Erasmus Mundus - Al Idrisi: A scholarship scheme for exchange and cooperation between Europe and the Maghreb

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- co-operation and mobility scheme
- for student and staff mobility
- between Europe and “Third Countries”
- grouped in geographical lots
- organized by an partnerships of up to 20 HEIs
- co-financed by the European Commission
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- General objectives: Cooperation in HE
  - capacity building in higher education
    - training of higher education staff
    - transfer of know-how and good practices
    - implementation of common areas of higher education
  - mutual enrichment of societies
    - development of a pool of well-qualified, open-minded and internationally experienced young women/men

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- strengthening of political, cultural, educational and economical links between Europe and Third Countries
- promotion of horizontal policies
  - training of students and professionals from
    - vulnerable groups
    - socioeconomically disadvantaged strata of the society
- poverty reduction
- sustainable economic growth
- social cohesion

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- cultural and linguistic diversity
- development cooperation
- equality between men and women

- good governance
  - capacity building in administration and public and private sectors
  - promotion of common values
  - respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms, peace, democracy, good governance, gender, equality, the rule of law, solidarity and justice
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- The EU grant covers the costs for the
  - organisation of mobility by the partners
    - by a flat rate of up to 200,000 € per partnership
  - implementation of individual mobility flows in terms of unit costs for
    - travel (from 250 € to 2,500 €, according to the distance)
    - subsistence (from 1,000 € to 2,500 € per month)
    - participation costs (up to 3,000 € / acad. year)
    - insurance (75 € / month)

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- Erasmus Mundus - Al Idrisi
  - Subtitle: A scholarship scheme for exchange and cooperation between Europe and the Maghreb
  - Lot 1: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia
  - Partnership:
    - Algeria: 3
    - Morocco: 4
    - Tunisia: 3
    - Europe: 10
  - Associates: 6
    - All Ministries of Higher Education in the region
    - 3 Associations with strong links in Europe, in the Maghreb and among both regions
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- **Europe**
  - Universidad de Granada – Spain
  - Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna – Italy
  - Universidade de Coimbra – Portugal
  - Georg-August-Universität Göttingen – Germany
  - Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz – Austria
  - Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza – Romania
  - Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) – Belgium
  - Lunds Universitet – Sweden
  - Université de Poitiers – France
  - Université Jean Monnet – France

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North Africa
- Université Badji Mokhtar – Annaba – Algeria
- Université Hassiba Benouali de Chlef – Algeria
- Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d’Oran “Mohamed Boudiaf” – Algeria
- Université Hassan II - Aïn Chock – Morocco
- Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah – Morocco
- Université Hassan 1er – Morocco
- Université Abdelmalek Essaâdi – Morocco
- Université de Carthage – Tunisia
- Université de Gafsa – Tunisia
- Université de Monastir – Tunisia

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Regional Distribution

- Broad regional coverage
- Always some partners in least favoured regions
- Europe: 3 French, 4 other Romance and 3 Germanic speaking universities
- Maghreb: partners operate mainly in Arabic and French

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Scholarship Distribution

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The sister project: EM – Monesia

**Acronym:** MObility Network Europe-Southamerica: an Institutional Approach

- Lot 17: Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay
- Selected for funding in June 2009
- Partnership:
  - Brazil: 6 partners
  - Paraguay: 2 partners
  - Uruguay: 2 partners
  - Europe: 10 partners
  - Associates: 2 Brazilian, 1 European

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A shared European partnership

- Universidad de Granada – Spain
- Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna – Italy
- Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz – Austria
- Universidade de Coimbra – Portugal

- Università degli Studi di Padova – Italy
- Universiteit Leiden - The Netherlands
- Universidad de Deusto – Spain
- Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) - Belgium
- Universiteit Leiden - The Netherlands
- Wageningen Universiteit - The Netherlands

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The brother project: EM – Ánimo, ¡Chévere!

- **Acronym:** Academic Network for International Mobility: Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela and Europe Reaching for Excellence
- Lot 19b: Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Venezuela
- Selected for funding in December 2009
- **Partnership:**
  - Chile: 2
  - Cuba: 3
  - Ecuador: 3
  - Venezuela: 2
  - Europe: 10
  - Associates: 4
    - 1 Chile
    - 2 Cuba
    - 1 Europe

**Erasmus Mundus - Action 2 - Partnerships**
Lot 19b: Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Venezuela
The brother project: EM – Ánimo, ¡Chévere!

- Shared European partners
  - Universidad de Granada – Spain
  - Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna – Italy
  - Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz – Austria

- For both brother projects:
  - All mobility flows had to start before 1 September 2010
  - Only long term degree seeking mobility still in place
  - Now in evaluation phase

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Lot 19b: Chile, Cuba, Ecuador, Venezuela
Objectives and Expected Results

- to set-up an active institution-based academic mobility network
- to produce a pool of 170 well-trained students, post-doctoral fellows and moving staff who will
  - return to their home countries
  - holding a relevant degree (master or doctorate) where applicable
  - having gained valuable experience, knowledge and contacts abroad
Objectives and Expected Results

- to focus on the regional needs
  - will be identified, discussed and agreed on during meeting
  - According to an initial survey, these will be
    - Engineering (6)
    - Water and Environment, Renewable Energies (7)
    - Languages (9)
    - Information and Communication Technologies (11 and 15)
    - Health and Life Sciences (12)
Objectives and Expected Results

- to provide improved education and training opportunities for
  - vulnerable groups
  - socioeconomically disadvantaged students
- to promote equal access to higher education for students and scholars from least developed regions
- to foster the teaching and research capacity at the partner universities
Objectives and Expected Results

- to exchange knowledge and good practices
- to promote common areas of higher education
- to set up an alumni network
- to detect and benefit from synergies with partner projects
Project Management

- Erasmus Mundus – Al Idrisi is an European project
  - a European project
    - Project Management Unit (PMU)
      - responsible for the correct implementation and coordination of the project
  - a multilateral network of universities
    - Partnership Coordination Board (PCB)
      - defines the policy of the partnership as a whole
  - a structure implementing mobility flows
    - Local Operative Units (LOU)
      - manage the mobility flows at each partner university
Visibility Strategy

- Design of a common visibility, awareness rising and promotion strategy
  - local visibility campaign
    - at each partner university
  - nationwide promotion campaign
    - supported by associate partners
  - supranational awareness rising campaign
    - visits to partner universities, embassies and consulates, EU delegations
Visibility Strategy

- project website
  - containing relevant information about the project and its scholarship scheme
- partner projects
  - synergies and collaboration
  - relevant programmes: Tempus, Erasmus Mundus, ENPI CBCMED Mediterranean Sea Basin, ...
Organization of the Mobility Flows

- Selection process
  - impartial and transparent
  - based on merit and equal opportunities
  - with clear and effective appeal mechanisms
  - considering cross-cutting requirements
    - gender-balance
    - real participation of socioeconomically disadvantaged people

- Local management of the mobility flows

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Quality Assurance

- Quality assurance policy
  - concerns the project implementation and monitoring
    - at a strategic level
    - at an operative level
    - final global evaluation

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Transfer of Know-how

- Organization of workshops and seminars
  - in connection with the (annual) PCB meetings
  - possible topics
    - good practices in student and staff mobility
    - bi and multilateral recognition of study periods and degrees
    - quality assurance in mobility
    - academic cooperation: joint and multiple degree programmes
  - etc

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Brain drain

How to avoid brain drain?

- strategic approach
  - to encourage long-term academic collaboration through joint research and teaching

- practical approach
  - written commitment of the grantees
  - payment of the last scholarship instalment after departure to the home country
  - delivery of the transcripts and diploma in the home country
Acronym and Logo

- **Al Idrisi**
  - أبو عبد الله محمد الإدريسي
  - (*Abū Abd Allāh Muhammad al-Idrīsī*)
  - famous medieval geographer, cartographer and botanist
  - born 1100 in Sabtah (Ceuta); worked at the Norman court of Roger II in Palermo (Sicily);
    died 1165/66 in Sicily or Sabtah (Ceuta)
  - author of one of the most important works of medieval Geography entitled
Acronym and Logo

(Kitāb nuzhat al-mushtāq fī ikhtirāq al-āfāq; Journey of one who is eager to traverse horizons) → represents the spirit of the project

- Al Idrisi combines Arab, Romance and Germanic influences
- Logo
  - taken form one of his most famous maps
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