

Topics - Erasmus Mundus Action 2 partnerships

- A partnership
- Strand 1 and 2
- Key documents
- Mobility
- The selection process - *EU Delegation*
- The award criteria - *Independent expert*
- Benefits - *Student*

What is a partnership?

- Higher Education Institution cooperation between EU and non-EU countries
- Offering scholarships of varying length for students and staff
- Covering wide range of type of mobility

What is Strand 1 and what is Strand 2?

Strand 1

Cooperation and development

Strand 2

Cooperation and innovation

Which are the key documents to prepare a proposal?


- Call for Proposals EACEA/42/11
- The Programme Guide
- Guidelines for Action 2
- The application form

Action 2 - Mobility

- Scholarships of varying length (1 month to 3 years)
- Bachelor, master, doctorate and post-doctorate students and HE staff (training, teaching, research activities)
- Mobility not linked to specific programmes
- Special attention paid to socio-economically disadvantaged groups and populations in a vulnerable situation (Strand 1 only)

Action 2 shape and finance

- Composition
 - At least 5 European HEIs from at least 3 EU countries
 - At least 1 HEI from each country of the Lot (S1)
 - At least 3 HEIs from two countries of the Lot (S2)
- Maximum eligibility period: 48 months
- Partnership management flat rate = EUR 10,000 x number of partners (max EUR 200,000)
- Individual scholarships using flat rates cover:
 - Travel
 - Subsistence costs
 - Fees
 - Insurance and visa costs



Check
the
specific
lot for
details

Action 2 individual mobility

- 5 possible levels of higher education:
 - Undergraduate - Masters - Doctorate - Post-Doctorate
 - Staff
- Variable length mobility:
 - 1 - 36 months for both degree-seeking and other students
- 3 target groups
 - Target Group 1: students/staff from partners institutions
 - Target Group 2: other nationals from third countries
 - Target Group 3: national of third countries in lot in vulnerable situation

Erasmus Mundus - Action 2 to date

(ECW, 2007-2009, Action 2 2010)

- 46 partnerships selected in 2011
- 162 partnerships selected, 2007 - 2011 (144 running)
- 2,900 participations by 1,031 different HEIs
- 326 EU, 705 non-EU HEIs
- 14,000 mobilities (2007-2009 selections)
- 9,260 mobilities planned in partnerships selected in 2010 and 2011

Action 2: common & specific elements

- **Common to all Action 2 lots**

- A range of target groups for mobility
- A range of duration for mobility
- Up to 5 levels of higher education covered
- Project must start operations in year of selection (year 'n')
- Mobility may start in different 'cohorts' throughout partnership life

- **Specific to individual lots (See Guidelines)**

- Which target groups covered by mobility
- Which levels of higher education covered
- Thematic fields of study
- Partnership composition

Action 2 individual mobility

• Strand 1

- TG 1 at least 50% of individual mobility
- Third-country mobility at least 70% of individual mobility
- European mobility maximum 30% of individual mobility (ENPI and IPA)
- No mobility for Europeans under DCI. ACP lot can allow mobility for European staff

• Strand 2

- Only TG 1: no undergraduate level
- European mobility at least 60% of individual mobility
- Third-country mobility to Europe no higher than 40% of individual mobility

Managing mobility

- Start of student mobility in three cohorts
 1. September 2012 - December 2013
 2. September 2013 - December 2014
 3. September 2014 - December 2015
- Reporting requirements
 - EM Mobility Database
 - Student selection framework

What is the selection procedure?

Check of

- ✓ eligibility criteria
- ✓ exclusion criteria
- ✓ selection criteria
technical and financial capacity

Consultation with EU Delegations

- ✓ eligibility of non-EU HEIs
- ✓ relevance of the proposal regarding geographical region

Assessment of award criteria by academic experts

Strand 1

1. Relevance - 25%

- Needs analysis according to priorities
- Development of higher education cooperation
- Capacity building
- Cross-cutting issues

2. Quality - 65%

2.1 Composition & cooperation mechanisms 20%

- Expertise, capacity, diversity and involvement

2.2 Organisation & implementation of mobility 25%

- Promotion, selection, recognition, evaluation

2.3 Student/staff facilities & follow-up 20%

- Agreements, practical arrangements, integration

3. Sustainability - 10%

- Dissemination and multiplier effects
- Impact
- Future potential

Assessment of award criteria by academic experts

Strand 2

1. Relevance - 25%

- Region-to-region approach
- Mutual expertise
- Quality education

2. Contribution to excellence - 25%

- Innovation
- Transfer of know-how

3. Quality - 50%

3.1 Composition & cooperation mechanisms 15%
- Expertise and capacity

3.2 Organisation & implementation of mobility 20%
- Promotion, selection, recognition, evaluation, sustainability

3.3 Student/staff facilities & follow-up 15%

- Evaluation Committee
- Selection Decision

What are the benefits?

- ✓ High-level academic mobility
- ✓ Recognition of study and research/teaching assignments
- ✓ In-depth knowledge of different HE systems
- ✓ Linguistic skills, intercultural experience
- ✓ Employability
- ✓ Academic exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts

Any tips?

- ✓ Start with the Programme Guide and the Guidelines of the Call
- ✓ Decide for the geographical area of your interest
- ✓ Chose your partners and involve them accordingly
- ✓ Define roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Match your proposal with call requirements

Any tips?

- ✓ Analyze the needs of partners, students + staff
- ✓ Plan mobility meeting quality, quantity and diversity
- ✓ Involve target group 2 and 3 (Strand 1)
- ✓ Put in place a realistic time schedule
- ✓ Make your proposal unique
- ✓ Convince with enthusiasm