4

Enhancing the attractiveness: supports projects which aim is to increase the attractiveness of and interest in European higher education. It supports activities that improve the appearance and facilitate access to European higher education as well as important issues for the internationalization of higher education, such as mutual recognition of qualifications with third countries.

Eligible participants

- Member States;
- Candidate member-states;

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- Countries of the European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway);
- All other countries (third countries).

The programme is aimed at:

- Universities;
- Students who received their first level of education;
- Academics and professionals who teach or do research;
- Staff who directly participate in higher education;
- Other public or private organizations active in higher education (only Action 4).

Information:

Additional information about Life + programme can be found on:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm

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