



Successful application and management procedures of Erasmus Mundus Action 1 Joint Programmes

Case studies of hands-on practices and experiences

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The event is organised jointly by the Santander Group, the Compostela Group and the UNICA Network.

The EM Joint Programmes provide excellent opportunities to fund high-quality master and doctoral programmes by offering scholarships/fellowships to consortia of minimum 3 countries, including partners from all over the world. The Programmes include obligatory study and research periods in at least two universities, and award recognised double, multiple, or joint degrees.

The high-quality elements depend on expertise and excellence of academic staff in the project consortium, innovative and competitive curricula of studies, but also efficient management of these high-level mobility programmes. The involvement of third country co-operation is a way of expanding a university's global outreach while funding non-university partners e.g. enterprises or research institutes can increase the practice-oriented approach of studies. Currently, there are 124 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Courses and only 22 Joint Doctorates funded by the European Commission.

The above mentioned arguments make the Joint Programmes highly-competitive with a very low selection rate of about 14%. This figure can be explained not only by the number of submitted projects but also by the complexity of the application procedure. The most crucial aspects of preparing a competitive application as well as management practices based on hands-on experiences coming from current project co-ordinators of Joint Master Courses and Doctoral Programmes will be in the focus of this specialised seminar e.g.:

- ✓ Guidelines and good practices of an application procedure
- ✓ Conditions for building strong and competitive consortia for both master and doctoral courses
- ✓ Conditions of third country participation



- ✓ Financial criteria: eligible costs, mixed financing, co-financing principles
- ✓ Award and recognition of double, multiple and joint degrees

Representatives of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), responsible for the management of the Erasmus Mundus Programme will provide information on the technical aspects of the application and management procedures, while the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands & Flanders (NVAO) will answer questions concerning the conditions and regulations for awarding and recognising double, multiple, and joint degrees across Europe and with third countries. The participants will learn about opportunities offered by the European Campus, funded by the European Commission, which is an electronic platform for promoting Erasmus Mundus and International Master Programmes. The event offers an excellent opportunity to meet project co-ordinators and to establish some contacts for future projects.

Venue

University Foundation Club

Rue d'Egmont 11
1000 Brussels, Belgium

Fee

There will be no fee applied for this event.

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PROGRAMME

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 09.15 Welcome

- **Prof. John Tuppen**, Santander Group President

09.15 – 10.15 Presentation of the Erasmus Mundus Action 1 programme: the best ways to meet selection criteria

- **José Gutierréz**, The Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)

10.15 – 10.45 How to increase visibility of the Erasmus Mundus projects? Presentation of the European Campus – EU funded project

- **Christof Devriendt**, Youth Agora

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.15 Award conditions of double, multiple, and joint degrees with EU and non-EU countries

- **Axel Aerden**, Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands & Flanders (NVAO)

Discussions

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30– 15.15 Best Practices in the Co-ordination of EM Action 1 Joint Masters

Presentation of case studies of three Universities

- **Catherine Dassis**, University of Liège
- **Javier Orozco**, Polytechnic University of Valencia
- **Jean-Gabriel Ganascia**, Université Pierre et Marie Curie

Discussions

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.30 Best Practices in Co-ordination of EM Action 1 Joint Doctorates

Presentation of case studies of three Universities

- **Tim Deprez**, Ghent University
- **Johan Robberecht**, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Discussions

16.30 – 17.00 Conclusions