

Erasmus & Jean MONNET

What's new in EU higher education initiatives

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LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME (LLP) — Call 2008

NEW CALL 2008 AND DEADLINES

The **Call for Proposals 2008** was published on 02/10/2007 with the following deadlines for proposals submission for centralised actions managed by the Executive Agency:

- **Erasmus University Charter - 30 November 2007** as per postmark. Closing hour for electronic submission on 30 November 2007 – 24 hours Brussels time (both paper and electronic submissions are mandatory)
- **Jean MONNET Programme - 15 February 2008**
- **Sectoral Programmes:** COMENIUS, ERASMUS, GRUNDTVIG, Leonardo DA VINCI, Multilateral projects, Networks and Accompanying Measures - **29 February 2008**
- **Transversal Programme - 31 March 2008**



SIMPLIFICATION IN THE SUBMISSION PROCEDURE OF PROPOSALS

For 2008, two measures for simplification are planned by the Executive Agency in the application procedure for centralised actions:

Two-phased application

The application procedure is divided into two phases:

PHASE I: Submission of proposals — All applicants

(Deadlines vary depending on specific programme applied for, see above)

PHASE II: Submission of additional documents — Pre-selected applicants only

(deadline: maximum one month following the request of the Executive Agency)

The two-phased application procedure has been introduced to ensure that only applicants whose proposals have been pre-selected by the Agency (with the help of a team of independent experts), are required to provide the additional administrative documents necessary for the funding decision and the contractualisation procedure.

On-line applications (does not apply to Jean Monnet Programme)

Applications may be possible on an electronic application form (eForm). The procedure will be communicated on the Agency website.

INFO DAYS

Two information days on the Life Long Learning Call will take place around mid January 2008 in Brussels. The registration procedure will be announced on the Executive Agency website.

ERASMUS UNIVERSITY CHARTER (EUC) - Call 2008

The Erasmus University Charter (EUC) entitles a higher education institution to participate in decentralised Erasmus activities (for which institutions should contact the National Agencies), as well as to act as an applicant organisation in **Erasmus centralised actions** (multilateral projects, networks and accompanying measures) managed by the Executive Agency.

Under the Call for Proposals 2008 **with the deadline of 30 November 2007** three different types of the EUC are proposed by the European Commission:

- **The Standard Erasmus University Charter** is for institutions that wish to apply for an Erasmus funding for transnational academic mobility activities for students and for staff and /or which wish to act as a co-ordinator of a consortium applying for Erasmus multilateral projects, networks or accompanying measures.
- **The Extended Erasmus University Charter (Student Placements only)** is for institutions that wish to apply for Erasmus funding for transnational student placements.
- **The Extended Erasmus University Charter (Standard Charter and Student Placements)** is for institutions which wish to apply for activities covered by both the Standard and the Extended University Charter (Student Placements only).

Applications for the EUC have to be submitted to the Executive Agency via the obligatory online submission tool (**available from mid-October 2007**) together with a signed paper copy to be sent by mail.

Important links:

- [Online Submission Tool of the Executive Agency](#)
- [Submission procedure and supporting documents](#)

SELECTION RESULTS 2007

On the basis of the Call 2007 altogether 3,156 higher education institutions were awarded an Erasmus University Charter. The list of successful institutions is available on the [EACEA website](#).

The signed Erasmus Charter will be sent out by the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture in the last quarter of 2007 to all successful institutions.

It should be noted that all institutions that have been awarded the Erasmus University Charter (EUC) **with a validity of one academic year only** must **submit a new application** under the Lifelong Learning Programme Call for Proposals 2008 in order to obtain the Erasmus University Charter (EUC) for the whole period of the Life Long Learning Programme.

ERASMUS PROGRAMME

Cooperation in European Higher Education

The **ERASMUS programme** was launched in June 1987 and in 2007 celebrates its 20th anniversary. It is arguably one of the best-known Community actions and encourages student and teacher mobility through decentralised actions implemented by National Agencies and promotes through centralised actions the transnational cooperation among Higher Education Institutions across Europe managed by the Executive Agency.

The Erasmus centralised actions under the **Call 2008** are composed of three sub-actions, which are Multilateral Projects, Networks and Accompanying Measures.



ERASMUS MULTILATERAL PROJECTS

Multilateral projects bring together a minimum of three institutions from at least three LLP participating countries (at least one country must be an EU Member State) and are subdivided into the following 4 subactions:

- **Curriculum Development projects** are designed by consortia of higher education institutions to upgrade existing curricula and/or to develop new ones in an academic discipline through the development of Integrated programmes (full academic cycle), Teaching modules and curricula and modules for continuing education designed to update knowledge obtained in the past.



- **Co-operation between Universities and Enterprises projects** aim to bring together these two worlds in order to promote entrepreneurship, creative thinking and innovative approaches as part of the curriculum for students and as a skill for teachers/researchers and to reinforce the link between studies and employment needs;
- **Modernisation of Higher Education projects** have the objective of giving a new impulse to the modernisation of higher education systems in Europe in order that they respond better to the needs of society today. These projects aim to developing strategies for modernising curricula, improving governance and optimising funding of higher education institutions;
- **Virtual campuses** projects aim at a better integration of the virtual dimension in higher education, supporting the development of content, services, pedagogies and practices based on ICT tools.

ERASMUS NETWORKS

Networks are subdivided into the following two subactions:

- **Academic Networks** are designed to promote innovation in a specific discipline, set of disciplines or multidisciplinary area, e.g.: law, literature, economics, etc. They require participation of at least 31 institutions from all 31 LLP participating countries;
- **Structural Networks** are designed to help improve and modernise a specific aspect of higher education organisation, management, governance or funding. They require participation of at least 5 institutions from 5 different LLP participating countries.

ERASMUS ACCOMPANYING MEASURES

These projects aim to support communication activities, and events for the dissemination and exploitation of results of Erasmus projects. These accompanying measures are expected to produce a better impact of these results in the field of higher education and society at large.

Funding opportunities and implementing modalities

Erasmus centralised actions 2008	Maximum EC grant: 75% of total project costs	Maximum duration of action	Budget by action (in million of Euro)
Multilateral projects (Curriculum Development projects, Cooperation between Universities and Enterprises, Modernisation of Higher Education, Virtual campuses)	150,000 Euros per year	2 years (with the possibility of a supplementary year for Curriculum Development projects)	11.0
Networks	200,000 Euros per year	3 years	7.2
Accompanying Measures	150,000 Euros per year	1 year	0.5

MAIN CHANGES FROM THE CALL 2007:

In the Call 2008, Networks may receive a maximum Community grant per year of 200,000€ compared to 150,000€ per year in the Call 2007; the maximum Community grant for Modernisation of HE has been reduced from 300,000€ to 150,000€ per year.

For Curriculum Development projects, a third possibility is proposed to higher education institutions: the development of Curricula and modules for continuing education designed to update knowledge obtained in the past.

The Network scheme has been enlarged by the introduction of Structural Networks.



JEAN MONNET PROGRAMME

Teaching, Research and Reflection on European Integration

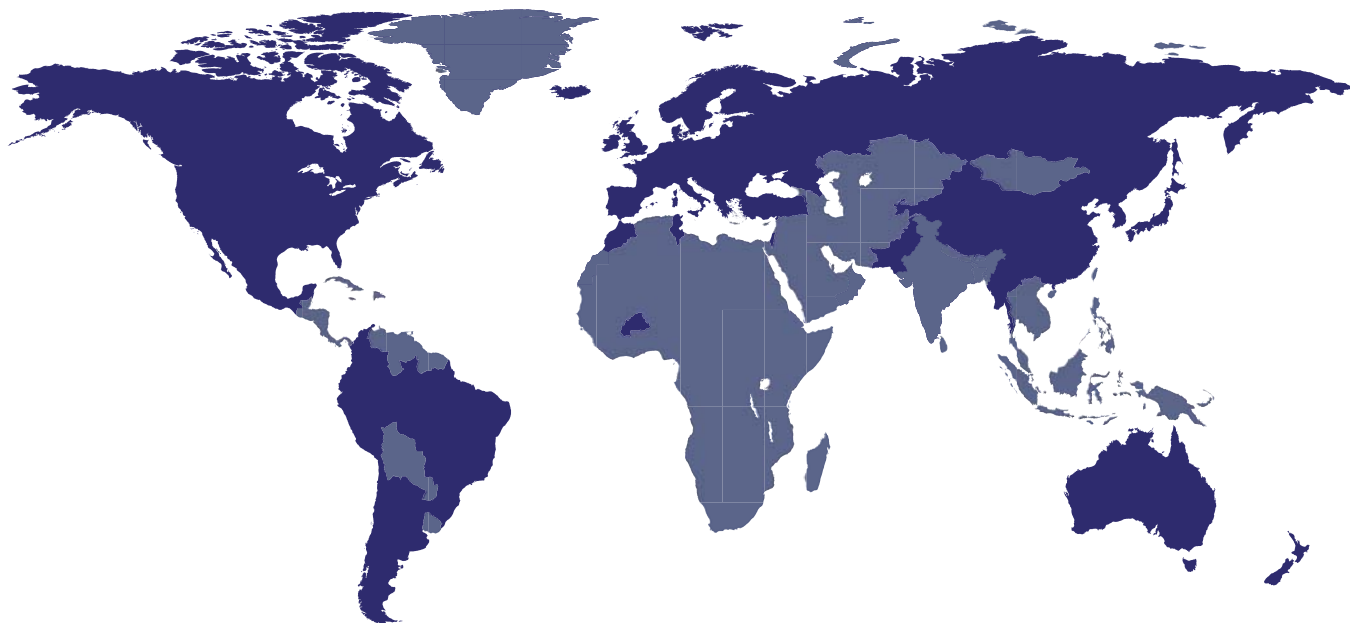
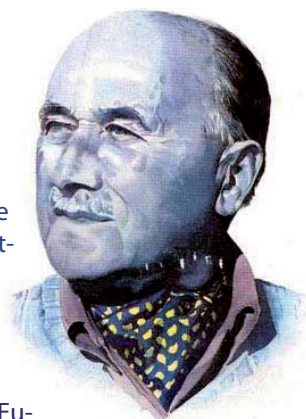
A programme open to the world

The Jean MONNET programme aims at stimulating teaching, research and reflection in the field of European integration at the level of higher education institutions within and outside the European Community.

Launched in 1990, the programme is now present in 60 countries throughout the world and more than 900 universities offer Jean MONNET courses as part of their curricula. Between 1990 and 2007, the Jean MONNET Action has helped to set up approximately 2,900 projects in the field of European integration studies, including 124 Jean MONNET European Centres of Excellence, 761 Chairs and 1,982 permanent courses and European modules.

Since 2007 the Jean MONNET Programme is part of the new Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013 and 138 projects from 38 countries have been funded in the first year (to consult the 2007 selection results, please use the following link:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/llp/ajm/index_en.htm



An incentive in the expansion of European Integration Studies

The programme beneficiaries include higher education institutions and/or associations of professors and researchers specialising in European integration. To support their work the Jean MONNET programme funds the following actions:

- **Jean MONNET Chair:** teaching posts (rank of professor/senior lecturer) with a specialisation in European integration studies. The Chair holder must teach a minimum of 120 hours per academic year in the field of European integration studies.
- **“Ad personam” Jean MONNET Chair:** teaching and research posts with a specialisation in European integration studies. Reserved for (i) distinguished professors who deliver evidence of a high-level international teaching and publication record (that was achieved, at least in part, outside their country of residence) and/or (ii) professors with a distinguished background as former high-level practitioners in the field of European integration.
- **Jean MONNET Centre of Excellence:** a pool of scientific, human and documentary resources for European integration studies within one or more universities.
- **European Module:** a course of a minimum of 30 hours, in European integration studies.
- **Association of professors and researchers,** of an interdisciplinary character, whose explicit purpose is to contribute to the study of the European integration process at national or transnational level.

- **Information and research activities** with the aim of promoting discussion, reflection and knowledge about the process of European integration
- **Jean MONNET multilateral research groups:** a partnership of at least three Jean MONNET Chairs from three different countries leading to the creation of an integrated academic network in the field of European integration studies.

Submission procedure

The new two-phase application procedure introduced in the present call will also apply to the Jean MONNET Programme and means that only pre-selected candidates will be asked to produce certain additional documents (Letter of Intent, **Legal Entity form**, **Financial Identification form**, Financial Capacity Form).

Applicants for the Jean MONNET programme will continue to submit applications in **paper form** in 2008. Application forms will be available on the Agency's website before the end of October 2007.

Funding opportunities and implementing modalities

The total available budget for the Jean MONNET Programme is **4,360,000 €**, of which 1,000,000 € are foreseen for the Information and research activities and 3,360,000 € for the other types of actions.

Jean Monnet Programme 2008	Maximum EC grant: 75% of total project costs	Maximum duration of action	Minimum number of participating countries
Unilateral projects			
Jean MONNET Chairs	45,000 Euros	3+2 years	1
Centres of Excellence	75,000 Euros	3+2 years	1
Modules	21,000 Euros	3+2 years	1
Associations of Professors and Researchers	25,000 Euros	3+2 years	1
Information and research activities	50,000 Euros	1 year	1
Multilateral projects			
Research groups	100,000 Euros	2 years	3

The Jean MONNET programme (with the exception of support for Information and Research Activities and Jean MONNET Multilateral Research Groups) provides a Community co-financing for the first three years of the project, but the beneficiary must ensure the continuation and funding of the activities for a further two years.

The other two key activities of the Jean Monnet Programme are:

- Operating grants to support designated institutions dealing with issues relating to European integration (managed by the European Commission);
- Operating grants to support the functioning of certain institutions and associations active at European level in the field of education and training (managed by the Executive Agency and subject to a separate call for proposals). For the latter, the deadline for submission of proposals 2007 was September 15th. The selection procedure is currently underway and results will be posted on the Agency website by the end of the year 2007.



EACEA CALL FOR EXPERTS

The Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency will publish around mid November 2007 a call for external experts to support the Executive Agency in the various tasks associated with the management of centralised actions.

Interested persons are invited to apply in accordance with the provisions of this call. The database of experts to be established and maintained on the basis of the call will be valid for the whole duration of the programmes concerned. Applications may only be submitted **via the online electronic registration tool available at the Agency website**.

Expert assistance includes the following tasks:

- a) Assistance in the evaluation of proposals submitted in response to calls for proposals within the context of the programmes managed by the Agency. The experts will assess proposals on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in the calls and explained in more detail in the information material accompanying these calls.
- b) Assistance in the monitoring and review of projects selected and funded by the Community. The experts will be required to examine deliverables and reports produced by project participants and / or to participate in annual or ad-hoc reviews (organised by the Agency services). Experts will make recommendations to the Agency for acceptance of project deliverables and reports, continuation or non continuation of projects, and modification of work schedules.
- c) Assistance for other purposes where specific expertise might be required with regard to the programmes managed by the Agency (e.g. evaluation of tenders submitted following calls for tenders) as well as, where necessary and as appropriate, with regard to the predecessor programmes.



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