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Within the priorities set in the general call for proposals, the following information can be used

Objectives and description of the action

The objectives of Virtual Campuses Multilateral Projects are:

□ To increase virtual mobility as a complement or substitute to physical mobility in addition to any other type of independent mobility

□ To integrate a virtual mobility dimension in Erasmus multilateral Curriculum Development projects

□ To increase the availability of high-quality European Open Educational Resources in a life long learning context.

□ To contribute to the modernisation agenda for universities and of higher education in Europe The European Higher Education Institutions (HEI) are at very different stages in the level of their effective integration of ICT in their education, training and research systems.

The objectives of the Virtual Campus action aim 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. Adequate technical infrastructure is a prerequisite. The action supports dissemination and deployment building on existing assets. To engage in this process requires from the institutions organisational maturity and willingness to support the necessary change at all levels. There is no ideal 'one size fits all' model as reflected by the various situations of European higher education institutions as regard the development of virtual campuses1.

When answering the priorities, proposals should:

- Take into consideration the definition of virtual campus, virtual mobility and 'Open Educational Resources' (OER) provided in the glossary

- Ensure that full academic recognition is given to the students for studies and courses based on agreements for the evaluation, validation and recognition of competences acquired via virtual mobility

- Ensure that the relevant aspects (organisational, pedagogical, research, economical) are adequately taken into consideration

- When applicable, build on an existing technical infrastructure which is a prerequisite

Who can benefit

- □ Higher Education Institutions
- □ Public Bodies
- Enterprises
- □ Associations

Who can apply

Higher Education Institutions holders of an Erasmus University Charter

Selection Procedure COM Management of selected projects Executive Agency

1 see http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/elearning/studies_en.html Minimal size of the consortium

Please refer to Part II -Annex 1 of the Lifelong Learning 2007 general Call for Proposals **Participating countries** Please refer to Part II - section 3.1 of the Lifelong Learning 2007 general Call for Proposals

Duration , methods of funding, level of funding

Please refer to Part II -Annex 1 of the Lifelong Learning 2007 general Call for Proposals **Funded activities** Please refer to Part II - section 7 of the Lifelong Learning 2007 general Call for Proposals

Political priorities for this action

Please refer to Part I of the Lifelong Learning 2007 general Call for Proposals Application Form