

The programme objective is to achieve mutual enrichment between the European Union and third countries co-operation in the field of higher education through promoting the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills. The deadline for submission of proposals is 15th October.

The External Cooperation Window programme of the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency, EACEA, of the European Community (EC) will publish in the coming weeks a new Call for proposals for the promotion of cooperation between higher education institutions and the exchange of students, researchers and academic staff between European Union member states and the countries targeted in the Latin America window.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 15th October 2009 and the planned duration of a project may not exceed 48 months. Eligible activities, including preparatory activities, can start on 1st December 2009, provided that contracts have been signed, and should all be finished before 1st December 2013.

The eligible countries for the activities covered by the Call are the 27 member States of the European Union, the European Candidate countries (Croatia and Turkey) and EEA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway). In Latin American the countries are in the following geographical lots:

- Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay

- Argentina, Bolivia, Peru

- Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama

- Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Mexico

- Ecuador, Venezuela, Chile, Cuba

The Call for proposal will target partnerships composed by five European universities having subscribed an Erasmus Charter from at least three EU countries plus a minimum of two

universities from each country in the corresponding geographical lot, one of which should be public. In addition, partnerships including universities from the least developed regions of the respective country of origin are encouraged.

The EC grants will contribute to financing institutional-based partnerships of European and Latin American higher education institutions to cover the organization of individual mobility of higher education students and academic staff and the implementation of individual mobility. The types of mobility and education to be funded in this Call are undergraduate, master, doctorate and post-doctorate mobility opportunities for students and exchanging for the purposes of teaching, practical training and research for academic staff.

For more information visit: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/2008/call_latin_america_2009_en.htm



About Erasmus Mundus

Erasmus Mundus (2009-2013) is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third Countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in Third Countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries.

For more information visit: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php

About External Cooperation Window

The EM ECW is a cooperation and mobility scheme in the area of higher education co-operation launched by Europe Aid cooperation Office and implemented by the Executive Agency Education, Audiovisual and Culture.

The Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EM ECW) objective is to achieve better understanding and mutual enrichment between the European Union and third countries co-operation in the field of higher education through promoting the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills at higher education level. This will be achieved through the promotion of partnerships and institutional co-operation exchanges between European Higher Education Institutions and Third Country institutions and a mobility scheme addressing student and academic exchanges.

For More Information visit: <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/index.htm>

About EACEA

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) is a public body created by the Decision 2005/56/EC of the European Commission adopted on 14 January 2005.

Fully operational from the 1st of January 2006, the Executive Agency operates under supervision from its three parents Directorates-General of the European Commission:

- Education and Culture (DG EAC),
- Information Society and Media (DG INFSO) and
- Europe Aid Cooperation Office (DG AIDCO).

Its role is to manage European funding opportunities and networks in the fields of education and training, citizenship, youth, audiovisual and culture.

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