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Erasmus Mundus Action 2 - Strand 1- Lot 2

Europe- (Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon)
Intercultural Exchange For Internationalization:
Research Management, Student employability and
Academic Excellence



THE ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME



Erasmus Mundus 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.

The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) is responsible for the management of all three actions of Erasmus Mundus, under the supervision of the Directorate-General for Education and Culture



WHAT IS ERASMUS MUNDUS ACTION 2?



- ◉ EMA 2 - Strand 1 includes:
 - Partnerships between European and Third -Country HEIs
 - Exchange and Mobility at all level of Higher Education
 - Scholarship Scheme for students, scholars, researchers and professionals
- ◉ Targeted at specific non European countries/regions
- ◉ Organised by a partnership of up to 20 HEIs
- ◉ Financed by European Commission



WHAT IS ERASMUS MUNDUS ACTION 2?



◉ General Objectives:

- To promote European Higher Education
- To improve and enhance the career prospects of students
- To promote intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries

◉ Specific Objectives:

- Mutual enrichment of societies
 - Developing the qualifications of men and women (appropriate skills, open-minded and internationally experienced)
- To promote mobility for students, researchers, academic and administrative staff from 3rd countries
 - Specially from vulnerable groups, selected on the basis of academic excellence.
- To contribute towards the development of human resources and international cooperation capacity of HEIs in third countries



PHOENIX PARTNERSHIP



- ◉ The PHOENIX project intends to develop a structured mobility-based cooperation between **3 Palestinian, 2 Lebanese, 1 Syrian and 2 Jordanian HEIs** on the one side and **9 EU HEIs** from the second side.
- ◉ This cooperation network aims at supporting students from all levels (**undergraduate, Master and PhD and Postdoctoral**) **academic staff, researchers and administrative staff** to gain experiences, expertise and skills through interaction in an international environment.
- ◉ The PHOENIX project supports **150 SCHOLARSHIPS** divided in **2 cohorts** according to the following: 55 Undergraduates - 25 Masters - 20 Doctorates- 15 Post-doctorates- 35 Staff
- ◉ Mobility: EU ⇄ Middle East



PHOENIX PARTNERSHIP



- ◉ Subtitle: Europe- (Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon) International Exchange for Internationalization: Research Management, Student employability and Academic Excellence
- ◉ LOT 2
- ◉ Partnership:
 - Palestine: 3
 - Jordan: 2
 - Syria: 1
 - Europe: 9
 - Lebanon: 2

Associates: 5

- Mediterranean Universities Union (Italy)
- World University Service of the Mediterranean (Spain)
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency (Jordan)
- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Palestine)
- Ministry of Higher Education (Palestine)



EUROPEAN PARTNERS



◉ Europe

- University of Almeria (Spain)
- Università degli Studi dell'Aquila (Italy)
- Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium)
- Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg (Germany)
- Université Pierre et Marie Curie (France)
- Universidade do Porto (Portugal)
- Universidad de Sevilla (Spain)
- University of Tampere (Finland)
- Wroclaw University of Technology (Poland)



MIDDLE EAST PARTNERS



◉ MIDDLE EAST:

- An Najah National University (Palestine)
- Arab International University (Syria)
- Birzeit University (Palestine)
- The Islamic University of Gaza (Palestine)
- Lebanese American University (Lebanon)
- Modern University for Business and Science (Lebanon)
- Petra University (Jordan)
- Princess Sumaya University for Technology (Jordan)

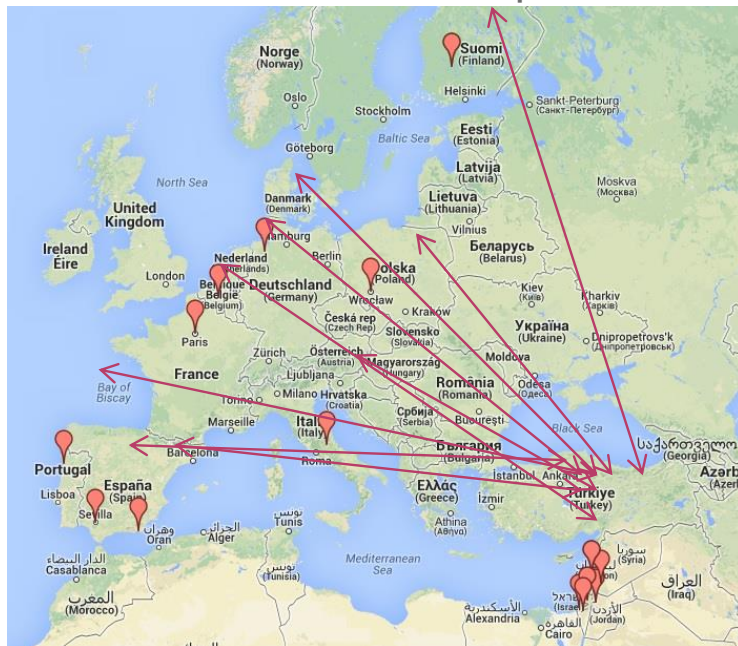


PHOENIX PARTNERSHIP



Regional Distribution

- A balanced geographical coverage: 9 EU partners in 8 different countries and 8 lot 2 partners in 4 different countries



WHO CAN APPLY?

TARGET GROUP 1

- ◉ Nationals of the third-countries concerned by the geographical lot who are registered/work in one of the third-country HEIs that is a member of the partnership.
- ◉ National of European countries who are registered/work in one of the European HEIs that is member of the partnership



WHO CAN APPLY?



TARGET GROUP 2

- ◉ Nationals of the third-countries concerned by the geographical lot, who:
 - Are registered/work in a higher education institution of these countries that is not included in the partnership (students and staff);
 - Have obtained a university degree or equivalent by an institution of these countries (students only)
- ◉ Nationals of European countries who:
 - Are either registered/work in a HEI (not included in the partnership) of any European country (students and staff);
 - Have obtained a university degree or equivalent by a HEI of any European country (students only).



WHO CAN APPLY?



TARGET GROUP 3

- ◉ Nationals of the third-countries concerned by the geographical lot who are in particularly vulnerable situations, for social and political reasons. For example:
 - Having a refugee status or asylum beneficiaries (international or according to the national legislation of one of the European recipient countries) or
 - It can be proved that they have been the object of unjustified expulsion from university on racial ethnic, religious, political, gender or sexual inclination or
 - They belong to an indigenous population targeted by a specific national policy or IDPs (Internally Displaced Persons)



WHO CAN APPLY?

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ALL TYPE OF MOBILITY



European Students

- ◉ Must be national of one of the eligible European countries;
- ◉ Must have sufficient knowledge of the language of the courses or of one of the languages currently spoken in the hosting countries;
- ◉ Undergraduate students must have successfully completed at least one year of studies at first higher education level
- ◉ Must have not benefited in the past from another scholarship for the same type of mobility under another project under the EMA2-STRAND1.
- ◉ For Target Group 1 (TGI): students need to be registered at one of the European countries HEIs within the partnership at the time of submitting their application to the partnership. Undergraduate students must have successfully completed at least one year of studies in their home institution;
- ◉ For Target Group 2 (TGII): students need either to be registered in a HEI (not included in the partnership) of any European country or to have obtained a university degree or equivalent from a HEI of any European country;
- ◉ Must respect the specific and additional criteria applicable to each type of mobility (undergraduate, master, doctorate, post-doctorate and Academic and Administrative staff).



WHO CAN APPLY?

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ALL TYPE OF MOBILITY

Third-country Students

- ◉ Must be a national of one of the third-countries covered by the relevant lot;
- ◉ Must have **not resided nor have carried out their main activity (studies, work, etc) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years** in any of the eligible European countries at the time of submitting their application to the partnership. **This rule does not apply to TGIII candidates.**
- ◉ Must have **sufficient knowledge of the language** of the courses or of one of the languages currently spoken in the hosting countries.
- ◉ For Target Group 1 (TGI): students need to be registered at one of the third-country HEIs within the partnership at the time of submitting their application to the partnership. Undergraduate students must have successfully completed at least one year of studies in their home institution;
- ◉ For Target Group 2 (TGII): students need either to be registered in a HEI (not included in the partnership) of the third-country concerned by the lot or to have obtained a university degree or equivalent from a HEI of these third-countries;
- ◉ For Target Group 3 (TGIII): students need to be nationals of one of the third-countries concerned by the lot and be part of the vulnerable target groups.
- ◉ Must respect the specific and additional criteria applicable to each type of mobility (undergraduate, master, doctorate, post-doctorate and Academic and Administrative staff).



WHO CAN APPLY?

GENERAL CRITERIA FOR ALL TYPE OF MOBILITY



- ◉ **Academic and administrative staff**
- ◉ Must be a national of one of the eligible countries;
- ◉ **For Target Group 1 (TGI):** Third-country staff must work in or be associated to one of the third country HEIs participating in the partnership. EU staff must work in or be associated to one of the EU HEIs participating in the partnership;
- ◉ **For Target Group 2 (TGII):** Third-country staff must work in or be associated to a HEI (not included in the partnership) of any third-country concerned by the lot. EU staff must work in or be associated to a HEI (not included in the partnership) of any European country.
- ◉ The home and host universities and the individual staff must agree on the programme of lectures to be delivered by the visiting staff, on the research activities or on the type of training to be followed.



WHO CAN APPLY?

SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR ALL TYPE OF MOBILITY



- ◉ **Undergraduate students**

- Third-country undergraduate students belonging to TGI must have successfully completed at least one year of studies in their home institution.
- European undergraduate students must have successfully completed at least one year of studies at first higher education level.

- ◉ **Master students**

- Master students must have finished their undergraduate studies (Bachelor or equivalent).

- ◉ **PhD candidates**

- The applicant must have obtained a second higher education degree (e.g. Master's degree).

- ◉ **Post-doctorate**

- Must have obtained a doctorate degree

- ◉ **Academic and Administrative Staff:**

- Have to serve at a higher education institution either as academic or administrative employees.

- ◉ **Academic/Administrative Staff: both academic and administrative staff should contact their respective counterpart at the host university in order to accordingly draw up their teaching/working plan.**



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WHO CAN APPLY?

SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR ALL TYPE OF MOBILITY



- In addition to these criteria there may be other defined internally by each partner institution of the project, so applicants must make sure to ask the contact person of the institution about the specific eligibility criteria established either in their home institution (if applicable) or in the host institution(s) which they intend to apply to.



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Monthly Scholarship

	Type of Mobility	Duration	Monthly Allowance
Middle East → Europe	Undergraduate	5/10	1000€
	Full Master	10/22	1000€
	Full Doctorate	34	1500€
	Post-Doc	6	1800€
	Staff	1	2500€
Europe → Middle East	Undergraduate	5	1000€
	Master Mobility	9	1000€
	Post-Doc	6	1800€
	Staff	1	2500€



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Number of Scholarships

Mobility from EU to Middle East			
Europeans	TG1	TG2	TOTAL
Undergraduate	13	0	13
Master Exchange	1	1	1
Doctorate	0	0	0
Post-doctorate	1	1	2
Staff	1	2	3
TOTAL	17	3	20



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Number of Scholarships

Mobility from Middle East to EU						
Middle East	Undergrad	Master	Doctorate	Post-doctorate	Staff	TOTAL
Jordan	9	6	5	3	9	32
Lebanon	10	6	5	3	6	30
Palestine	12	6	5	4	9	36
Syria	11	5	5	3	8	32
TOTAL	42	23	20	13	32	130



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Number of Scholarships

Mobility from JORDAN to EU				
Type of mobility	TG1	TG2	TG3	TOTAL
Undergraduate	7	0	2	9
Full Master	4	1	1	6
Full Doctorate	4	0	1	5
Post-doctorate	2	0	1	3
Staff	8	1	0	9
TOTAL	25	2	5	32



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Number of Scholarships

Mobility from PALESTINE to EU				
Type of mobility	TG1	TG2	TG3	TOTAL
Undergraduate	8	0	4	12
Full Master	4	1	1	6
Full Doctorate	4	0	1	5
Post-doctorate	3	0	1	4
Staff	8	1	0	8
TOTAL	27	2	7	36



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Number of Scholarships

Mobility from LEBANON to EU				
Type of mobility	TG1	TG2	TG3	TOTAL
Undergraduate	7	0	3	10
Full Master	4	1	1	6
Full Doctorate	4	0	1	5
Post-doctorate	2	0	1	3
Staff	5	1	0	6
TOTAL	22	2	6	30



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS



◉ Number of Scholarships

Mobility from SYRIA to EU				
Type of mobility	TG1	TG2	TG3	TOTAL
Undergraduate	7	0	4	11
Full Master	3	1	1	5
Full Doctorate	4	0	1	5
Post-doctorate	2	0	1	3
Staff	7	1	0	8
TOTAL	23	2	7	32



SCHOLARSHIPS CONDITIONS

- ◉ **Insurance Coverage (health, travel, accident)**
 - Purchased directly by the Coordinating Institution

- ◉ **Direct visa costs and travel expenses for one economy class return ticket**
 - Purchased directly by the Coordinating Institution

- ◉ **Participation costs (if applicable)**
 - If applicable - at the Host Institution



HOW TO APPLY?

- ✓ Check the **website**: <http://www.em-phoenix.eu>
 - ✓ Consult the **university of origin**
 - ✓ Read the **Guidelines for Applicants** and the **FAQs**
 - ✓ Check the **eligibility** criteria
 - ✓ Consult the academic **offer**
 - ✓ Collect all the necessary **documents**
 - ✓ Fill in the **online application form**
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- ✓ **Send** the application form until the deadline: 22nd January 2013 (CET time-zone !)



WHICH LANGUAGE MUST BE USED?



- ◉ **The online application form is only available in English.** However, before starting to fill in the Application Form, the applicants must be sure of having all the certificates and language skills required to attend the sought programme(s) and the Institution(s).
- ◉ However, candidates have to **submit all supporting documents in the official language of instruction of the hosting university, or failing that, in English.** Candidates applying to several universities with different languages of instruction should submit their supporting documents in English.
- ◉ **All documents must be accompanied by a translation into English or the working language at the host university.** At early stages of application, non-certified translations are acceptable. Selected candidates, however, will have to provide an official certified translation into English or the working language at the host university of the most relevant documents (transcripts, degree, etc.)



EVALUATION AND SELECTION



◉ Evaluation Criteria

Undergraduate/Master	PhD
60% Academic achievement	35% Scientific achievement
25% Motivation	35% Proposed research project
15% Language Skills	15% Motivation
	15% Language Skills
Post-Doc	Staff
35% Research production / Teaching experience	35% previous experience
35% Proposed research project	35% Work Plan
15% Motivation	15% Motivation
15% Language Skills	15% Language Skills



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



At the Home Institution

- ◉ **Visa** (e-mail/fax to Consulates, information)
- ◉ **Preparatory Meeting**
- ◉ **Learning Agreement:** Preparation (orientation, support in academic recognition) and **work programme**.
- ◉ **Language Support** before departure(if applicable)
- ◉ **European HEIs:** **Payment** of the Subsistence allowances for the two first months of stay.



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



At the Host Institution

- ◉ **Visa** (Invitation letter, e-mail/fax to Consulates, information)
- ◉ **Accommodation** (Halls of Residence or Private Accommodation)
- ◉ European HEIs: **Payment** of the Subsistence allowances for the two first months of stay.
- ◉ **Follow-up** (regular information and evaluation of the mobility)
- ◉ **Welcome Meeting** for Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders.
- ◉ **Buddy-system, mentor programme**(if available)/Erasmus Mundus Tutor
- ◉ Mobility Follow-up - **Mandatory meetings** (regular/monthly)



INFORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



At the Host Institution

- ◉ Language course
- ◉ Integration of the Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders in all the **welcome and social activities** for foreign students (welcome sessions, Erasmus Students Network, etc.)
- ◉ Academic support through the contact with faculties and mailing **of progress activity reports.**



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