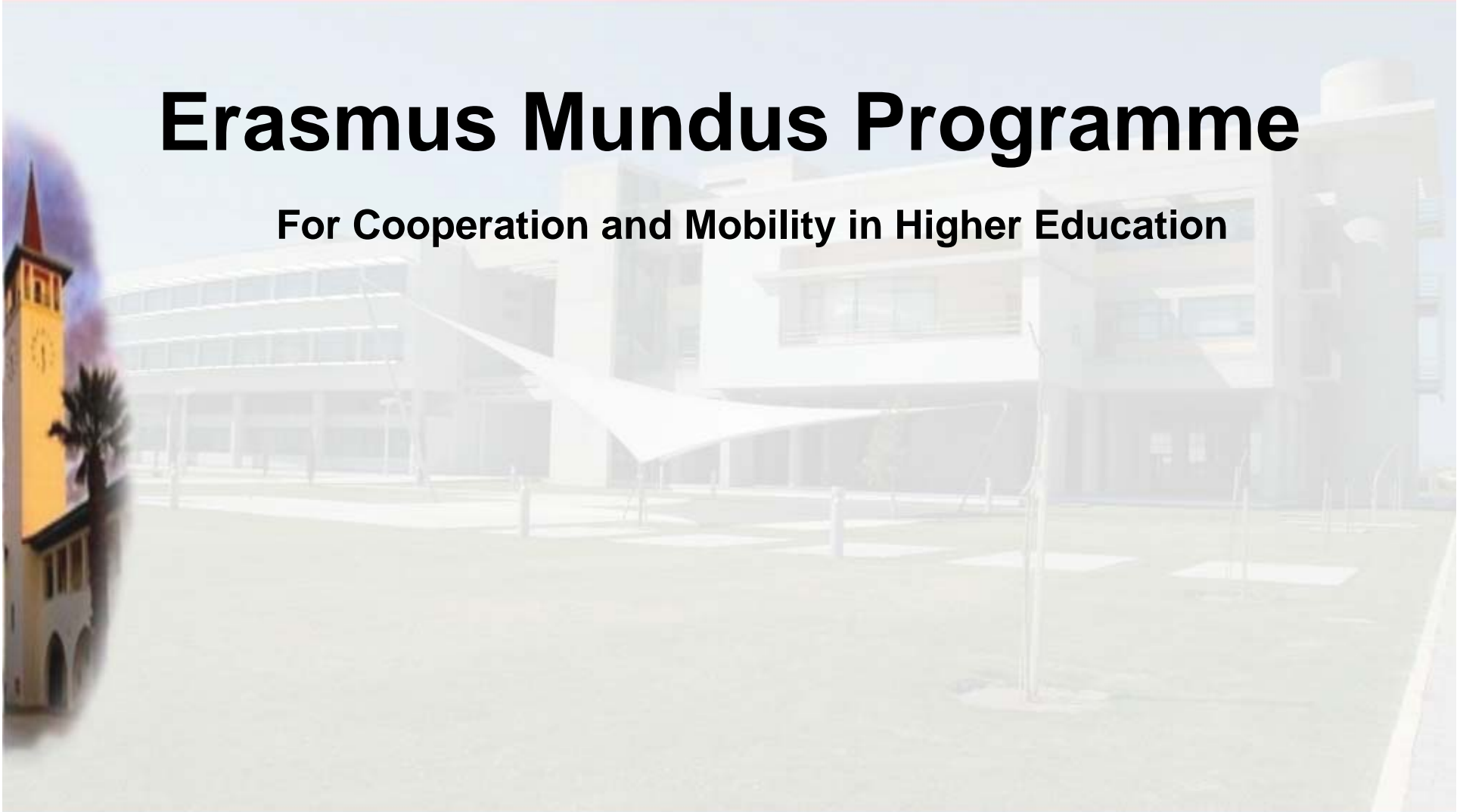




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# **Erasmus Mundus Programme**

**For Cooperation and Mobility in Higher Education**





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## Background

- Inspired by the highly successful Erasmus Programme, Erasmus Mundus also offers a framework for valuable exchange and dialogue between cultures.
- It confirms the European Commission's interest in opening up European higher education to the rest of the world.



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- It complements the European Union's existing regional programmes in higher education with third countries.



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## Political Context

- The Erasmus Mundus Programme is a **co-operation and mobility programme** in the field of **higher education**. It aims to enhance quality in European higher education and to promote intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries.



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Beneficiaries-Erasmus Mundus is aimed in particular at:

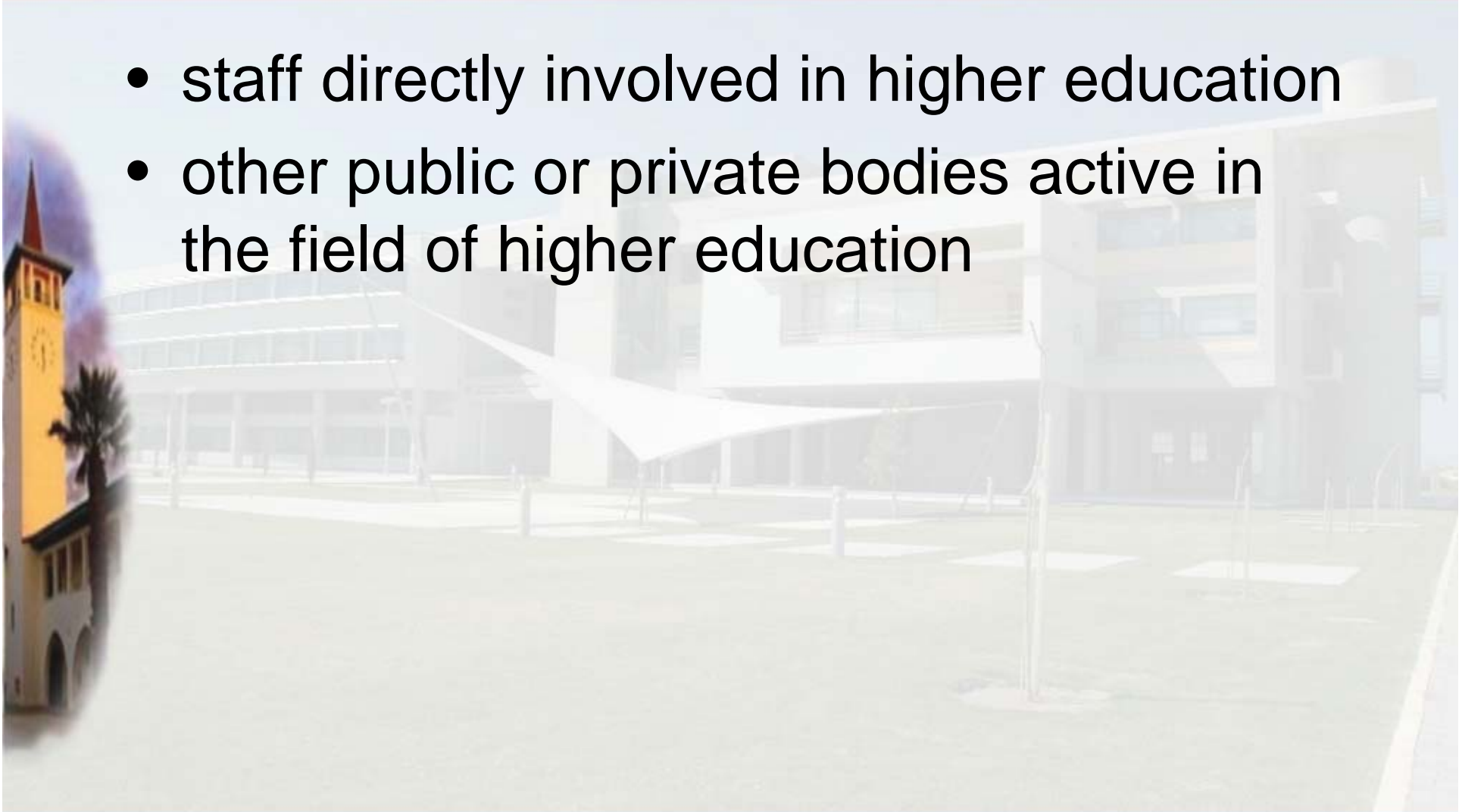
- higher education institutions
- students having obtained a first degree from a higher education institution
- scholars or professionals who teach or conduct research



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- staff directly involved in higher education
- other public or private bodies active in the field of higher education





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## Opportunities for Higher Education Institutions

- **Action 1:** Erasmus Mundus Master Courses
- **Action 2:** Scholarships (& country specific windows)
- **Action 3:** Partnerships
- **Action 4:** Enhancing Attractiveness



# Erasmus Mundus - Who can participate?

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Category of beneficiaries	Action 1	Action 2	Action 3	Action 4
European higher education institutions	X	X	X	X
Third-country higher education institutions			X	X
Third-country students		X		
European students			X	
Third-country scholars		X		
European scholars			X	
Other public or private bodies				X



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## A. Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (Action 1)

- Masters courses are the central component around which Erasmus Mundus Programme is built.
- The courses must be of high academic quality and must be joint or "**integrated**", in order to be selected under Erasmus Mundus.



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- Masters courses can be from **all fields of study**
- Master courses can lead to joint, double or multiple degrees which will be recognised & approved by Member States
- Action 1 addresses higher education institutions located in the **27 EU Member States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway**



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## B. Scholarships (Action 2)

- This Action addresses Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1.
- In order to give the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1 a strong external projection, a **scholarship scheme for third-country graduate students and scholars** from the whole world is linked to them.



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- A "third-country graduate student" means a national of a third country who has already obtained a first higher education degree, is not a resident of a Member State or participating country, has not carried out his or her main activity for more than a total of 12 months of the last 5 years in a Member State or participating country, and has been accepted to register or is registered for an Erasmus Mundus masters course.



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- A "third-country scholar" means a national of a third country who is not a resident of a Member State or participating country, has not carried out his or her main activity for more than a total of 12 months of the last five years in a Member State or participating country, and can offer outstanding academic and/or professional experience.



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- Addresses highly qualified individuals who come to Europe to follow the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (students) or to work for them (scholars).





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## C. Partnerships (Action 3)

- **This Action addresses Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1 and higher education institutions located in third countries.**
- Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses selected under Action 1 have the possibility of establishing partnerships with third-country higher education institutions



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- Partnerships allow for the outgoing mobility of graduate EU students and scholars involved in the Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses.
- Selected Partnerships receive **5,000 euro per participating third-country institution per year** (maximum amount per year: 15,000 euros).



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- Teaching and research activities offered by the third-country institutions participating in the partnership must fit and complement the Erasmus Mundus Masters Course in question
- A minimum number of places are reserved for third-country students





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- Adequate arrangements should be made so as to facilitate access for & hosting of third-country students (information facilities, accommodation etc)
- No group of citizens or third-country nationals is excluded or disadvantaged



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## **D. Enhancing Attractiveness (Action 4)**

- **This Action addresses higher education institutions and other institutions active in the field of higher education located anywhere in the world**
- It aims to enhance the profile and visibility of, and accessibility to, European education



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- It establishes links between higher education and research, through networks involving at least 3 public or private organisations in 3 different Member States which are active in higher education at national or international level. Networks may also involve third-country organisations.



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- Activities (seminars, conferences, workshops, development of ICT tools, production of material for publication, etc.) may take place in Member States or third countries.
- Projects should aim at **improving the profile, the brand image, the visibility and the accessibility of European higher education** throughout the world.



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- Projects can also deal with the international dimension of quality assurance, of **credit recognition**, of mutual **recognition of qualifications** with third countries, of curriculum development or of **mobility**.



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## Eligibility:

- A co-operation project must involve institutions from at least three European countries.
- Projects with third country partners are widely encouraged.
- Eligible institutions are higher education institutions and other institutions active in the field of higher education located anywhere in the world.



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- Project leaders have to be located in Europe.
- The European Commission funds up to **75% of projects costs.**





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## Funding:

- The cost of projects varies greatly, depending on the type and size of the project. Normally projects cost between **100,000 and 350,000 euros.**



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## Summary

- **Third-country higher education institutions** (Actions 3 and 4) can only be partners in a project.
- Projects must be lead and submitted by institutions located in Europe.



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- Third-country higher education institutions interested in participating in a Partnership (Action 3) with an Erasmus Mundus Masters Course should contact the consortium offering the course.
- Similarly, third-country higher education institutions interested in participating in an "attractiveness project" (Action 4) have to find European partners to support and promote this project.



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- Next call: February 2008 (Action 4)

