



ERASMUS MUNDUS

programme

(2004-2008)

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History and objectives

- ✓ **Genesis**
- ✓ **Main challenges**
- ✓ **Overall aims**
- ✓ **Specific aims**
- ✓ **Target groups and countries**



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Programme actions

- ✓ **Action 1: Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses**
- ✓ **Action 2: Scholarships**
- ✓ **Action 3: Partnerships**
- ✓ **Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness**

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Implementation and deadlines

- ✓ Annual calls for proposals (next and last in spring 2007)
- ✓ Executive Agency implements:
 - ✓ A1 = next deadline April 2007 [5th and last round]
 - ✓ A2 = next deadline for students Dec 06 – Jan 07 (according to universities) [4th round]
 - ✓ A3 = next deadline 30 Nov 06 [3rd round]
- ✓ Commission implements:
 - ✓ A4 = next deadline May 2007 [4th round]
- ✓ National structures in European countries: contact and information points



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Overall Funding

- ✓ 230 M€ 2004-2008
- ✓ Modest start in 2004 (8 M€), steep annual increase
- ✓ Cruise speed by 2008 at 98 M€
- ✓ Additional funds in 2005-2007 for “Asian windows”: 56 M€
 - ✓ **Thai Window of 3,2 M€ in 2005-2006 - Possible renewal**
 - ✓ **Regional Asian Window of 10 M€ in 2005-2006 – Possible renewal**



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Main Outputs 2004-2008

- ✓ 110 Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses
- ✓ 6,000 grants for incoming third-country students
- ✓ 1,000 grants for incoming third-country scholars
- ✓ 70 Partnerships
- ✓ 4,000 grants for outgoing EU-students
- ✓ 800 grants for outgoing EU-scholars
- ✓ 50 attractiveness projects



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Selection Results – Masters Courses (Action 1)

- ✓ 80 Masters Courses selected (of which 57 already operational and 23 to start in acad. year 2007/2008)
- ✓ Wide variety of disciplines (hard, soft and life sciences)
- ✓ 23 countries represented, strongest participation: France, Spain, UK, Germany, Italy, Netherlands
- ✓ List of selected Masters Courses available from Erasmus Mundus website

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/projects/index_en.html



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Selection Results – Scholarships (Action 2)

- ✓ In 3 years approx 2300 third-country students and 400 third-country scholars were selected for Erasmus Mundus scholarships
- ✓ 2004-05: 140 students and 42 scholars (no active windows)
- ✓ 2005-06: 800 students and 130 scholars (of which 350 students and 20 Chinese scholars under the “Asian windows”)
- ✓ 2006-07: 1380 students and 220 scholars (of which 640 students and 30 Chinese scholars under the “Asian windows”)
- ✓ Approx 62% Asians (including the “Asian windows”), 15.5% North or South Americans, 11% Africans, 10% Europeans, 1.5% from Oceania (for nationalities see Erasmus Mundus website)



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Selection Results for Thailand – Scholarships (Action 2)

- ✓ In 3 years 100 Thai students and 3 Thai scholars were selected for Erasmus Mundus scholarships
- ✓ 2004-05: 1 student (no active windows)
- ✓ 2005-06: 32 students (28 under the Thai window) and 1 scholar
- ✓ 2006-07: 67 students (53 under the Thai window) and 2 scholars



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Selection Results for Cambodia and Laos – Scholarships (Action 2)

- ✓ In 3 years 10 Cambodian and 5 Laothian students were selected for Erasmus Mundus scholarships
- ✓ 2004-05: no Cambodian/Laothian students (no active windows)
- ✓ 2005-06: 3 Cambodian students (all under regional Asian Window) + 2 Laothian students (all under regional Asian Window)
- ✓ 2006-07: 7 Cambodian (5 under regional Asian Window) 3 Laos students (1 under regional Asian window)



Selection Results – Partnerships (Action 3)

- ✓ 19 Partnerships selected (of which 2 « Chinese only»): 9 in 2005 (already operational) + 10 in 2006
- ✓ 18 European countries represented, strongest participation: France, Germany, Italy, UK, Netherlands, Spain
- ✓ 27 third countries represented, strongest participation: China (12) Brazil (7), USA (7), Australia (6), South Africa (5)
- ✓ Approx 1000 EU-students and 250 EU-scholars to receive scholarships to study/work at third-country university
- ✓ List of selected Partnerships available from the EM website http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/projects3_en.html



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Selection Results for Thailand – Partnerships (Action 3)

- ✓ 2 Thai universities currently participate in partnerships with Erasmus Mundus consortia:
- ✓ **CHULALONGKORN University** that is partner in the Erasmus Mundus International Legal Studies masters course coordinated by the University of Hannover
- ✓ **KHON KAEN University** (Faculty of Public Health) that is partner in the Erasmus Mundus tropEd Network masters course



Selection Results – Enhancing Attractiveness (Action 4)

- ✓ 14 projects selected (7 started in 2004 and 7 in 2005) and 9 to be selected in fall 2006
- ✓ Wide variety of activities (promotion, counselling, etc.)
- ✓ 27 European countries represented, strongest participation: France, Spain, Italy, UK, Netherlands
- ✓ 24 third countries represented, strongest participation: Russia, USA, Canada, Australia, Argentina, China
- ✓ List of selected projects available from the EM website

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Further details

<http://europa.eu.int/erasmus-mundus>

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Related initiatives

- (1) Insurance scheme
- (2) Future windows
- (3) Interim evaluation
- (4) EM Alumni Association
- (5) Studies
- (6) Promotion/information events

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(1) Insurance scheme

- ✓ Erasmus Mundus programme offers special cover to its scholarship students at no extra cost
- ✓ All third-country students automatically receive an insurance covering:
 - ✓ Unexpected medical expenses in the European countries visited during Masters Course
 - ✓ Accidents and costs arising from civil liabilities
 - ✓ Full details provided in Erasmus Mundus website
- ✓ Also European students (under Action 3) may be covered in the near future

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(2) Windows

- ✓ 5 additional windows operational so far:
 - ✓ India 33M€(2005-07)
 - ✓ China 9M€(2005-07)
 - ✓ Thailand 3.2M€(2005-06)
 - ✓ Malaysia 2.1M€(2005-06)
 - ✓ Other Asian 10M€(2005-06)
- ✓ Discussions underway within EC on possibility to renew/open new windows (Russia, Western Balkans, Iran, Latin America, ACP...)

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(3) Interim evaluation

- ✓ Article 12 of the Erasmus Mundus programme decision stipulates that the Commission is to produce an interim evaluation report of the programme on the results achieved and on the qualitative aspects of programme implementation by 30 June 2007
- ✓ Internal steering group working on this issue

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(4) EM Alumni Association

- ✓ Dec.2005: Service provider contract with ACA
- ✓ Feb.2006: Consultation of alumni association experts
- ✓ April 2006: Development of EMAA web portal
- ✓ June 2006: Registration of students
- ✓ June 2006: EM Student Seminar:
 - ✓ Organisation of the EMAA
 - ✓ Work plan 2006
 - ✓ Appointment of Launch Committee (with 6 teams on conferences, IT, jobs, magazine, policy and promotion)
- ✓ Aug 2006: Publication of first newsletter
- ✓ Oct 2006: First meeting of Launch Committee

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(5) Studies

- ✓ Study on perception of European HE in Third Countries (carried out by ACA in response to EC's call for tender) – Outcome available on EM website
- ✓ Study on participation of disabled students in EM and current practices to ensure gender balance

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(6) Promotion/information events

- ✓ Jun 06: 2nd Student Seminar (minutes available on EM website)
- ✓ **Sept 06: Visa Working Group meeting**
- ✓ **Oct 06: National Structures meeting**
- ✓ **Nov 06: 3rd EM A1 coordinators meeting**
- ✓ **Nov 06: Attractiveness conference**
- ✓ **2007: 3rd EM A4 coordinators meeting**
- ✓ **2007: Launch of EM global promotion project**
- ✓ **Production of promotional material:**
 - ✓ **New flyer addressed to third-country students**
 - ✓ **New promotional DVD**