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**POLICY AND PRIORITIES OF THE EUROPEAN  
COMMISSION TOWARDS CHINA IN THE FIELD OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION**

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# PERSPECTIVES OF EU POLICY AND COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- Double perspective: towards Europe and towards third countries
- To structure a coherent European Higher Education space with strong cooperation between HEIs and common principles (Bologna process)
- To promote the attractiveness of European HE system and institutions at world level through exchanges, mobility and cooperation
- To develop European academic centres of excellence and relate them to international HEIs institutions
- The Executive Agency for Education, Culture and Audiovisual (EACEA) is coordinating the activities of international cooperation in Higher Education

# EU COOPERATION WITH CHINA

- The objectives of EU-China cooperation, as defined in the Strategy Plan, are :
  - to support Chinese reforms in the key sectors of the EU-China dialog
  - to respond to the global issues (energy, climate changes...)
  - to develop human resources in China, in particular through cooperation in higher education

# COOPERATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION WITH CHINA

- The 3rd objective meets one of the priorities of the 11th Five Year Plan in China: to develop a more international, more competitive higher education system, through training of human resources and cooperation with the best academic centres in the world, including Europe.
- In the Chinese national scholarship programme, a special « EU window » is developed to promote mobility towards Europe.
- The development of human resources represents 20% of the budget of cooperation EU-China. It includes programmes in other sectors than higher education, such as public administration, R&D, etc. Science and Technology cooperation has specific budget lines and activities.

# PREVIOUS PROGRAMMES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- ERASMUS MUNDUS (2004-2009) : joint Masters (action 1), scholarships for students and scholars (action 2), partnerships (action 3), projects for the promotion of European HE (action 4). During this 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the programme: 66 Erasmus Mundus Master Degrees, 7000 scholarships for students and scholars. With China: 694 scholarships for students and 115 for scholars.
- EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW (2006-2008) : structured partnerships with targeted third countries
- ASIA LINK to develop a network of HEI's between Europe and Asia : 5,2 millions €. This programme focused in the development of curricula at Master level.

## ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)

- Continuing the promotion of European HE system and values through cooperation, mobility of students and scholars and exchanges of good practices.
- Building coherence in the actions of international cooperation in HE: 3 actions including the former the External cooperation window, and combining partnerships and scholarships in the same action.
- Enhancing the exchanges at postgraduate level: developing joint PhD programmes
- 3 actions:
  - a) action 1: joint programmes at Master and doctoral level
  - b) action 2: partnerships and scholarships
  - c) action 3: promotion of European Higher Education
- Budget: almost 1 billion € (460 millions for action 3)

# ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)

## Main specificities:

- Including PhD level in action 1
- Offering full study scholarships to the best European postgraduate students and doctoral candidates.
- Increasing the focus on Quality assurance, governance and empowerment of European HEIs
- Including third countries HEIs as full actors in the design and implementation of joint programmes
- Reinforcing the role of other socio-economic actors (research centres, non educational organisations, etc) in the joint programmes implementation

## Objectives:

- To reinforce: the visibility of European HEIs, their attractiveness
- To create or stimulate European centres of excellence
- To build a strong network between European and third countries partners
- To promote the exchanges of good practices and innovation process

# ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)

Action 1: joint programmes at Master and Doctoral levels:

- European HEIs from at least 3 different countries. HEIs from third countries can participate as partners of the consortium. Non educational institutions from the socio-economic world can participate as “associate members”
- These programmes include scholarships for students and scholars. Mobility is mandatory.
- They offer joint or double (triple) degrees.
- The consortium signs with the European Agency a framework partnership agreement for 5 consecutive editions (on the basis of a continuation of the programme after 2013). The agreement defines the financial support for management of the programme (flat rate amount) and a fixed number of individual scholarships and fellowships
- In 2010, 116 Erasmus Mundus joint programmes will develop their activities, including 50 new Master and 10 Doctoral programmes, selected in 2009. The objective is: 150 Master courses, 35 doctoral courses, scholarships for 8500 Master students, 750 doctoral candidates and 4000 scholars sholarships at the end of the Erasmus Mundus programme

## **ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)**

- Financial support:
  - A 2 years Master programme with a third country partner (min 15 ECTS) will receive approximately €750.000 per course edition
  - A 4 years Doctoral programme will receive approx. €700.000 per programme edition
- Timetable (as was defined by the Agency)
  - Autumn 2009: call for proposals
  - 30<sup>th</sup> of April (31<sup>st</sup> of March for Doctoral level): submission
  - Selection of the programmes: beginning of July
  - Partnerships agreements: July to January

# ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)

- Action 2: partnerships
  - To structure cooperation between HEIs in Europe and targeted geographical regions of the world, through individual mobility of students and scholars.
  - The partnerships can also include other activities such as double degrees, curricula, exchange of good practices.
  - At least 5 European HEIs (from 3 different countries), 1 HEI from the targeted third countries: max 20 HEIs
  - Funding: lump sum to cover the partners' administrative costs (€10.000 per HEI) + individual mobility scholarships for students and staff (variable amounts)
  - Special attention to socio-economically disadvantaged groups
  - Timetable:
    - a) autumn 2009: call for proposals
    - b) 15<sup>th</sup> of March: submission
    - c) July: selection

# ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)

- Action 3: promotion of European Higher Education
  - To foster the attractiveness and visibility of European HEIs
  - To promote reflexion on HE issues: promotion, accessibility, mobility, quality assurance, recognition of qualifications and courses, definition of curricula, quality of services and management.
  - Different kinds of activities: events, studies, conception of information on EU programmes, international networks, support to Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association activities, etc.
  - Organisms (HEIs, networks of HEIs, Erasmus Mundus consortia, public or private entities working in HE) from at least 3 European countries and from 10 different third countries. The coordinating institution must be European.
  - Duration of the projects: 12 to 36 months
  - Timetable:
    - a) autumn 2009: call for proposals
    - b) 30<sup>th</sup> of April: submission
    - c) July: selection

# ERASMUS MUNDUS PROGRAMME (2009-2013)

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Thank you for your attention

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