Erasmus
Mobility of Individuals
Intensive Programmes

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Objectives and description of the action
An Intensive Programme (IP) is a short programme of study (2- 6 weeks of subject related work) which brings together students and staff from higher education institutions in at least three participating countries in order to: • Encourage efficient and multinational teaching of specialist topics which might otherwise not be taught at all, or only in a very restricted number of universities; • Enable students and teachers to work together in multinational groups and so benefit from special learning and teaching conditions not available in a single institution, and to gain new perspectives on the topic being studied; • Allow members of the teaching staff to exchange views on teaching content and new curricula approaches and to test teaching methods in an international classroom environment. An IP can be a one-off activity or repeated over a limited number of years (maximum duration of funding three consecutive years, annual application). It may not consist of research activities or conferences, but should provide something new in terms of learning opportunities, skills development, access to information, etc. for the participating teachers and students. The following desirable features should be noted: • The ratio of staff to students should guarantee active classroom participation and promote an element of curricular development in the implementation of the IP; • The IP should be integrated in the study programme of the participating students and IP for which the students receive full recognition are particularly encouraged; • In order to enhance the European impact of IP, those involving universities from more than three countries may be given priority; • Particular consideration will be given to IP in subject areas which do not readily lend themselves to extended periods of study abroad for their students; • IP which contribute to the dissemination of knowledge in rapidly evolving and new areas will receive special consideration. Applications are submitted to the NA in the country coordinating the IP, by the institution coordinating the IP on behalf of all the partners. All higher education institutions participating in the IP must hold the Erasmus University Charter. Selection is carried out by the National Agency (NA) in the coordinating country of the IP, on the basis of a call for proposals published by the NA in complement of the general LLP call for proposals. Selection of IP participants (students and teachers) is carried out by the IP consortium. Full details of the conditions for participation and priorities are contained in the general call for proposals relating to the academic year concerned, together with the complementary national calls.
Who can benefit
Students and staff from the IP participating institutions.

Who can apply	The co-ordinating higher education institution of the IP (which must hold an Erasmus University Charter), on behalf of the IP participating institutions (all holding an

	Erasmus University Charter)

Selection Procedure	NA1	**Management of selected projects**	National Agency

Minimal size of the consortium	Please refer to National 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 National 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