The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

Helping you grow your project
The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)\(^1\) is a public body created by a Decision of the European Commission\(^2\) and operates under its supervision.

It is located in Brussels and has been operational since January 2006.

Its role is to manage European funding opportunities and networks in the fields of education and training, audiovisual, culture, citizenship and youth.

Executive Agencies are institutional organisations established to manage Community programmes. They have a duty to ensure financial transparency, efficiency and a high quality service to beneficiaries.

They report directly to the Commission services. Agencies benefit from specialised international staff, with a thorough knowledge of project cycles and technical and financial expertise.

\(^1\) Hereinafter referred to as “The Agency”
\(^2\) Decision 2009/336/EC adopted on 20 April 2009 (modifying the 2006 decision)
OUR MISSION

1. TURNING POLICY INTO ACTION AND RESULTS

Implementing programmes in the fields of Education, Audiovisual and Culture.

-seven key programmes:

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-several bilateral Cooperation Agreements in the field of higher education.
While the European Commission is responsible for policy setting and overall programme management, the implementation of many programme strands has been partly or fully delegated to the Executive Agency.

This mandate covers a variety of Europe and worldwide opportunities for organisations, professionals and individuals, at all ages and stages of life...

The Agency reports to three Directorates-General of the European Commission:

- Education and Culture (DG EAC)
- Communication (DG COMM)
- EuropeAid Development and Cooperation (DG DEVCO)

Enlargement DG and European External Action Service are also associated in the supervision of some external cooperation programmes.
Managing the life cycle of projects
The Agency is responsible for most management aspects of the programmes, including:

- Drawing up conditions and guidelines for funding opportunities;
- evaluating applications, selecting projects and signing project agreements;
- financial management;
- contacts with beneficiaries;
- monitoring of projects (intermediate and final reports, controls);
- on-site project visits.

Glossary

(1) Call for proposals / Programme Guide: Offers opportunities to finance projects or operating costs of organisations. The call for proposals/programme guide outlines how to prepare and submit a proposal, notably: thematic priorities, conditions for funding, instructions for the submission of a proposal and deadlines. Calls are published in the Official Journal of the EU and on the Commission and EACEA websites.

(2) Project selection: The Agency in collaboration with the Commission carries out a strict selection of the proposals based on the award criteria. External and independant experts support the Agency in the selection by providing technical advice.

(3) Report assessments: Monitoring visits are made by Agency staff, sometimes with the support of external experts.

EC validation required
Informing and supporting applicants and beneficiaries

The Agency provides supporting tools and services such as:

- Dedicated web pages and online tools about funding opportunities
- Events: Information days, project meetings and information visits
- Information kits and leaflets on how to access and benefit from funding opportunities
- Responding to enquiries: information mailboxes

The Agency helps projects to promote their achievements and exploit their results. Facilitating interaction with and among beneficiaries, and collecting projects’ feedback is an ongoing task. In close cooperation with the Commission, the Agency continuously seeks to identify good practices.
2. CONTRIBUTING TO EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

Eurydice

The Eurydice Network provides reliable analysis and comparable data on education systems and policies in Europe. The Agency is responsible for the management of the Network as well as its publications and databases, which are available on the Eurydice website, for example:

- Key data on education in Europe 2012
- Eurypedia: online encyclopedia on national education systems in Europe
- Focus on Higher Education in Europe 2012: impact of the Bologna process
- New skills for new jobs: policy initiatives in the field of education

Eurydice is funded under the umbrella of the Lifelong Learning Programme. Website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/education/eurydice

Studies

The Agency contracts studies, through public calls for tenders, on subjects relevant to the Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship programmes. For example:

- Working with young people - The value of youth work in the EU
- Youth participation in Democratic Life
- Active Citizenship in the EU

More about ongoing calls for tenders: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/call_tenders
OUR CHALLENGES

Making life easier for applicants and beneficiaries is an ongoing challenge.

Keywords are:

Simplification
Synergies
Service and Interactivity

Wherever possible, we aim to:

Better schedule the funding of your project

→ Programme Guide with permanent selection calendar
→ Fixed annual timetables

Simplify the submission process

→ Shorter application forms
→ On-line application and electronic submission

Reduce the administrative burden of the grant

→ One single grant decision instead of agreement signed by 2 parties
→ Fixed amounts and lump sums instead of real costs

Award funding for longer periods

→ Multi-annual partnership agreements

Support and inform

→ Infodays and online guidance
→ Project meetings
→ Feedback
Overview and instructions

The attached pages present an overview of grants and activities managed by the Agency providing implementation details and listing useful sources of further information.

- Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency: organisational setup, budget and key figures
- Lifelong Learning: general introduction
- Lifelong Learning: sectoral programmes
- Lifelong Learning: transversal programme
- Lifelong Learning: Jean Monnet
- Eurydice
- Erasmus Mundus
- Tempus
- Bilateral Cooperation with industrialised countries in the field of higher education
- Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme
- MEDIA
- Culture
- Youth in Action
- Europe for Citizens
The Agency brings together a comprehensive skill mix and an efficient pool of expertise, with more than 400 well-trained and experienced staff.
2013: budget

The budget allocated to the programme strands managed by the Executive Agency for the 2013 financial year is around € 881 million, shared as follows:

2012: key figures

In 2012, around 13000 project proposals were submitted to the Agency requesting financial support from the Programmes, of which around 3600 have been selected for funding.
Lifelong Learning Programme

GENERAL INTRODUCTION 2007 - 2013

The Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) is the flagship European funding Programme in the field of education and training. It supports learning and training opportunities for all, from early childhood to old age, responding to individual circumstances and needs. Grants are awarded to projects and activities that foster exchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that Europe becomes a world quality reference.

STRUCTURE

LLP is divided in four sectoral sub-programmes, one transversal programme and the Jean Monnet Programme.

The sectoral sub-programmes focus on different stages of education and training:

- Comenius for school education
- Erasmus for higher education
- Leonardo da Vinci for vocational education and training
- Grundtvig for adult education

The transversal programme supplements the sectoral sub-programmes by enabling cooperation at more than one stage of education and training, as well as providing support for policy development, educational structures and the exploitation of the Programme’s results. Four key activities focus on:

- Policy cooperation and innovation
- Languages
- Information and communication technologies (ICT)
- Dissemination and exploitation of results

The Jean Monnet programme stimulates teaching, reflection and debate on the European integration process at higher education institutions.

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**Transversal Programme**

- 4 key activities - Policy cooperation and innovation; Languages; ICT; Dissemination & exploitation of results

**Jean Monnet Programme**

- Support to institutions and actions in favour of European integration
The LLP funding opportunities consist of two types of funding mechanisms:

- Calls for proposals are issued to support projects, operating costs and specific actions in the field of Education and Training. All details and all individual actions are thoroughly explained in the Lifelong Learning Programme Guide published by the European Commission (Directorate General Education and Culture).
- Calls for proposals or calls for tenders are launched by the Executive Agency for specific purposes, for example for studies.
Lifelong Learning Programme

SECTORAL PROGRAMMES 2007 - 2013

Pupils and teachers, students and professors, non European students and scholars, apprentices, workers, employees, adults can all benefit from the opportunities offered by the Lifelong Learning Programme. Four sectoral sub-programmes have been created to address different needs at all levels of education or training:

- **Comenius**: for pupils, teachers, other educational staff, schools and institutions active in the field of school education
  - pre-school, primary and secondary school education
- **Erasmus**: for students, scholars, professors, universities and related institutions
  - formal higher education and vocational education and training at tertiary level
- **Leonardo da Vinci**: for people learning through all forms of vocational education and training (other than at tertiary level), teachers, trainers, workers, employees and related institutions/organisations
  - vocational education and training
- **Grundtvig**: for adults, teachers and related institutions active in the field of adult education
  - adult education

THE SECTORAL PROGRAMMES AT EACEA

A general LLP call for proposals is published once a year by the European Commission (DG EAC) and implemented by the Executive Agency. To help applicants wishing to submit a proposal, this call is accompanied by an explanatory Programme Guide.

The Agency manages a part of the funds allocated to the sectoral programmes, specifically for the following types of activities:

- Multilateral Projects: to create concrete deliverables such as learning, testing and training materials, pedagogical tools, new curricula, strategy and policy documents;
- Multilateral Networks: to enable organisations with shared interests to explore specific themes together, for example digital educational services, educational support needs, education for specific groups;
- Accompanying measures: short-term and one-off activities that support awareness-raising and the general objectives of the Programme, for example conferences and seminars, publications;
- The Executive Agency manages also specific actions delegated by the Commission: eTwinning¹, Erasmus University Charter, ECTS/DS labels, Bologna and ECVET experts.

Within the Agency, three operational units manage the sectoral programmes:

P1: Comenius
P2: Erasmus
P3: Leonardo da Vinci and Grundtvig

¹ Cooperation between teachers and heads of schools involving pupils in collaborative projects carried out through ICT.
The other funds allocated to the sectoral sub-programmes are managed directly in participating countries by the appropriate National Agency (decentralised actions) and are granted to:

- Trans-national mobility projects: for example mobility of education staff and students;
- Bilateral and multilateral partnerships: cooperation between institutions, enterprises, social partners;
- Multilateral projects for transfer and innovation in the Leonardo da Vinci Programme.

Applicants must refer to the annual call for proposals and the Guide for applicants published by the European Commission (DG EAC).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- **EACEA - Lifelong Learning Programme**: centralised management of the Programme
  
  
  **Calls for proposals; Guides for applicants**
  
  **Contractual documents**: application forms, annexes and instructions, report forms and Project handbooks
  
  **Support documents**: FAQs, results of selections, information on meetings, examples of good practice and project directories

  **Information mailboxes**:
  
  Comenius: **EACEA-LLPCOMENIUS@ec.europa.eu**
  
  Erasmus: **EACEA-P2@ec.europa.eu**
  
  Leonardo da Vinci: **EACEA-Leonardo-da-Vinci@ec.europa.eu**
  
  Grundtvig: **EACEA-LLPGRUNDTVIG@ec.europa.eu**

- **European Commission - Education and Culture DG**: global coordination
  
  **On EAC website**: [http://ec.europa.eu/llp](http://ec.europa.eu/llp)
  
  **Legal basis**: Decision L327/45
  
  **General information** about Lifelong Learning and all related funding opportunities
  
  **Information mailbox**: **eac-info@ec.europa.eu**

- **National Agencies**: national management of the Programme
  
In order to ensure that the Lifelong Learning Programme makes the greatest impact and covers the widest range of activities, four transversal key activities are included, that target the following strategic areas:

- **Policy cooperation and innovation** (Key Activity 1) - Studies and comparative Research, Networks
- **Languages** (Key Activity 2)
- **Information and communication technologies - ICT** (Key Activity 3)
- **Dissemination and exploitation of results** (Key Activity 4)

### THE TRANSVERSAL PROGRAMME AT EACEA

The Transversal Programme actions are mainly implemented by the Executive Agency.

Most of the key activities are carried out through the general LLP call for proposals published once a year (together with an explanatory Programme Guide designed to help applicants).

They support the following types of activities:

- **Multilateral Projects**: to create concrete deliverables such as learning, testing and training materials, new curricula, strategy and policy documents;
- **Multilateral Networks**: to enable organisations with shared interests to explore specific themes together, for example digital educational services, educational support needs, education for specific groups;
- **Accompanying measures**: short-term and one-off activities that support awareness-raising and the general objectives of the Programme, for example conferences and seminars, publications etc.

Several other actions in Key Activity 1 address specific bodies, institutions or organisations, and are subject to separate calls for proposals, calls for tenders or other specific arrangements. These actions include:

- National Academic Recognition Information Centres (NARIC network)
- European Qualifications Framework (EQF)
- European Cooperation in Education and Training (ECET)
- Euroguidance
- Europass

Within the Agency, the following units manage the transversal programme:

- **P1**: Languages (KA2), ICT (KA3) and Roma networks (KA1)
- **P2**: NARIC network (KA1)
- **P3**: Dissemination & Exploitation of results (KA4)
- **P9**: Studies and Comparative Research, Networks, EQF, ECET, Europass and Euroguidance (KA1)
THE NATIONAL AGENCIES

National Agencies are specifically responsible for the management of study visits for Education and Vocational Training specialists implemented within Key Activity 1 - Policy cooperation and innovation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- **EACEA - Lifelong Learning Programme**: centralised management of the Programme


**Calls for proposals; Guides for applicants**

**Contractual documents**: application forms, annexes and instructions, report forms and Project handbooks

**Support documents**: FAQs, results of selections, information on meetings, examples of good practice and project directories

**Information mailboxes:**

- **KA1 - Studies and comparative research**: EACEA-LLP-P9@ec.europa.eu
- **KA1 - Networks**: EACEA-LLP-KA1NW@ec.europa.eu
- **KA1 - EQF**: EACEA-LLP-EQF@ec.europa.eu
- **KA1 - ECET**: EACEA-LLP-ECET@ec.europa.eu
- **KA1 - Europass**: EACEA-LLP-Europass@ec.europa.eu
- **KA1 - Euroguidance**: EACEA-LLP-Euroguidance@ec.europa.eu
- **KA1 - Roma**: EACEA-LLP-KA1-ROMA@ec.europa.eu
- **KA2 - Languages**: EACEA-LANGUAGES@ec.europa.eu
- **KA3 - ICT**: EACEA-ICT-LLP@ec.europa.eu
- **KA4 - Dissemination and exploitation of results**: EACEA-LLP-KA4@ec.europa.eu

- **European Commission - Education and Culture DG**: global coordination

**On EAC website**: [http://ec.europa.eu/llp](http://ec.europa.eu/llp)

**Legal basis**: Decision L327/45

**General information** about Lifelong Learning and all related funding opportunities

**Information mailbox**: eac-info@ec.europa.eu

- **National Agencies**: national management of the Programme

The Jean MONNET Programme is part of the Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013. It aims to stimulate teaching, research and reflection around European integration at the level of higher education institutions, within and outside the European Union. The beneficiaries include higher education institutions, key European institutions, associations of professors and researchers specialising in European integration, associations active in the field of education and training.

**ACTIONS**

To support their work, the Jean MONNET Programme funds the following actions:

- **Key Activity 1**: Jean MONNET Action: teaching activities (chairs, centres of excellence, European Modules) as well as academic and research activities (associations of professors and researchers, information and research activities, activities for teaching the EU at school, multilateral research groups): project grants;
- **Key Activity 2**: Support to specified institutions dealing with issues relating to European integration: operating grants;
- **Key Activity 3**: Support to European associations active in the field of European integration and education and training at a European level: operating grants.

**THE Jean MONNET PROGRAMME AT EACEA**

Unit P2 of the Agency implements two actions of the Jean MONNET Programme:

- Key Activity 1 supporting teaching, academic and research activities, is part of the general LLP call for proposals published once a year (together with an explanatory Programme Guide designed to help applicants);
- Key Activity 3 offering operating grants to European associations is subject to a separate call for proposals.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

- EACEA - Lifelong Learning Programme: centralised management of the Programme

**On EACEA website**: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp

**Calls for proposals; Guides for applicants**

**Contractual documents**: application and report forms, instructions and guidelines

**Support documents**: FAQs, practical information, updates, results and project directories

**Information mailboxes**:

- Key Activity 1: EACEA-AJM@ec.europa.eu
- Key Activity 3: EACEA-P2-ASSOC-EUR@ec.europa.eu

**European Commission - Education and Culture DG**: global coordination and management of Key Activity 2 (Support to specified institutions)

**On EAC website**: http://ec.europa.eu/llp

**Legal basis**: Decision L327/45

**Information mailbox**: eac-info@ec.europa.eu
Eurydice

The Eurydice network provides reliable and readily comparable information on, and analyses of, European education systems and policies, supporting and facilitating European cooperation in this field. Specific studies and reports are available free of charge on the Eurydice website, along with Eurypedia, a comprehensive online Encyclopedia on national education systems in Europe. Eurydice is funded under the Lifelong Learning Programme.

ACTIVITIES

Eurydice prepares and publishes a range of material on all levels of education, from pre-primary to tertiary and adult education, including:

- **Eurypedia**, the European Encyclopedia on national Education Systems and other national descriptions - e.g. *Structures of Education and Training Systems*
- **Comparative studies of topical issues in European education**, such as higher education, the teaching profession, the teaching of languages and science, the integration of immigrant children or education for citizenship
- **Indicators** - e.g. *Key Data on Education in Europe* and subject-based Key Data on higher education, language teaching, and information and communication technology
- **Facts and Figures** - e.g. *School and academic calendars and Teachers' and School Heads' Salaries and Allowances in Europe.*

EURYDICE AT EACEA

Unit P9 of the Agency coordinates the activities of the Eurydice Network at European level and drafts and distributes its publications and comparative studies. It also designs and administers a system of databases and indicators, including detailed descriptions of each participating country's education system, as well as a central website.

THE NATIONAL UNITS

Along with unit P9 in the Agency, the Eurydice Network is made up of 37 National Units in 33 countries which gather information, help to analyse it and circulate the output of the Network within their countries. The National Units receive support to translate certain publications into their national languages.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- **EACEA - Eurydice**
  
  Information mailbox: eacea-eurydice@ec.europa.eu

- **National Units:**
  

- **European Commission - Education and Culture DG**: global coordination
  
  Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/linkhomepage/linkhomepage342_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/linkhomepage/linkhomepage342_en.htm)
The **Erasmus Mundus** Programme 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 third countries.

**ACTIONS**

The Programme offers opportunities to a wide range of target groups: Higher Education institutions, students at all levels of higher education, academics, lecturers, researchers, academic staff, public and private bodies, enterprises, chambers of commerce and industry and research centres.

The second phase of the Erasmus Mundus Programme (2009-2013) continues the activities of the first Erasmus Mundus Programme (2004-2008) and directly incorporates the External Cooperation Window under Action 2, as well as an additional window in the context of the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI). Erasmus Mundus II extends its scope to all levels of higher education, improves funding opportunities and enhances cooperation possibilities with partners located in third countries. It is achieved by three actions:

- **Action 1:** Erasmus Mundus joint programmes including scholarships: masters and doctoral programmes involving a period of study (and research) in at least two higher education institutions; scholarships for third-country and European masters' students, doctoral candidates and academics

- **Action 2:** Erasmus Mundus partnerships with non-European higher education institutions: mobility flows at all levels of higher education, scholarships of variable lengths for students, academics and higher education staff

- **Action 3:** Promotion of European Higher Education: activities carried out by public or private organisations to enhance the attractiveness, visibility and accessibility to European higher education, such as conferences, seminars, workshops, studies, analyses, pilot projects, prizes, networks, production of material, development of ICT tools, etc.

**THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA**

Unit P4 of the Agency manages the actions of the Programme through calls for proposals and calls for tenders. Higher education institutions and other public or private bodies active in the field of higher education should apply to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency according to the application procedures described in the appropriate call for proposals. Third-country and European students and scholars should apply directly to the selected Erasmus Mundus Consortia and Partnerships.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

➔ EACEA: management of the Programme
  Website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus
  Information mailbox: EACEA-Erasmus-Mundus@ec.europa.eu

➔ European Commission: global coordination
  ➔ Education and Culture DG
    Website: http://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus
    Information mailbox: eac-info@ec.europa.eu
  ➔ EuropeAid Development and Cooperation DG
    Website: http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid

➔ European External Action Service
  Website: http://eeas.europa.eu

➔ Erasmus Mundus National Structures (information and guidance at national level - European Union and EFTA-EEA Countries)
  Website: http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-mundus/doc1515_en.htm

➔ Selected Joint Programmes and Partnerships

ON EACEA WEBSITE:
Legal basis: Decision 1298/2008
Programme Guide, calls for proposals
Contractual documents: application and report forms, instructions and guidelines
Supporting documents: FAQs, practical information, updates, results and project directories
The Tempus Programme contributes to creating an area of cooperation in the field of higher education between the European Union and Partner Countries from the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. It is designed to support the modernisation of higher education in these countries, new policy development and convergence with the European Area for Higher Education. In addition to institutional cooperation Tempus also promotes a "people to people approach".

**ACTIONS**

Tempus projects are implemented by consortia composed mainly of universities or associations of universities. Non-academic partners such as companies, business organisations, professional associations, public authorities or social partners can also join these consortia. Tempus finances different types of action:

- **Joint Projects** based on multilateral partnerships between higher education institutions in the EU and the Partner Countries. For example, they can develop new curricula, teaching methods or materials, or support initiatives to improve the management of institutions and encourage links with the labour market (promotion of entrepreneurship and creation of business start-ups).
  
  Joint projects include small scale mobility activities of short duration for students, academic staff, researchers, university administrators and enterprises;

- **Structural Measures** contributing to the development of higher education institutions and systems at national level in the Partner Countries. For example, they can address issues linked to the reform of governance (qualification systems, quality assurance, etc) or links between higher education and society (world of work, other sectors of education, etc).
  
  Structural measures include studies and research, conferences and seminars, trainings, policy advice and dissemination of information.

Additionally, Tempus finances **Accompanying Measures**. They comprise of dissemination and information activities such as thematic conferences, studies and activities aimed at the identification and exploitation of good practices, consultation of stakeholders, etc.

**THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA**

Unit P10 of the Agency manages all Tempus actions. Joint Projects and Structural Measures are implemented through regular calls for proposals, while Accompanying Measures are contracted through calls for tenders or framework contracts.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- **EACEA**: management of the Programme  
  Information mailbox: EACEA-Tempus-Info@ec.europa.eu

- **European Commission - partner Directorates General:**
  - EuropeAid Development and Cooperation DG  
    Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid)
  - Enlargement DG  
    Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement](http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement)
  - Education and Culture DG  
    Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/tempus](http://ec.europa.eu/tempus)

- **European External Action Service**  
  Website: [http://eeas.europa.eu](http://eeas.europa.eu)

- **Tempus information network:**  
  The National Contact Points and the National Tempus Offices disseminate information in the Member States and in the partner countries respectively and facilitate partner searches.  

**ON EACEA WEBSITE:**
Calls for proposals for the different actions; instructions and guidelines  
Contractual documents: application and report forms, project management tools  
Supporting documents: FAQ, practical information, updates, results and project directories, information about the Higher Education systems, statistics.
Bilateral Cooperation with Industrialised Countries in the field of higher education

The European Commission has set up bilateral agreements between the EU and specific industrialised countries to fund innovative academic cooperation and student mobility. The Programmes support consortia of higher education and vocational education and training institutions working together to improve their educational services, to compare and modernise curricula and to develop joint study programmes with compatible credits and qualifications.

The Executive Agency manages projects funded in the context of the following Cooperation Agreements:

**EU-US ATLANTIS PROGRAMME**

The EU-ATLANTIS Programme funds 'transatlantic degree projects' (TDs), 'excellence in mobility projects' (EIMs) and 'policy oriented measures' (POMs).

No new calls for proposals are foreseen in 2013.

**EU-CANADA COOPERATION PROGRAMME FOR TRANSATLANTIC EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS (TEP) AND TRANSANTLANTIC DEGREE PARTNERSHIPS (TDP)**

The EU-Canada Programme funds joint study and training programmes allowing transatlantic exchanges between European and Canadian education institutions.

No new calls for proposals are foreseen in 2013.

**EDUCATION COOPERATION PROGRAMME UNDER THE FRAMEWORK OF THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES INSTRUMENT (ICI ECP)**

The ICI Education Cooperation Programme provides funding for international curriculum development and mobility projects, namely Joint Mobility Projects (JMP) and Joint Degree Projects (JDP), which involve higher education mobility between the European Union and four partner countries: Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the Republic of Korea. The programme supports exchanges of staff and students as well as joint curriculum development.
THE PROGRAMMES AT EACEA

Unit P10 of the Executive Agency manages joint calls for proposals funded by the European Commission and the relevant authorities in the ICI ECP partner countries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

⇒ **EACEA**: management of the Programmes  
   Website: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/bilateral_cooperation)  
   Information mailboxes:  
   eacea-eu-us@ec.europa.eu  
   eacea-eu-canada@ec.europa.eu  
   eacea-eu-ici-ecp@ec.europa.eu

⇒ **European Commission - Education and Culture DG**: global coordination  
   Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/education/industrialised-countries](http://ec.europa.eu/education/industrialised-countries)

⇒ **European External Action Service**  
   Website: [http://eeas.europa.eu](http://eeas.europa.eu)

ON EACEA WEBSITE:

Agreements  
Programme Guides, calls for proposals  
Contractual documents: application and report forms, instructions and guidelines  
Supporting documents: practical information, updates, results and project directories
Intra-ACP academic mobility scheme

The intra-ACP academic mobility scheme promotes cooperation between higher education institutions (HEIs) and supports mobility in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) regions. The programme aims to increase access to quality education that will encourage and enable ACP students to undertake postgraduate studies, and to promote student retention in the region along with mobility of staff (academic and administrative), while increasing the competitiveness and attractiveness of the institutions themselves.

**ACTIONS**

The intra-ACP academic mobility scheme provides support to:

- **higher education institutions** to set up inter-institutional cooperation partnerships between universities from different countries within the ACP regions;
- **individual students, researchers and university staff** to spend a study, research or teaching period in the context of one of the above mentioned cooperation partnerships.

This programme builds on the African Union’s Mwalimu Nyerere programme for Africa, granting additional funding, and setting up a similar scheme for the Caribbean and Pacific regions. It is funded through the European Development Fund (EDF).

Cooperation between HEIs and mobility of students and staff take place within:

- Lot 1 - the African component of the intra-ACP academic mobility scheme - which supports and expands the Mwalimu Nyerere Scholarship Scheme of the African Union Commission (AUC);
- Lot 2 - the Caribbean and Pacific component of the intra-ACP academic mobility scheme - which facilitates academic mobility within and between these two regions.

**THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA**

Unit P4 of the Agency manages the Programme through calls for proposals. Higher education institutions should apply to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency according to the application procedures described in the appropriate call for proposals. Students and scholars from ACP countries should apply directly to the selected partnerships.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

- **EACEA**: management of the Programme  
  Website: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra_acp_mobility](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/intra_acp_mobility)  
  Information mailbox: EACEA-intra-acp@ec.europa.eu

- **European Commission - EuropeAid Development and Cooperation DG**: global coordination  
  Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid)

- **European External Action Service**  
  Website: [http://eeas.europa.eu](http://eeas.europa.eu)

**ON EACEA WEBSITE:**

- Calls for proposals
- Contractual documents: application and report forms, instructions and guidelines
- Supporting documents: FAQs, practical information, updates, results and project directories
MEDIA

2007 - 2013

MEDIA is the EU support Programme for the audiovisual industry. It aims to strengthen the European audiovisual sector reflecting Europe’s cultural identity and heritage. MEDIA co-finances training activities for audiovisual industry professionals, the development of production projects, the distribution of European films involving partners from more than one country as well as the promotion of European audiovisual works.

ACTIONS

The MEDIA Programme comprises of a series of support measures for the European audiovisual industry focusing, on pre and post production activities. It does not fund the production itself. Its six action lines are:

- **Action 1:** Training and networking of professionals, for producers, distributors, scriptwriters, directors, ...
- **Action 2:** Development of production projects and companies, for independent European producers: feature films, television drama, documentaries, animation and new media
- **Action 3:** Distribution of films and audiovisual programmes, support for distributors and Sales Agents of European films; independent TV Producers; networks of cinemas screening European films and digitisation of cinemas
- **Action 4:** Market access, helping European independent producers and distributors gain access to key European events and promote European works in major international markets
- **Action 5:** Support for festivals and other audiovisual events, to promote European films and their distribution across Europe
- **Action 6:** Online distribution and pilot projects for technological development

THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA

Unit P8 of the Agency is in charge of the operational management of the MEDIA Programme. The six action lines are implemented by separate calls for proposals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- **EACEA - MEDIA Programme:** management of the Programme
  Website: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/media](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/media)
  Information mailbox: EACEA-MEDIA@ec.europa.eu

- **European Commission - Education and Culture DG:** political, institutional and budgetary aspects, communication and strategic evaluation
  Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/media](http://ec.europa.eu/media)
  Information mailbox: eac-media@ec.europa.eu

- **MEDIA Desks & Antennae:** network of information offices in participating countries, providing guidance on the application process.
  Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/media](http://ec.europa.eu/media)

On EACEA website:
Link to legal basis: Decision No 1718/2006/EC
Link to calls for proposals
The Culture Programme provides funding opportunities for the development of cultural cooperation at European level. It is open to all cultural sectors and all categories of cultural operators, except for audiovisual industries and activities (including film festivals), covered by the MEDIA Programme. The Culture Programme mainly promotes cross-border mobility of cultural players, the circulation of artistic and cultural works and products, and intercultural dialogue and exchanges.

**ACTIONS**

The Programme encourages artistic and cultural creation in Europe through cooperation between public and/or private cultural operators active in music, performing arts, visual arts, literary translation, books and reading, cultural heritage... It is composed of 3 strands, corresponding to 3 different levels of intervention:

- **Strand 1:** Support for cultural projects: cooperation projects within the European Union and with third countries, literary translation projects and festivals
- **Strand 2:** Support for organisations active at European level in the field of Culture: operating grants for organisations' permanent activities
- **Strand 3:** Support for analyses and dissemination activities in the field of cultural cooperation: cooperation projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis

**THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA**

Unit P5 of the Executive Agency manages the three strands of the Programme. For most measures, the Programme Guide provides all the essential information on applying for funding. It sets out the funding calendar until 2013 and outlines all funding opportunities under this Programme.

Some activities are managed by the Commission and do not form part of the Programme Guide: support for European Capitals of Culture, awarding of European prizes, support for cooperation with international organisations and special actions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

- **EACEA - Culture Programme:** management of the Programme
  - Information mailboxes:
    - **Strand 1.1:** Multi-annual Cooperation Projects
      EACEA-P5-MULTIANNUALPROJECTS@ec.europa.eu
    - **Strand 1.2.1:** Cooperation Measures
      EACEA-P5-COOPERATIONPROJECTS@ec.europa.eu

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1 However, organisations having their main activity in the audiovisual sector are eligible under strand 2 of the Culture Programme, category "Networks", as no such support exists under the MEDIA Programme.
Strand 1.2.2: Literary Translation Projects  
EACEA-P5-LITERARYTRANSLATION@ec.europa.eu

Strand 1.3.5: Cooperation Projects with Third Countries  
EACEA-P5-THIRDCOUNTRIESPROJECTS@ec.europa.eu

Strand 1.3.6: Festivals  
EACEA-P5-FESTIVALS@ec.europa.eu

Strand 2: Support for Organisations Active at European Level in the Field of Culture  
EACEA-P5-OPERATINGGRANTS@ec.europa.eu

Strand 3.2: Cooperation Projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis  
EACEA-P5-POLICYANALYSIS@ec.europa.eu

➔ European Commission - Education and Culture DG: Culture Policy, global coordination of the Programme and specific measures
  Website: http://ec.europa.eu/culture
  Information mailbox: eac-culture@ec.europa.eu

➔ Cultural Contact Points:
  Network of information offices in participating countries, providing guidance on the application process.

On EACEA website:
Link to legal basis: Decision No 1855/2006 /EC
Programme Guide for strands delegated to the Agency, calendar
Contractual documents: application and report forms
Support documents: FAQ, instructions for applicants, lists of results and selected projects
Youth in Action
2007 - 2013

Youth in Action is the European Union Programme to support and enable young people aged between 13 and 30, youth workers and youth organisations to become key players in Europe and in their communities. It promotes their mobility, within and beyond EU borders, in a non-formal learning context and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background.

ACTIONS

Five actions are implemented to support a wide variety of projects:

- Action 1: Youth for Europe: youth exchanges, initiatives and democracy projects
- Action 2: European Voluntary Service: voluntary activities
- Action 3: Youth in the World: youth projects with Partner Countries
- Action 4: Youth Support Systems: operating grants, mobility of youth workers, innovative projects, partnerships, training and networking activities
- Action 5: Support for European cooperation in the youth field: meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy

THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA

Unit P6 of the Agency implements the Programme at European level. For most actions, the Agency proposes three submission deadlines a year to well defined promoters, mainly bodies active at European level in the youth field and organisations established in the South-East of Europe. The Programme Guide acts as the call for proposals with a fixed calendar of selections. In addition, specific calls for proposals address a larger panel of applicants active in the field.

THE NATIONAL AGENCIES

Each Programme country (Member States, EFTA, Croatia and Turkey) has its National Agency, which promotes and implements most Programme actions at national level (decentralised actions). The National Agencies propose five submission deadlines a year to a wide range of promoters, including local entities and informal groups of young people.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- EACEA - Youth in Action Programme: centralised management of the Programme
  Website: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth
  Information mailbox: eacea-p6@ec.europa.eu

- European Commission - Education and Culture DG: global coordination
  Website: http://ec.europa.eu/youth
  Information mailbox: eac-youthinaction@ec.europa.eu

- National Agencies: national management of the Programme
  Website: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152_en.htm
Eurodesks: national information and support
Website: http://www.eurodesk.org

Salto Youth Resource Centres: ressources, information, training
Website: http://www.salto-youth.net

On EACEA website:
Link to legal basis: Decision No 1719/2006 /EC
Programme Guide: permanent call covering the majority of the programme
Specific calls for proposals for specific actions
Contractual documents: application and report forms
Support documents: FAQ, practical information, results and project directories
Europe for Citizens
2007 - 2013

Europe for Citizens aims to encourage citizens to play an active role in the process of European integration by promoting a sense of European identity and enhancing mutual understanding between Europeans. This Programme supports a wide range of activities and organisations promoting active European citizenship.

ACTIONS

The Programme is open to a variety of actors including, among others: civil society organisations, twinning committees and local and regional authorities. It offers European citizens the opportunity to get involved in different types of projects divided into four main actions:

- **Action 1:** "Active citizens for Europe": town twinning citizens' meetings, networks of twinned towns, citizens' projects and support measures
- **Action 2:** "Active civil society for Europe": structural supports for European public policy research organisations and civil society organisations at European level, and projects initiated by civil society organisations
- **Action 3:** "Together for Europe": events, studies and information services contributing to bringing Europe closer to its citizens
- **Action 4:** "Active European Remembrance": projects commemorating victims of Nazism and Stalinism and preserving the main sites and archives associated with deportations.

THE PROGRAMME AT EACEA

Unit P7 of the Agency manages projects submitted under all Actions of the Programme, except for a part of Action 3 which is directly carried out by Communication DG. For most Actions, the Programme Guide acts as the call for proposals with fixed deadlines applied every year. For other Actions, specific calls for proposals can be published, with a time-limited validity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- **EACEA - Europe for Citizens Programme**: management of Actions 1, 2, 3 and 4
  Information mailboxes:
  - General enquiries and Action 1: eacea-p7@ec.europa.eu
  - Action 1 - Measure 2.1: eacea-p7-citizensprojects@ec.europa.eu
  - Action 2 - Measures 1 & 2: eacea-p7-operatinggrants@ec.europa.eu
  - Action 2 - Measure 3: eacea-p7-civilsociety@ec.europa.eu
  - Action 4: eacea-p7-remembrance@ec.europa.eu

- **European Commission - Communication DG**: global coordination of the Programme and management of Action 3 (events)
  Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship)
  Information mailbox: COMM-C2@ec.europa.eu

- **Europe for Citizens Points (ECP)**
  Network of information offices in participating countries, providing guidance on the application process.
  Website: [http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/how-to-participate/doc714_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/how-to-participate/doc714_en.htm)
On EACEA website:
Link to legal basis: Decision No 1904/2006/EC
Programme Guide: permanent call for Actions 1, 2 and 4
Specific calls for proposals: Action 2, measures 1 and 2
Contractual documents: application and report forms, model of grant agreements
Support documents: practical information, selection results and project statistics
For more information:
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http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid

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