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Erasmus Mundus: an additional 69 universities join the programme

The European Commission has selected a further 17 Erasmus Mundus master's courses, involving 69 European universities new to the scheme. The selected master's courses will start at the beginning of the next academic year (2005-2006) and come on top of the 19 that already started last autumn¹. The Erasmus Mundus programme aims to strengthen European cooperation and international ties in higher education. For the academic year 2005-2006, the number of recipients of Erasmus scholarships will increase to about 900 students and 100 academics.

"After a successful launch last autumn, this new selection of Erasmus Mundus master's courses is an illustration of the growing importance of this programme," said Ján Figel', European commissioner in charge of Education, Training, Culture and Multilingualism. "European universities continue to come forward in big numbers to participate in the programme, which responds to a real need among higher education institutions and which contributes to restore Europe to a leading position on the international university scene".

The second call for proposals under the Erasmus Mundus programme prompted **139 applications for master's courses** (the object of **Action 1** of the programme), involving hundreds of European universities. The applications were assessed by independent experts, and a list of the 17 best courses was produced by a Selection Board consisting of 12 leading figures from European academia.

Of the 17 courses chosen for a period of five years, 16 will come into operation fully in 2005/2006, while one will have the status of a preparatory year. **69 European universities in 18 countries²** are participating in the courses selected. The countries most prominently represented are the United Kingdom (11 universities), Germany (8), the Netherlands (7) as well as Sweden and France (6 each).

Together with the 19 courses selected last year, a total of **36 Erasmus Mundus master's courses**, covering a wide spread of disciplines, will thus be operational as from autumn 2005.

The first generation of master's courses is presently hosting the first recipients of Erasmus Mundus scholarships (the object of **Action 2**): 140 students and 42 academics, all with excellent academic records and chosen by their universities.

¹ See [IP/04/1121](#)

² 17 EU Member States (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom) + Norway.

This second generation will concern around 1000 recipients (900 students; 100 academics). As the number of selected master's courses grows, thousands of students from all the world will be hosted by the courses every year. They will come to study in Europe for up to two years.

The popularity of the programme is highlighted by the fact that **additional funds (€57.3 million)** from the external relations budget have been earmarked for the programme's scholarship scheme in order to allow for additional scholarships for students coming from specific Asian countries (China, India, Thailand, Malaysia and other Asian countries³).

Action 3 of the programme – which will enable European students and researchers to go to non-EU countries to enrich their studies – will be launched later this year.

A total of €230 million will be spent on the Erasmus Mundus programme in the period 2004-2008, 90% of it on the mobility of students and researchers (this figure does not include the additional funds for Asian nationals). The budget for 2005 is **€27 million** (plus €18.1 million for Asian nationals).

Annex: list of the 17 master's courses selected (description of the master's programmes available on the web site)

For further information see:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html

³ Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, North Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka or Vietnam

**LIST OF MASTER'S COURSES SELECTED UNDER ACTION 1
SELECTION 2005**

16 Full Master's Courses:

**1. SpaceMaster – Joint European Master in Space Science and Technology
(2 years)**

- S – Lulea tekniska universitet
- UK - Cranfield University
- CZ - Czech Technical University in Prague
- FI - Helsinki University of Technology
- D - Bayerisch Julius-Maximilians Universität Würzburg
- F - Université Paul Sabatier-Toulouse III

2. Master of Applied Ethics (1 year)

- S – Linköpings Universitet
- NL - Universiteit Utrecht
- NO - Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet

**3. EMM-Nano. Erasmus Mundus Master of Nanoscience and
Nanotechnology**

(2 years)

- B - Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- S - Chalmers University of Technology
- NL - Technische Universiteit Delft
- NL - Universiteit Leiden
- D - Technische Universität Dresden

4. MA SEN, Special Education Needs (1 year, 2 months)

- UK – Roehampton University
- NL - Fontys Hogescholen
- CZ - Univerzita Karlova v Praze

5. European Master in Global Studies (2 years)

- D – Universität Leipzig
- UK - London School of Economics and Political Science
- AT - Universität Wien
- PL - Universitat Wroclaw

**6. GEM: Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation for Environmental
Modelling and Management (1 year, 6 months)**

- NL – International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth
Observation
- UK - University of Southampton
- S - Lunds Universitet
- PL - Uniwersytet Warszawski

7. Erasmus Mundus MA – Journalism and Media within Globalisation: The European Perspective (2 years)

- DK – Aarhus Universitet
- UK - University of Wales, Swansea
- NL - Amsterdam University
- UK - City University London
- D - Hamburg University

8. Master of Industrial Mathematics (2 years)

- NL – Technische Universiteit Eindhoven
- D - Technische Universität Kaiserslautern
- AT - Johannes Kepler Universität Linz

9. Master Mundus: Crossways in European Humanities (2 years)

- F – Université de Perpignan
- I - Università degli Studi di Bergamo
- P - Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- UK - University of Saint Andrews
- UK - University of Sheffield

10. MSc in Network and e-Business Centred Computing (1 year, 6 months)

- UK – University of Reading
- GR - Aristotle University of Thessalonikis
- E - Universidad Carlos III
- IE - Trinity College Dublin

11. European Master’s Course in Aeronautics and Space Technology (2 years)

- I - Università degli studi di Pisa
- D - Technische Universität München
- E - Universidad Politecnica de Madrid
- F - Ecole Nationale Supérieure de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace
- UK - Cranfield University

12. AMASE: Joint European Master’s Programme in Advanced Materials Science and Engineering (2 years)

- D – Universität des Saarlandes
- F - Institut National Polytechnique de Lorraine
- E - Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya
- S - Lulea tekniska universitet

13. Master International “Vintage”, Vine, Wine and Terroir Management (2 years)

- F – Ecole Supérieure d’Agriculture d’Angers
- GR - Technologiko Ekpedeftiko Idrima (T.E.I.) Athinas
- E - Universidad Politecnica de Valencia
- I - Università di Bologna
- I - Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
- P - Universidade de Tras-os-Montes e Alto Douro
- HU - Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem

14. MESPOM: Environmental Science, Policy and Management (2 years)

- S – Lund Universitet
- HU - Közép-Európai Egyetem Alapítvány
- UK - University of Manchester
- GR - Panepistimio Aigaiou

15. MIME: Master européen en Ingénierie des Médias pour l'Éducation (2 years)

- F – Université de Poitiers
- E - Universidad nacional de Educación a Distancia
- P - Universidade Técnica de Lisboa - Faculdade de Motricidade Humana

16. EMDAPA – Erasmus Mundus Master in Adapted Physical Activity (1 year)

- B – Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- NO - Norges Idrettshogskole
- CZ - Universita Palackeho v Olomouci
- IE - University of Limerick

Master's Course with a preparatory year:

17. SEFOTECH.nut: European MSc Degree in Food Science, Technology and Nutrition (1 year, 6 months)

- B – Katholieke Hogeschool Sint-Lieven
- IE - Dublin Institute of Technology
- D - Hochschule Anhalt
- P - Universidade Católica Portuguesa