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Centralised Actions





Overview of the presentations

- Centralised actions under the LLP programme
- Erasmus University Charter (EUC)
- Erasmus centralised actions time schedule for 2007
- Selection procedure: Award criteria and assessment
- Key figures
- Relevant documents and web links





Centralised Actions

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Socrates 2000-2006

- Curriculum Development
- Intensive Programmes (1)
- Thematic Networks
- Accompanying measures

LLP 2007-2013

- Curriculum Development
- Modernisation of Higher Education
- Virtual Campuses
- Co-operation between Universities and Enterprises
- Networks
- Accompanying measures

(1) Intensive programmes are considered as mobility actions under the LLP : National Agencies will manage this action





Erasmus University Charter (EUC)

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- Higher Education Institutions (HEI) must be awarded the EUC under the LLP to be a coordinator of an Erasmus Multilateral project or a Network.
- Submission deadline: 28 February 2007
- Submission procedure*: electronic on-line submission + signed paper copy

*http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/llp/erasmus/documents/1220154938_001.pdf





Erasmus centralised actions time schedule for 2007

30 March 2007	Deadline for the submission of applications (*)
July	Information of applicants on selection results
July to September	Preparation of contracts with beneficiaries
1st October	Starting date of funded projects

() Please note that for Accompanying measures the deadline is 30 April 2007 and the start of contracts is foreseen for November 2007*





Award criteria (*)

- Impact and relevance of the results
- Quality of the methodology and the work programme
- European added value
- Innovative character
- Quality of the consortium
- Quality of the dissemination and exploitation plan
- The cost-benefit ratio

(*) *See Annex III of the Call*





Assessment procedure

- Eligibility and financial aspects are checked by the Executive Agency staff
- Each application (award criteria) is assessed by 2 independent external experts
- The panel of experts proposes a "short list" of applications for a Community cofinancing
- Based on the experts "recommendations", the Commission takes the final decision on selected projects





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Key figures

Actions	2007 indicative budget (MioEUR)	Estimated number of projects to be selected
Multilateral projects	10,842	45
Network projects	7,16	20
Accompanying measures projects	0,873	7





Submitting a proposal and links

Step 1: Find out the most appropriate Action (s)

Consult the Call text for the LLP programme, the Guide for Applicants and in particular the relevant Fiches (ERA 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14)

Call text and Guide for Applicants :

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/newprog/index_en.html#call

Step 2: Completion of the application

Get the application form from the web site

- Fill in the application form (not yet available) and observe the financial rules
- Arrange signature by the legal representative of the applicant institution

Step 3: Submission of the application

Send the full application (1 original + 3 copies + an electronic version) by mail by 30 March 2007 (postmark) and (30 April 2007) for Accompanying Measures) to the Executive Agency.





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Multilateral projects

Curriculum Development





Objectives

To reinforce the quality and the European dimension of higher education teaching by combining the expertise and state-of-the-art knowledge of Higher Education Institution from several countries. Particular importance is attached to co-operation with the professional world and the world of enterprise





Priorities

- Developing or revising integrated programmes covering a complete cycle of study (bachelor, master and doctorate) and leading to a recognised double or joint degree
- Implementing the integrated programme in the partner institutions in the academic year following the end of the projects (enrolment of first students)
- Developing curricula which actively promote multilingualism, linguistic diversity, Interculturalism in European society
- Developing curricula for continuing education addressing the needs of updating knowledge obtained in the past at undergraduate or postgraduates studies.





Activities supported

- Projects for the joint development of “study programmes” at first, second or third (bachelor, master, or doctoral) level
- Projects for the joint development of European “modules”, including specialised language modules





(1)

Two steps project execution

➤ **Development phase**

Joint development of study programmes

Joint development of European modules

➤ **Implementation and dissemination phase**

The last year covered by the grant should be the first year of implementation by the partner institutions





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Implementation and dissemination (examples):

- tutoring and guidance
- quality assurance mechanisms
- accreditation
- enlargement of the network of partners
- expansion of the project into sectors like further and adult education
- degree awarding
- promotion of the project among possible employers of graduates
- organisation of/and participation in conferences or workshops to demonstrate the products developed



Who can benefit

- Higher Education Institutions
- Public Bodies
- Enterprises
- Associations, networks or consortia of higher education institutions or other bodies active in relation to higher education





Who can apply

Co-ordinating higher education institution (*holding an Erasmus University Charter*) on behalf of the consortium under the LLP (2007-2013)





REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT

- **Participating Countries:** 27 EU Member States + Lichtenstein, Norway, Iceland* and Turkey
- **Consortium Composition:** minimum 3 eligible partners from 3 different participating countries, among which 1 from an EU Member State
- **Applicant Institution:** higher education institution (holding an Erasmus University Charter) on behalf of the consortium under the LLP (2007-2013)
- **Maximal Project Duration:** 2/3 years
- **Maximal Community Contribution:** 150.000 euros/year (maximum Community grant 300.000 euros)
- **Maximal Co-financing percentage:** 75% of total eligible project budget

** Subject to the entry into force of the relevant EEA Joint Committee decision for LI, NO and IS*





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Multilateral projects

Modernisation of Higher Education





Objectives

Making Higher Education systems more flexible, more coherent and more responsive to the needs of society

Reform areas:

- Curricula
- Funding
- Governance





Priorities

- strategies for the modernisation of curricula
- lifelong learning strategies (open learning centres)
- pro-active funding strategies
- internal governance systems
- quality of institutions performance
- accountability
- attractiveness





Who can benefit

- Higher education institutions
- Associations, networks or consortia of higher education institutions
- Other bodies active in relation to higher education





Who can apply

Co-ordinating organisation on behalf of the association,
network or consortium

(Please note: still under discussion, check in:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/structure/fiches/erasmus11_en.pdf)





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- **Applicant Institution:** co-ordinating organisation on behalf of the association, network or consortium (still under discussion)
- **Maximal Project Duration:** 2 years
- **Maximal Community Contribution:** 300.000 euros/year
- **Maximal Co-financing percentage:** 75% of total eligible project budget

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Multilateral projects Virtual Campuses





Objectives

The action aims to support the development / mainstreaming of innovative ICT based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning supported by sustainable organisational, educational and economical models





Priorities

- increasing virtual mobility as a complement or substitute to physical mobility
- integrating a virtual mobility dimension in Erasmus multicultural Curriculum Development projects
- increasing the availability of high-quality European Open Educational Resources (OER)
- contributing to the modernisation agenda for universities and of higher education in Europe
- Testing innovative e-learning concepts





Who can benefit

- Higher Education Institutions
- Public bodies
- Enterprises
- Associations





Who can apply

Higher Education Institution which is holder of
the Erasmus University Charter under the LLP (2007-2013)





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Multilateral projects

Co-operation between Universities and Enterprises





Objectives

Facilitation and intensification of cooperation between Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and enterprises by creating a common culture and understanding and developing exemplary actions in this area.





Priorities

- Developing strategies for cooperation between higher education and enterprises which has to include a clear concept of guidance and counselling;
- Introduce entrepreneurship as part of the curriculum for students and especially as a skill for teachers/researchers;
- Including small and medium-sized enterprises as well as professional organisations, chambers of commerce, social partners and local/regional bodies;
- Transferring innovations from vocational education and training (VET) to the academic domain of higher education (HE) and vice-versa;
- Stimulating cooperation between regions and economic sectors with little history of cross-border contacts;
- Reinforcing both economic development and social cohesion.



Who can benefit

- Higher education institutions
- Enterprises, in particular SMEs
- Professional organisations
- Chambers of commerce
- Social partners
- Local/regional/national bodies





Who can apply

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Networks





Objectives

To enhance quality and to define and develop a European dimension within a given academic discipline or study area, or as regards a topic of an interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary nature, or as in other matters of common interest (such as university management, quality assurance, etc.)





Priorities

- Focus on issues relating to access to higher education
- Address the “knowledge triangle” of education, research and innovation
- Address issues relating to governance and diversification of higher education institutions
- Link general higher education, advanced vocational education and training with the world of work
- Map and update the state of the art in their field and explore ways to foster more European cooperation



- Define and update generic and subject-specific competences using the same method as the pilot project “Tuning Educational Structures in Europe”
- Develop standards for quality assurance in their particular field, taking into account the quality references and guidelines adopted in Bergen in May 2005 (Bologna Process)
- Address subject areas which are not yet addressed so far by projects in this field of action, such as economics, literature, philosophy, mathematics and the cultural dimension of education
- Map and check “rare knowledge” in any given discipline or transversal subject by compiling a list of disappearing teaching methods and concepts



Activities

Examples:

- Describing, analysing, and comparing existing teaching methods
- Identifying existing teaching material and placing this at the disposal of the members of the network with the aid of databases
- Setting up tools (the use of ECTS, new models of co-ordination etc.)
- Promoting the production of European modules





Who can benefit

- Higher Education Institutions
- Public Bodies
- Enterprises
- Associations





Who can apply

Co-ordinating higher education institution *holding an Erasmus University Charter* under the LLP (2007-2013) on behalf of the consortium





REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT

- **Participating Countries:** 27 EU Member States + Lichtenstein, Norway, Iceland* and Turkey
- **Consortium Composition:** **minimum 31 partners from different countries (except in duly justified cases)**
- **Applicant Institution:** Higher Education Institution which is holder of the Erasmus University Charter under the LLP (2007-2013)
- **Maximal Project Duration:** **3 years**
- **Maximal Community Contribution:** 150.000 euros/year
- **Maximal Co-financing percentage:** 75% of total eligible project budget

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