Erasmus
Multilateral projects
Development of Study Programmes (Curriculum development projects)

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Objectives and description of the action

Projects for the Development of Study Programmes, generally referred to as Curriculum Development or "CD" projects, are designed to support the process of innovation and upgrading in university teaching. They may be proposed in any academic discipline.

By combining the expertise and state-of-the-art knowledge of universities from several countries, such projects can make a significant contribution to reinforcing the quality and European dimension of higher education teaching. Particular importance is attached to co-operation with the professional world and the world of enterprise.

Erasmus supports the following main types of activities in this area of academic cooperation:

- integrated programmes covering a complete cycle of study (bachelor, master or doctorate level) and leading to a recognised double or joint degree;
- curricula and modules for continuing education designed to update knowledge obtained in the past;
- European teaching modules in highly interdisciplinary areas or in areas with a specific need for strong transnational cooperation in teaching.

After the development phase of one or two years, these programmes or modules should be delivered by partner institutions in a genuinely integrated manner, involving student and staff mobility, joint delivery of parts of the course, agreement on admission criteria, learning outcomes, assessment, quality assurance and recognition (use of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) and Diploma Supplement (DS). Joint programmes or modules may concern first cycle (bachelor), second cycle (master) or third cycle (doctoral) studies. The students should receive multiple or joint degrees (or certificates for modules), recognised by the participating institutions and countries.

The application can cover a 3 years period in case of development of a whole study programme and a 2 years period in case of the development of a European module or continuing education course. The last year covered by the grant should be the first year of implementation by the partner institutions.

The **implementation and dissemination** activities may include:

- delivery of the joint curriculum, continuing education course or European module
- 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.

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 (coordinating institutions must hold the Erasmus University Charter) • Public Bodies • Enterprises • Associations, networks or consortia of higher education institutions or other bodies active in relation to 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