Erasmus
Multilateral projects
Modernisation of Higher Education

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Objectives and description of the action

European higher education needs reform in order to play its full role in the Europe of Knowledge and contribute to the Lisbon Strategy for Growth and Jobs. Modernisation of higher education is necessary in the areas of curricula (Bologna process), funding and governance so that higher education institutions can face the challenges posed by globalisation and contribute more effectively to the training and retraining of the European workforce.

Erasmus promotes this process of reform and modernisation by providing support for two-year projects involving higher education institutions (and other types of organisation from the public or private sector, where appropriate to the topic) from at least three countries participating in the LLP. Key issues to be addressed by such projects include notably the following:

- Developing strategies for modernising curricula and making them more transparent (e.g. by describing qualifications in terms of learning outcomes), improving governance and optimising funding, thereby making institutions more responsive to the needs of the labour market, citizens and society at large;
- Developing lifelong learning strategies (linking higher education with vocational education and training provision and certification) and helping higher education institutions become "continuing education centres" or "open learning centres" for their region;
- Devising measures to enhance the quality of higher education institutions' performance and contribute to their accountability;
- Improving access arrangements for people with non-formal or informal learning backgrounds or with alternative qualifications such as those derived from prior experiential learning;
- Developing strategies to enhance the attractiveness of higher education institutions, to reinforce the provision of guidance, and to inform the public at large more effectively about their work.

Full details of the conditions for participation are contained in the general call for proposals relating to the academic year concerned.

Who can benefit

Higher education institutions, associations, networks and other bodies with a role to play in modernising higher education

Who can apply	The coordinating organisation of the project, on behalf of the project consortium; coordinating organisations which are higher education institutions must hold an Erasmus University Charter

Selection Procedure	COM	**Management of selected projects**	Executive Agency

Minimal size of the consortium	Please refer to EAC Executive Agency website

Participating countries	Please refer to Part II – section 3.1 of the Lifelong Learning Programme 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals
Duration , methods of funding, level of funding	Please refer to EAC Executive Agency website
Funded activities	Please refer to Part II – section 7 of the Lifelong Learning Programme 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals
Political priorities for this action	Please refer to Part I of the Lifelong Learning Programme 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals

Application Form