

ERASMUS MUNDUS

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Presentation Topics

1. What are we here for ?

Putting the Info Day in perspective

2. Key elements in the new programme

- a) Building on the experience
- b) Broadening the scope
- c) Combining Excellence and Cooperation

3. One Programme - Three Actions

- a) Action 1 – Joint Programmes (at masters and doctoral level)
- b) Action 2 – Partnerships
- c) Action 3 – Promotion of Higher Education

4. The application and selection process

- a) Variety of actors
- b) Peer review
- c) Transparent and objective

5. Several teams at your disposal

1. Promoting European higher education
 - offer **high quality** with a distinct **European added value**
 - Improve **accessibility, profile** and **visibility** in the world
2. Helping improving and enhancing the career prospects of students
 - developing the qualifications of men and women
3. Promoting intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries in the field of Higher Education
 - development of **human resources** and the **international cooperation capacity** of HEIs in third countries
 - **mutual enrichment of societies**

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Combining Policies and Objectives

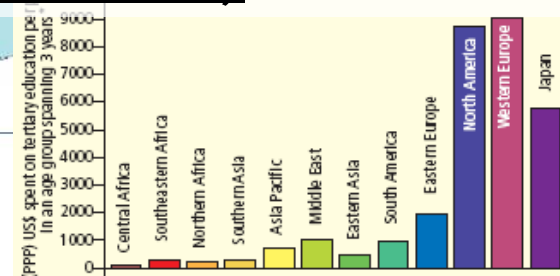
In order to

- ☞ Work on an equal footing with the most developed countries
- ☞ Cooperate and contribute to the development of less favoured regions of the world,

Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 has an overall budget of almost 1 billion euros

- ☞ 493.69 Million EUR for Actions 1 and 3 (from the EU's Education Budget)
- ☞ About 460 Million EUR for Action 2 (from different external relations instruments: ENPI, DCI, IPA, ICI, EDF)

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EM 2009-2013: Key Elements (a)

1. Building on the experience (the consultation process)

- 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)

➔ **Unanimous message: the programme is a success and should be continued**

EM 2009-2013 focus remains on:

- Integrated “joint programmes” with mandatory mobility periods and joint recognition
- Cooperation partnerships as launched since 2007 in the External Cooperation Window
- Attractive scholarships/fellowships for full (Action 1 and 2) or partial study periods (Action 2)
- Simple financial management based on lump sums and flat rates
- Decentralised management of scholarships by consortia and partnerships
- European Higher Education visibility and promotion activities

2. Broadening the scope

- Integrating the External Cooperation Window as the new Action 2 of the Programme
- Including the doctoral level under Action 1 - Joint programmes
- Offering full study scholarships to the best European postgraduate students and doctoral candidates
- Including third country HEIs as full actors in the design and implementation of joint programmes
- Reinforcing the role of other socio-economic actors (research centres, non educational organisations, etc.) in the joint programmes' implementation
- Providing concrete support to our network of National Structures

3. Combining excellence and cooperation

EM 2009-2013, a unique Community Action Programme in Higher Education that combines EU internal and external policies.

During EM 2009-2013,

- **Excellence** will be reinforced with an increased focus on
 - Specially designed Joint Programmes at postgraduate level
 - Quality Assurance, empowerment and governance of European HEIs
 - Services offered to international students (from an academic and administrative point of view)
 - Tighter links with the socio-economic sectors
- **International cooperation** will be reinforced by
 - Closer links between European and third country HEIs in Actions 1 and 2
 - Mobility flows of students and university staff between European and third country HEIs

One programme – Three Actions

What can you achieve through Erasmus Mundus?

- Improve the visibility of your department / faculty / institution (at local, regional, national or international level)
- Increase its attractiveness in recruiting highly qualified European and third country students / doctoral candidates / scholars
- Create a strong cooperation network with European and third country partners
- Facilitate the exchange of good practices and innovation process (from the management and content points of view)
- Secure financial support for your academic, research and inter-university mobility activities

➔ **+/- 3.500.000 €** / “Action 1 - Joint programme” (700.000 per joint programme’s edition)

➔ **+/- 4.000.000 €** / “Action 2 – Partnership” (for a three year project)

One programme – Three Actions

What can stop you from becoming an Erasmus Mundus actor ?

IF,

- Your institution is not interested,
- You do not have a project,
- You do not have time to dedicate to this type of activities,
- Nobody wants to work with you,

 **Then... there is very little we can do for you !**

- You think that the programme rules and application process are too complicated...

 **Then, let us convince you of the contrary !**

One programme – Three Actions

Erasmus Mundus 2004-2008

Action 1 – Joint Masters

Action 2 – Scholarships for third country students and scholars

Action 3 – Partnerships with third country HEIs including scholarships for European students and scholars

External Cooperation Windows (2006-2008)

Structured partnerships between European and targeted third country HEIs, with bilateral exchanges of students and scholars

Action 4 – Awareness Raising projects for the worldwide promotion of European Higher Education

Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013

Action 1 – Joint Programmes (including scholarships)

Action 2 – Partnerships (including scholarships)

Action 3 – Promotion of European Higher Education

Action 1 – Joint Programmes (JP) (a)

What's new? (compared to Erasmus Mundus 2004-2008)

- Joint programmes at **Doctoral level**
- Full **scholarships for Europeans** (students/ doctoral candidates / scholars involved in joint masters)
- Possibility to include **third country HEIS as full partners** of the consortium
- Revised student **scholarships calculation**
 - Taking into account the cost of living
 - Increasing resources for participating HEIs
 - Decentralising the students insurance scheme
- Increased focus on **Sustainability, Employability, Quality Assurance** and **Visibility**

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Action 1 – Joint Programmes (JP) (b)

- **Integrated** joint study / research programme at masters or doctorate level implemented by a consortium of HEIs (min. 3 Eur. Countries)
 - Jointly designed study/research programme
 - Joint application, selection and assessment criteria
 - Joint students registration and admission conditions
 - Programme content fully recognised by all partners
- **Mandatory mobility periods** in at least two of the countries represented in the Joint Programme
- **Double, multiple or joint degrees** to all successful students / doctoral candidates
- If selected, **funded for five consecutive editions** of the joint programme

Action 1 – Joint Programmes (JP) (c)

- Integrated **scholarship** scheme for
 - Third country students at Masters level
 - ☞ **24.000 € / year**
 - European students at Masters level
 - ☞ **10.000 € / year** (+ 3.000 € mobility grant if applicable)
 - European and Third country scholars in the joint master
 - ☞ **up to 14.400 € for 3 months**
 - European and Third country doctoral candidates
 - ☞ **60.000 to 130.000 € for three years** depending on the research area (lab. / not lab.) and the enrolment model (i.e. stipends or employment contract)
- **The scholarship includes**
 - Participation costs (e.g. tuition fees), travel costs, insurance and living allowances
- Funding is also provided for the **consortium management costs**
 - **30.000 € / course edition at masters level**
 - **50.000 € / doctoral programme edition**

Action 2 – Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (a)

- Continuation of the *Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window* scheme
 - Funded by **different financial instruments**
 - **Fosters:**
 - structured co-operation between HEIs in Europe and specific (/targeted) geographical regions of the world,
 - with the objective of implementing bilateral exchanges of students and university staff between Europe and these regions.
 - Award of **mobility scholarships:**
 - at all levels (from undergraduate to post-doc; incl. professors or professionals), for variable durations, in a variety of disciplines
-  **priorities** defined in consultation with the third country(/ies) concerned

Action 2 – Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (b)

- **Partnerships composed of**
 - At least 5 European HEIs (representing 3 different countries)
 - At least 1 HEI from each of the third countries covered by the targeted geographical area
 - Maximum 20 HEIs
- **Funding composed of**
 - **Lump sum** to cover the partnership's administrative costs
10.000 € / participating HEI (200.000 € max.)
 - **Individual mobility scholarships** for students and staff (including travel, insurance, living allowances and, if applicable, tuition fees)
Variable amounts in accordance with the type of beneficiary and length of the mobility (e.g 1000 € / month for students living allowances)
- Special attention is paid to **socio-economically disadvantaged groups** and **populations in a vulnerable situation**

Type of activities :

- Funding for « Attractiveness projects » (including internationalisation of *Erasmus Thematic Networks*)
- Grants for the promotion of Erasmus Mundus by National Structures (restricted Calls)
- Studies, Calls for Tender (e.g. Quality Assurance for Masters Courses, Cluster meetings, etc.)
- Support to the **EM Alumni Association** activities

 **No open call for proposals in 2009 !**

Implementation Principles

- **Programme Guide** + Annual Calls for Proposals
- **Action 1:**
 1. Selection of Joint Programmes assisted by high-level ***Selection Board***,
 2. Selection of students and doctoral candidates by consortia
- **Action 2:**
 1. External action decision making procedures apply,
 2. Selection of students by partnerships, role of EU Delegations and Third Country Authorities
- Strong support role of **Erasmus Mundus National Structures**

Involvement of a variety of actors

- The Executive Agency checks eligibility and selection criteria
- The EM National Structures check eligibility of
 - European HEIs without an ERASMUS Charter
 - Recognition status of degrees awarded in the context of “Action 1 - Joint Programmes”
- The EU Delegations in third countries
 - check the eligibility status of the third country HEIs involved (in Action 1 and 2 proposals)
 - Assess the relevance of the proposals in accordance with the regional priorities
- Independent Experts assess the quality of the proposal in relation with the award criteria

Peer Review

- Proposal assessed by independent experts
 - Selected from the Agency's *Call for expression of Interest*
 - Two individual assessments followed by a "reconciliation" (/joint/consolidated assessment) and, if divergence between the two experts, the involvement of a third expert
 - Experts' expertise in international cooperation in HE +
 - Thematic for "Action 1 - Joint Programmes" (experience in assessment of RTD FP projects for joint doctoral programmes)
 - Geographic for Action 2 – Partnerships" (involvement of experts from the target countries)
- Selection Board composed of high level academic authorities to assist in the selection of "Action 1 - Joint programmes"

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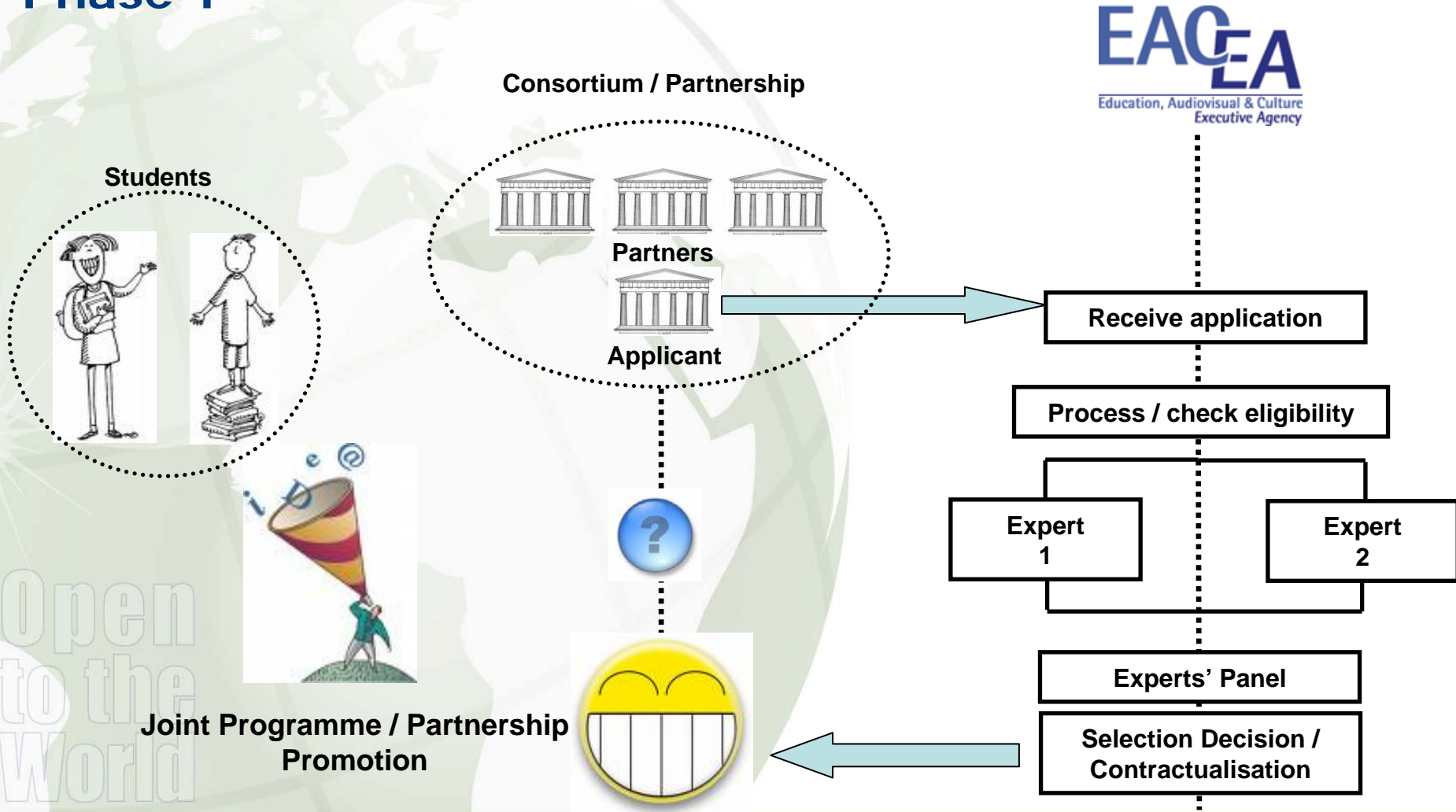
Transparent and Objective

- Proposals assessment based exclusively on the selection and award criteria (eligibility and exclusion criteria must be fulfilled in order for the proposal to be assessed)
- Experts Assessment Manual published on the Agency website prior to the experts' panel
- Communication of assessment results and experts comments to all applicants

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The Application and selection procedure

Phase 1



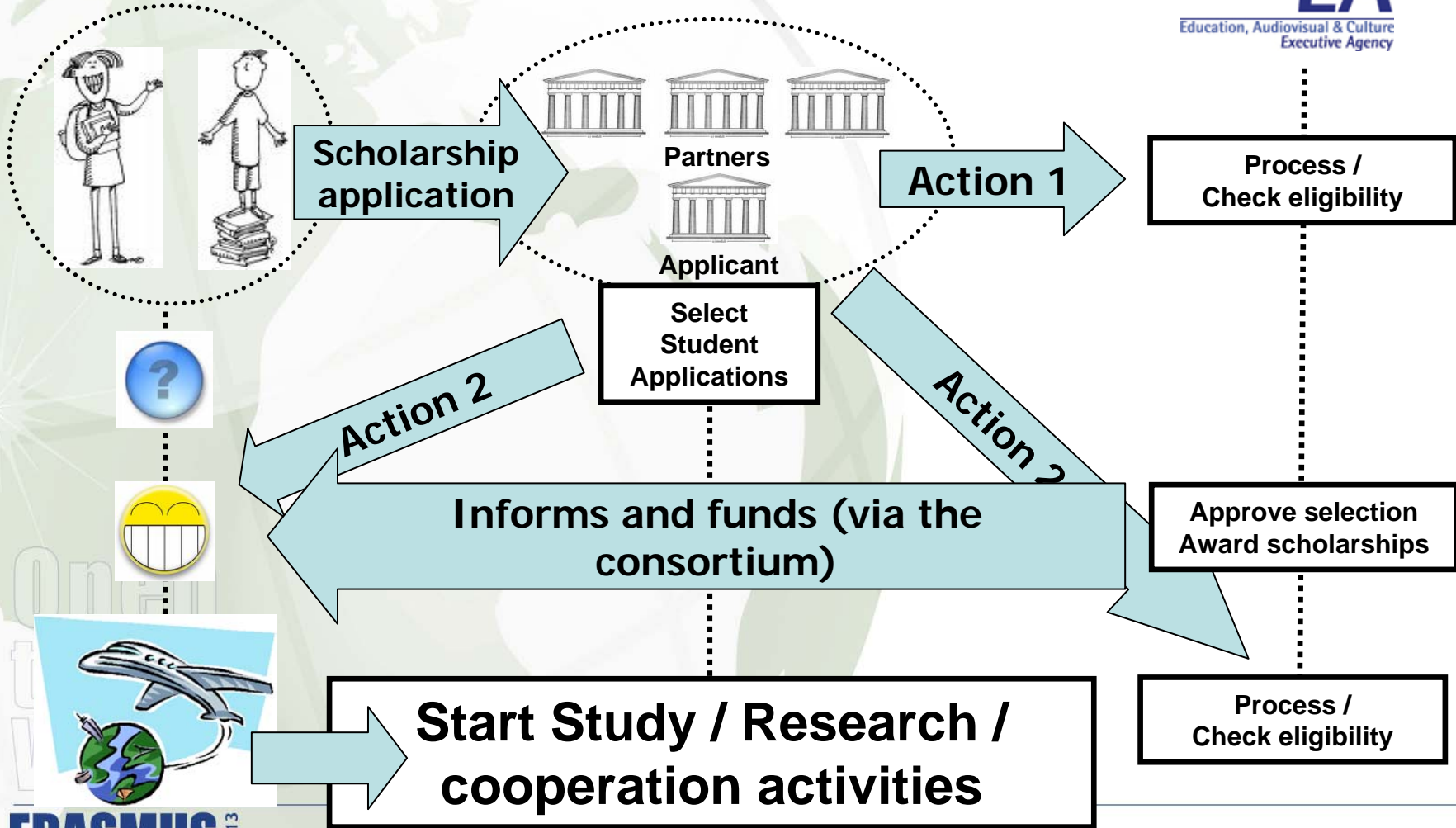
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The Application and selection procedure

Phase 2

Students

Consortium / Partnership



- The Executive Agency for Education, Culture and Audiovisual
 - EACEA-Erasmus-Mundus@ec.europa.eu
 - [EACEA-EM-EXTCOOP](#)
- The European Commission
 - Directorate General for Education and Culture (DG EAC)
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- The Erasmus Mundus National Structures
 - <http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/doc/national.pdf>
- The European Commission's Delegations
 - http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/delegations/web_en.htm