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(2004-2008)



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Genesis

- ✓ Article 149 of EC Treaty: enhance quality education
- ✓ Political aims: Lisbon, Barcelona, Bologna ...
- ✓ Communication on reinforcing co-operation with third countries
- ✓ Intercultural dialogue: new political priority



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Main Challenges

- ✓ Prepare citizens for global society
- ✓ Ensure world-wide recognition of European universities as centre of excellence
- ✓ Remain at leading edge of developments
- ✓ Contribute to cultural understanding



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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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Specific Aims

- ✓ Promote European quality offer in higher education
- ✓ Encourage incoming mobility of third-country graduate students and scholars
- ✓ Foster structured co-operation with third-country higher education institutions
- ✓ Improve profile, visibility and accessibility of European higher education in the world



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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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Target Countries

- ✓ 25 EU Member States
- ✓ 3 EFTA/EEA countries
- ✓ EU candidate countries (maybe as of 2007)
- ✓ Third countries (all but the three categories above)

- ✓ First three categories not eligible for scholarships (Action 2)
- ✓ Third countries not eligible for Masters Courses (Action 1)



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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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Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (1)

- ✓ Corner-stone of the programme
- ✓ Support of high-quality Masters Courses of 1 to 2 years (60 to 120 ECTS credits) offered by a consortium of at least 3 higher education institutions from 3 different European countries
- ✓ Any discipline
- ✓ Masters Courses must be fully operational at time of application
- ✓ Selected for five years ☞ no substantial change of the Course during that period



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Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (2)

- ✓ Consist of an integrated study programme:
 - ☞ Delivery of a jointly developed curriculum or full recognition of courses delivered separately, but making up a common Course
 - ☞ Joint admission and examination criteria
 - ☞ Study period in at least two institutions
 - ☞ Award of a joint, a double or a multiple degree officially recognised in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located
 - ☞ Offer the use of at least 2 EU languages (not necessarily 2 languages of instruction)



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Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (4)

- ✓ Participate in third-country mobility scheme:
- ☞ Masters Courses are open to third-country graduate students and scholars
- ☞ Joint application and selection process for third-country participants
- ☞ High-quality hosting and welcome services and facilities



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Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (5)

✓ Funding:

- ☞ Annual flat-rate of 15,000 € for the consortium offering the Masters Course
- ☞ 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 of high academic quality to follow the Masters Course (for definition of student see art. 2 of Decision)
- ✓ Grants for incoming third-country scholars of high academic quality to carry out teaching or research assignments for the Masters Course (for definition of scholar see art. 2 of Decision)
- ✓ about 20 third-country students per Masters Course and year
- ✓ 3 or 4 third-country scholars per Masters Course and year



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Action 2: Scholarships (2)

- ✓ Erasmus Mundus consortia and Commission publicise selected Masters Courses world-wide
- ✓ Students and scholars apply directly to consortia
- ✓ Consortia select students and scholars and propose a list of grantees, including a reserve list, to the Commission
- ✓ Consortia ensure a geographical balance:
 - ☞ No more than 25% of third-country students from the same country
 - ☞ No more than 10% of third-country students from the same institution
 - ☞ Each third-country scholar from a different country



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Action 2: Scholarships (3)

✓ “Asian windows”:

- ☞ Funds injected into Erasmus Mundus to finance additional scholarships for students coming from specific Asian countries (e.g. China, India, Thailand, Malaysia, etc.)
- ☞ About 10 additional scholarships per Masters Course and year
- ☞ Implemented under exactly the same conditions as “normal” Erasmus Mundus scholarships from 2005 to 2007



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Action 2: Scholarships (4)

✓ Funding:

- ☞ Student mobility: 21,000 € per student for a one-year course (10 study months x 1,600 € plus a fixed amount of 5,000 € for travel expenses, tuition fees etc.) or 42,000 € per student for a two-year course
- ☞ Scholar mobility: 13,000 € per scholar (3 months x 4,000 € plus a fixed amount of 1,000 € for travel expenses)
- ☞ Grants are paid to grantees by consortia



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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
- ✓ Duration: 1 to 3 years (renewable)



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Action 3: Partnerships (2)

- ✓ Grants for EU-students and EU-scholars involved in Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses for mobility period (3 months) at third-country partner institution
- ✓ In principle 5 EU-students per year and institution within a consortium and 3 EU-scholars per year and consortium
- ✓ Recognition of study periods acquired at the third-country partner institution
- ✓ Teachers' exchanges, development and dissemination of new methodologies in higher education, development of co-operation schemes with third-country institutions, etc.



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Action 3: Partnerships (3)

✓ Funding:

- ☞ 5,000 € per year per third-country institution (max. 15,000 € per year and consortium)
- ☞ Student mobility: 3,100 € per student (3 months x 700 € plus a fixed amount of 1,000 €)
- ☞ Scholar mobility: 13,000 € per scholar (3 months x 4,000 € plus a fixed amount of 1,000 €)
- ☞ Grants are paid to grantees by consortia



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Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness (1)

- ✓ Addressed to higher education institutions and other public or private organisations
- ✓ At least 3 organisations from 3 different European countries
- ✓ 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)

- ✓ Possible activities:
- ☞ Promoting European higher education in the world: seminars, conferences, fairs, publications, information and dissemination tools, etc.
- ☞ Access for third-country students to European higher education: pedagogic tools for language training and cultural preparation, more effective methods of hosting and integrating third-country students, services facilitating mobility, etc.



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Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness (3)

- ✓ Possible activities (continuation):
- ☞ Complementary activities: surveys and studies, mutual recognition of qualifications with third countries, international dimension of quality assurance, credit recognition, curriculum development, etc.
- ☞ Alumni association of all students graduating from Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses vary according to size of project



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Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness (4)

✓ Funding:

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



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Implementation in General

- ✓ By the Commission (as from 2006: Executive Agency)
- ✓ Annual calls for proposals
- ✓ Actions 1, 3 and 4: application to the Commission
- ✓ Action 2 (mobility grants): application to Masters Courses
- ✓ National structures in European countries: contact and information points



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Concrete Implementation

- ✓ Publication of calls for proposals: February $n-1$ for academic year $n/n+1$ (e.g.: February 2006 for academic year 2007/2008)
- ✓ Action 1: deadline April $n-1$, selection September $n-1$, start academic year $n/n+1$
- ✓ Action 2: deadlines set by Masters Courses, selection May n , start academic year $n/n+1$
- ✓ Action 3: deadline October $n-1$, selection January n , start academic year $n/n+1$
- ✓ Action 4: deadline April n , selection September n , start October n



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Actions 1 and 2: Selection Cycle

1. Consortia apply to Commission for Masters Course (Action 1) → Commission selects
2. Third-country students and scholars apply to selected consortia for scholarships (Action 2) → consortia select
3. Consortia apply to Commission for scholarship funds (Action 2) → Commission approves



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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”: 56 M€



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Main Outputs 2004-2008

- ✓ 115 Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses
- ✓ 6,000 grants for incoming third-country students
- ✓ 1,000 grants for incoming third-country scholars
- ✓ 100 Partnerships
- ✓ 4,000 grants for outgoing EU-students
- ✓ 800 grants for outgoing EU-scholars
- ✓ 50 attractiveness projects



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Selection Results – Masters Courses (Action 1)

- ✓ 57 Masters Courses selected (of which 35 already operational, others as of academic year 2006/2007)
- ✓ Wide variety of disciplines (hard, soft and life sciences)
- ✓ 21 countries represented, strongest participation: France, Spain, UK, Germany, Italy
- ✓ List of selected Masters Courses available from Erasmus Mundus website



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Selection Results – Scholarships (Action 2)

- ✓ 140 third-country students and 42 third-country scholars selected for scholarships in 2004
- ✓ 800 third-country students and 130 third-country scholars selected for scholarships in 2005 (of which 350 students and 20 scholars under the “Asian windows”)
- ✓ 56.7% Asians (including the “Asian windows”), 16.8% North or South Americans, 12.6% Africans, 12.4% Europeans, 1.5% from Oceania (for nationalities see Erasmus Mundus website)



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Selection Results – Partnerships (Action 3)

- ✓ First Partnerships (9) selected in 2005 and already operational
- ✓ 17 European countries represented, strongest participation: UK, France, Germany, Norway
- ✓ 17 third countries represented, strongest participation: Brazil, USA, Australia, China, South Africa
- ✓ 570 EU-students and 120 EU-scholars to receive scholarships to study/work at third-country university
- ✓ List of selected Partnerships available from the EM website



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Selection Results – Enhancing Attractiveness (Action 4)

- ✓ 14 projects selected (7 started in 2004, 7 in 2005)
- ✓ Wide variety of activities (promotion, counselling, etc.)
- ✓ 26 European countries represented, strongest participation: France, UK, Norway, the Netherlands
- ✓ 17 third countries represented, strongest participation: Russia, USA, Canada, Australia
- ✓ List of selected projects available from the EM website

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Further Information

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