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ERASMUS MUNDUS II – WORK PROGRAMME

Implementation of the programme (2009-2013)

The second phase of the Erasmus Mundus programme comprises three actions, namely:

- **Action 1 – Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes** (masters and doctorates + related scholarship/mobility scheme);
- **Action 2 – Erasmus Mundus Partnerships** (including a scholarship/mobility scheme);
- **Action 3 – Promotion of European Higher Education**

Actions 1 and 3 will be funded through the internal budget of the EC managed by the Education and Culture Directorate General. The overall budget for these two actions for the entire programming period (2009-2013) amounts to **493.69 M€**.

Action 2 will be funded through external co-operation instruments according to the rules and procedures provided by these instruments. For Action 2 the Commission will endeavour to devote for the entire programming period (2009-2013) a global indicative amount of up to 460 M€. NB: the work programme for the implementation of Action 2 is not taken into account in this note.

Action 1 – Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

According to the budgetary planning annexed to the Commission proposal, during the 5 years of implementation of the programme, support will be provided for the following activities:

Sub-actions	Numbers	Amounts in M€
Masters programmes	150	19.32
Doctoral programmes	35	6
3C masters students	5272	240.4
EU masters students	3448	63.09
3C scholars	1932	28.01
EU scholars	1932	28.01
3C doctoral candidates	440	35.2
EU doctoral candidates	330	29.7
Insurance scheme for students		5
TOTAL	13 539	454.73

Action 3 – Promotion of European Higher Education

For the second phase of the programme the Commission intends to limit the number of bottom-up projects and to play a more active role in identifying, together with national stakeholders acting in the field of promotion of European Higher Education at worldwide level, the areas in which specific projects are needed. With this purpose in mind, activities developed by such a "Promotion Forum" will be funded (3 M€) by the Commission for an activity period of 3 years (with the possibility of renewal).

Three categories of activities will be funded under Action 3 in the period 2009-2013:

- a) Attractiveness projects (including bottom-up projects selected via annual calls for proposals, internationalisation of Erasmus Thematic Networks and top-down projects selected via specific calls for tenders). Approximately 35 projects (7 M€) are expected to be funded in the period 2009-2013.
- b) Information grants for Erasmus Mundus National Structures. Approximately 50 projects (5 M€) are expected to be funded in the period 2009-2013.
- c) Management of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA) and execution of related activities. Approximately 1.5 M€ will be needed to support the EMA management in the period 2009-2013.

Thematic priorities for these projects may change year by year and will be specified in the annual Call for Proposals or in the specific Calls for Tender after consultation of the programme committee.

Sub-action	Amount
Attractiveness projects	7
Grants for Erasmus Mundus National Structures	5
EMA	1.5
Promotion Forum	3
TOTAL	16.5

Final overview of 2009-2013 ex-ante budget

2009-2013 EX-ANTE BUDGET	
Actions	Amounts in M€
Action 1	454.73
Action 3	16.5
TOTAL	471.23

NB: This amount does not take into consideration the administrative costs.

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Implementation of the programme in 2009 (and 2010)

The budgetary planning annexed to the Commission proposal includes a funds breakdown per academic year. According to this breakdown the total budget for 2009 should amount to 90.25 M€. However this amount had been calculated on the assumption that it would cover actions (doctorates, scholarships for EU students) that – due to the late adoption of the programme – will not be implemented in 2009.

Therefore **2009** should be considered as a **transitional year** during which only "old" actions will continue to be implemented according to "old" amounts and rules (only in 2010 would the programme rules start to apply in their entirety). As a result, in 2009 the Commission would be able to use only a part (approximately 80%) of the foreseen total budget. In fact a full utilisation of the budget (90.25 M€) for a reduced number of actions would have a serious impact on the execution of the new actions in the years to come. This approach (illustrated below in more detail) needs to be validated by the Commission budget department. Their position will be known in the next few weeks.

Action 1 – Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes

Due to the late adoption of Erasmus Mundus II, in 2009 no new programmes (neither masters nor doctorates) will start their activities. However, the 103 existing Erasmus Mundus masters programmes, selected under the first phase of the programme, will continue to be operational. More precisely, 84 programmes (23 selected in 2008, 23 selected in 2007, 21 selected in 2006 and 17 selected in 2005) will respectively enter their second, third, fourth and fifth year, whereas the 19 programmes selected in 2004 (that should come to an end in 2008) will be granted an extension of one year in order not to abruptly discontinue their activities.

In 2009 the lump sum granted for the operation of Erasmus Mundus consortia will remain the same as under the first phase, namely 15 000 € (vs. 30 000 € for the rest of the second phase). To fund 103 masters courses the Commission will therefore use approximately **1.54 M€**.

All joint programmes (both masters and doctorates) starting in 2010 will be selected as a result of the participation in the first call for proposals of the second phase of the programme that is likely to be published in January or February 2009.

In 2010 a first generation of Erasmus Mundus II masters will start their activities. They will either be "brand new Erasmus Mundus programmes" or "renewed Erasmus Mundus programmes" that have re-submitted a proposal after the expiration of their five-year agreement period. The "renewed" programmes will be assessed against their past performance and new activities envisaged.

In 2010 a first generation of doctoral programmes (indicatively 15) will also start their activities.

Participation of third-country institutions in joint programmes

In 2009 "old" Action 3 (Partnerships) will still be operational as well as the mobility of European students linked to it (to study in a partner university in a third country). No changes are planned therefore in the participation of third-country institutions in the partnerships.

In 2010 contracts under the "old" Action 3 will expire and consortia will be able to adapt their partnerships to the new programme rules. European students will then become eligible to receive normal scholarships under the "new" Action 1.

As a result no budget will be used for this activity in 2009.

Scholarships

In 2009 the amount of scholarships for masters students will remain the same as under the first phase (21 000 € per academic year with an average of approximately 39 500 € per grantee). Starting from 2010 the amount of scholarships for masters students will be revised in the light of the new calculation method that will take into consideration the weight of tuition fees on the grant and will establish a ring-fenced amount for living allowances. Moreover, as of 2010, it is proposed that the management of the insurance scheme for students be included in the consortia activities. However, in 2009 the Commission will still be responsible for it and will need to allocate **1 M€** for the scheme.

It is proposed that across the five years of implementation of Erasmus Mundus II the number of student scholarships attributed to Erasmus Mundus masters programmes will start to decline for those that have existed for more than 4 years. This is meant to make some space for new courses, as well as to stimulate the self-sustainability of the programmes and their capacity to find alternative sources of financing. In 2009 (and in following years) the number of student scholarships attributed to each masters programme will therefore vary according to the "seniority" of the programme. However, the average number of scholarships granted should be slightly inferior (approximately 16 scholarships to each of the 103 joint masters programmes for a total of 1648 scholarships = **65 M€**) than those attributed in the last year of the first phase of the programme (19 scholarships – without windows).

In 2009 no scholarships will be attributed to EU masters students (but they will continue to receive the "Action 3" grants paid with the Erasmus Mundus I budget). Starting from 2010 scholarships will be granted to both third-country and EU masters students with an approximate ratio of 5/3. In 2010 scholarships will start to be granted also to doctoral candidates from both third countries and Europe (with an approximate ratio of 5/4).

In 2009 the number of scholarships attributed to third-country scholars should be up to 4 for each of the 103 joint masters programmes for a total of max. 412 scholarships = **5.35 M€**. This will continue in a similar way in 2010 and beyond.

In 2009 European scholars will continue to receive the "Action 3" grants paid with the Erasmus Mundus I budget. Starting from 2010 the Erasmus Mundus II budget will be used to grant scholarships also to EU scholars. The ratio between EU and third-country scholars should remain 1/1.

2009 EX-ANTE BUDGET	
Sub-actions	Amounts in M€
Masters programmes	1.54
Doctoral programmes	0
3C masters students	65
EU masters students	0
3C scholars	5.35
EU scholars	0
3C doctoral candidates	0
EU doctoral candidates	0
Insurance scheme	1
TOTAL	72.89

Action 3 – Promotion of European Higher Education

2009 will be a "normal" year only for promotion projects. In fact the first call (expected to be launched in January-February 2009) will serve to select projects that will start in the autumn of 2009.

More specifically, the Commission expects to select approximately 5 attractiveness projects either via annual calls for proposals or calls for tenders (1 M€), to assign 10 information grants for Erasmus Mundus National Structures (1 M€) and continue to have EMA and related activities managed by the external contractor ICUnet (0.5 M€). 1 M€ will be used to fund activities to be identified by the operation of the Promotion Forum. Action 3 activities could include – among others – quality project seminars, policy dialogue activities, etc.

2009 EX-ANTE BUDGET	
Sub-actions	Amounts in M€
Attractiveness projects	1
Grants for Erasmus Mundus National Structures	1
EMA	0.5
Promotion Forum	1
TOTAL	3.5

Final overview of 2009 ex-ante budget

2009 EX-ANTE BUDGET	
Actions	Amounts in M€
Action 1	72.89
Action 3	3.5
TOTAL	76.39

NB: This amount does not take into consideration the administrative costs.