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Subject: Transition from Erasmus Mundus II (2009-2013) to Erasmus+ (2014-2020)

FPA : 2012-0183

Eduardo GONZALEZ MAZO,

The programme Erasmus Mundus II (2009-2013) has now come to an end. Its continuation is possible under the terms and conditions as established in the Regulation No 1288/2013¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 establishing the programme Erasmus+.

Since your current Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) states in article I.3.2 that "*it shall be concluded for a period of five years starting from the date of its entry into force provided the relevant actions of the programme are continued after 2013*", I am pleased to offer you the possibility to continue your on-going FPA under the terms and conditions indicated in both the aforementioned Regulation, as well as its approved Erasmus+ Programme Guide, to be found here: <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

All the necessary information can be found in the aforementioned documents, which I strongly recommend you to read and ensure strict compliance therewith. At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the changes you need to pay attention to during the transfer from the Erasmus Mundus II to the Erasmus+ programme: see the provisions mentioned in the annex "Declaration A".

If you agree with the provisions mentioned and **you wish to continue your current FPA** to the end of its contract duration as stipulated in article I.3.2 of your FPA, then please **sign "Declaration A"** in the annex.

Please return the signed declaration A to the Agency at the latest by 31/03/2014.

Please make sure that the annex you return to the Agency contains the original signature of the Legal Representative, as the annex will become a contractually binding commitment.

¹ OJ L347, 20/12/2013

You can send the signed annex to the following address:

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)
Unit A3 – Erasmus+: Higher Education – Joint Master Degrees
Avenue du Bourget 1 - BOUR 02/29
B-1049 Brussels
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Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mónica Holík', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mónika HOLIK
Head of Unit

The following provisions will apply concerning the transition from the Erasmus Mundus II (2009-2013) to the Erasmus+ (2014-2020) Programme:

Applicable for the 2014 intake:

The 2014 intake will be implemented in accordance with the rules and requirements in the **Erasmus Mundus II Programme Guide (version November 2013)**¹ with the following exceptions:

- 1) Students from Turkey, FYROM, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway will be considered as nationals from a Programme country, i.e. a country fully participating to the programme on the same grounds as EU Member States². Therefore scholarship applicants who are either nationals or residents of these countries must be considered only for category B scholarships.
- 2) The payment schedule is changed in the following way:
 - For 1-year master courses:
 - the first pre-financing payment will be 70% instead of 80%;
 - the second pre-financing payment will be 30% instead of 20%.
 - For 2-year master courses:
 - the first pre-financing payment will be 60% instead of 70%;
 - the second pre-financing payment will be 40% instead of 30%.

Applicable as from the 2015 intake:

From 2015 onwards the rules and regulations applicable to the management of the Specific Grant Agreements (SGA) will have to be those described in the **Erasmus+ Programme Guide**.

Some of the changes we want to highlight are the following:

- 1) The two points mentioned above for the 2014 intake will remain valid.
- 2) The flat rate for the management of the Joint Master Degree ³ (JMD) course is increased from 30.000 € to 50.000 € per intake. The new contribution to the consortium management cost includes the costs for invited scholars and/or guest lecturers.
Per intake, at least four invited scholars and/or guest lecturers must be engaged in the JMD activities for a total of minimum eight weeks. If the required number has not been reached, the consortium will be asked to reimburse the unused amounts in

¹ The Erasmus Mundus II Programme Guide (version November 2013) can be found on:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/programme/programme_guide_en.php

² Participation of:

- Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway is subject to an EEA Joint Committee Decision
- Turkey and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is subject to the signature of an agreement between the Commission and the competent authorities of each of these countries respectively

³ A Joint Master Degree (JMD) is a high-level integrated international study programme of 60, 90 or 120 ECTS, delivered by an international consortium of Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and – where relevant – other educational and/or non-educational partners with specific expertise and interests in the study areas/professional domains covered by the joint programme.

accordance with the value of the unit cost per week (1.895 €). The unused amount to be reimbursed will be deducted from the new contribution to the management cost.

3) A revised student scholarship calculation will be applied (see table):


	For scholarship holders from Erasmus+ Programme countries	For scholarship holders from Erasmus+ Partner countries
Contribution to the participation costs	up to 4.500 € per year per scholarship holder from a Programme Country	up to 9.000 € per year per scholarship holder from a Partner Country
	Any amount in excess of these maximum contributions must be covered by the participating organisations and cannot be charged to the scholarship holder	
Contribution to the travel and installation costs	<u>travel costs:</u> 1.000 € per year per scholarship holder resident of a Programme Country	<u>travel costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.000 € per year per scholarship holder resident of a Partner Country whose location is less than 4.000 km away from the HEI coordinating the JMD • 3.000 € per year per scholarship holder resident of a Partner Country whose location is 4.000 km or more away from the HEI coordinating the JMD <u>installation costs:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.000 € per scholarship holder resident of a Partner Country
Contribution to subsistence costs	1.000 € per month for the entire duration of the JMD study programme (24 months maximum) Contribution to subsistence costs will not be given to scholarship holders for the periods of the JMD (study / research / placement / thesis preparation) spent in their country of residence	

I have read and approve of the provisions concerning the transition of our current FPA from the Erasmus Mundus II (2009-2013) to the Erasmus+ (2014-2020) Programme mentioned above.

On behalf of the Consortium and in agreement with all Consortium partners, I accept and commit our consortium to adopt all revised technical, financial and administrative modalities and provisions as stipulated.

These provisions shall be incorporated and take effect as from the 2014 EMMC edition.

I am aware that any non-compliance to this contractually binding commitment can lead to the termination of our current FPA in accordance with article II.12.2 (b) of the General Conditions of our FPA.

Date: 31/03/14	Name and signature of the Legal Representative:  EDUARDO GONZÁLEZ MAZO RECTOR UNIVERSIDAD DE CÁDIZ
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