

# Opportunities for higher education institutions and other bodies



# **Erasmus Mundus**







# **Erasmus Mundus - objectives**

- > Enhance the quality of European HE through international co-operation
- > Improve the development of human resources
- Promote dialogue and understanding between peoples and cultures
- Promote Europe as a centre of excellence in learning around the world





- > Action 1 Joint Programmes (including scholarships)
- > Action 2 Partnerships (including scholarships)
- > Action 3 Promotion of European HE





#### **Action 1 - Joint Programmes**

- > Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (EMMCs)
- > Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)
- > Full-study scholarships for students and researchers of exceptional quality (worldwide)
- > Scholarships for academics to teach on EMMCs





# What is an Erasmus Mundus course?

A course (masters or doctorate)...

developed and delivered by a consortium of universities...

located in at least three European countries and...

co-ordinated by a European university (<u>non-</u> <u>European universities can be partners</u>)





# What is an Erasmus Mundus course?

#### **An Erasmus Mundus course:**

- offers an integrated study/research programme, fully recognised in the countries where it is delivered
- requires study or research in at least two countries in the consortium
- > leads to the award of a <u>double</u>, <u>multiple or</u> <u>joint degree</u> to all successful students/doctors
- > is renewable annually up to 4 times (5 years)





# What is an Erasmus Mundus course?

Since 2004, more than 1000 universities...

have developed nearly 170 joint masters and doctoral courses...

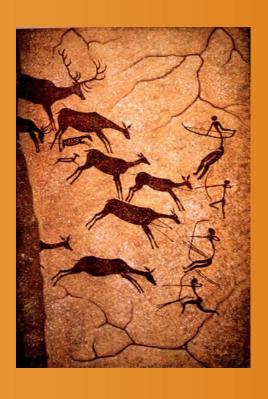
attended by over 12 000 students and 2000 academics from more than 140 countries...

in a wide range of disciplines...





# from this...



# ...to this







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# **Erasmus Mundus - thematic disciplines**

- Agricultural and Forestry Sciences
- Architecture, Urban and Regional Planning
- > Art and Design
- **Business Studies, Management Science**
- Communication and Information Sciences
- Education, Teacher Training
- Engineering, Technology
- Geography, Earth and Environmental Studies
- > Health Sciences
- > Humanities
- Languages and Philological Sciences
- > Law
- Mathematics, Informatics
- > Natural Sciences
- > Social and Cultural Sciences, Economics





#### **Action 1 - Targets (2009-2013)**

- > 150 EM Masters Courses
- > 35 EM Joint Doctorates
- > 5300 grants at masters level (non-EU students)
- > 450 grants at doctoral level (non-EU students)
- > 3500 grants at masters level (EU students)
- > 330 grants at doctoral level (EU students)
- > 2000 grants to non-EU academics at masters level
- > 2000 grants to EU academics at masters level





#### **Action 2 - Partnerships**

- ➤ Large partnerships between HEIs from EU + non-EU HEIs from a specific region
- > Emphasis on co-operation and transfer of know-how
- > Scholarships of varying length (3 months to 3 years)
- Bachelor, master, doctorate, post-doctorate students + HE staff (training, teaching, research activities)
- Mobility not linked to specific programmes (all programmes on offer in partner HEIs can be followed)





#### **Action 3 - Promotion of European HE**

Priority has been given to projects that:

- > promote European HE in specific geographical areas
- > improve services for international students
- > address the international dimension of Quality Assurance
- help strengthen links between European HE and research
- promote European study opportunities for doctoral candidates
- > promote Erasmus Mundus towards European students





# How is quality guaranteed?

- ➢ Rigorous and competitive selection process (independent evaluators and high-level academic Selection Board)
- Continuous quality monitoring through annual reports and visits by European Commission
- > High quality of students + active feedback
- > 76 of Europe's top 100 universities (according to the Shanghai rankings) are participants in Erasmus Mundus courses, plus top universities from other parts of the world (e.g. Harvard, Berkeley, Sydney, Tokyo)





# How is quality guaranteed?

- Quality Assurance exercise has been carried out on 21 EM Masters Courses, with involvement of EM alumni
- Result is a "Quality Handbook" offering guidance to existing or prospective participants + online Self-Assessment Tool
- Based on practical feedback from those who have actually been involved in delivering EM courses
- See EM Excellence website <a href="http://www.emqa.eu">http://www.emqa.eu</a>





# **Benefits for universities**

- > Establish lasting links between institutions
- > Improve quality of teaching and students
- Put in place mechanisms to facilitate mobility and degree recognition
- Increase university visibility, attractiveness worldwide
- > Enhance reputation through involvement in excellence programmes





# Benefits for students and academics

- > Participate in high-level masters/doctoral courses
- Receive double/multiple/joint degree from consortium of excellent universities
- > Acquire in-depth knowledge of Europe + European HE
- > Improve linguistic skills, intercultural experience
- > Improve employability of students through recognition of qualifications and study periods abroad
- > Academic exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts





# How to apply?

Go to the Erasmus Mundus website: <a href="http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\_mundus">http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\_mundus</a>

Select "Funding & scholarships - for higher education institutions and other bodies", then:

**Erasmus Mundus Call for Proposals** + **Programme Guide**, also "Need a project partner?"





# **THANK YOU!**





