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# EDULINK – the new ACP-EU Cooperation Programme in Higher Education

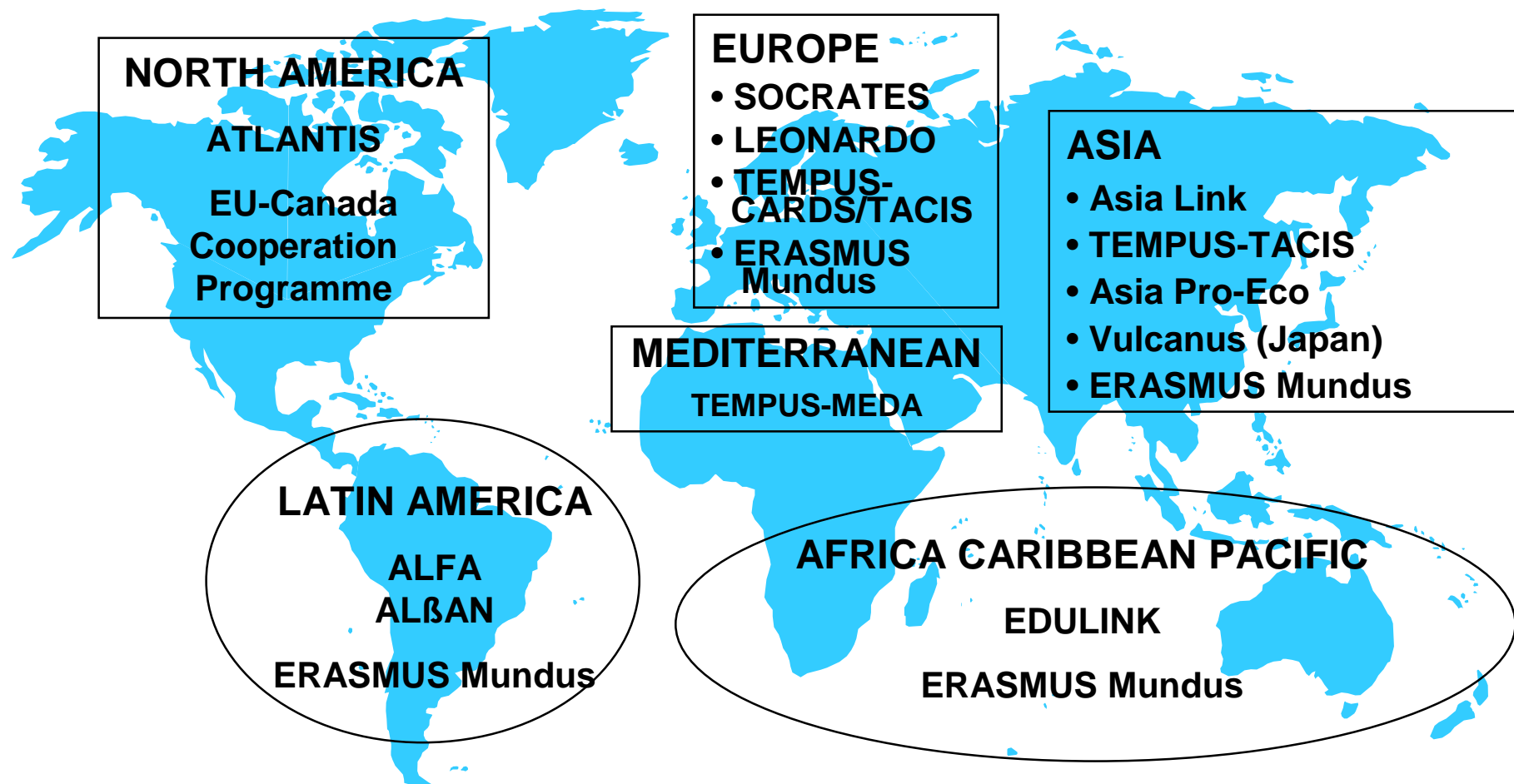
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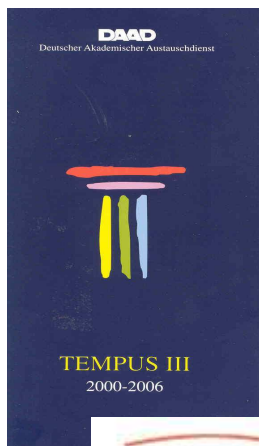
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EU/Canada, EDULINK etc.
- DAADeuroletter



## Unit 333 – National Contact Point for TEMPUS and EU-Third Country Programmes



We....

...provide information and support in project application and management

...analyse selection results and evaluation reports

...co-operate with decision-makers in educational policy at national and EU-level

...fund preparatory visits for German academics





## Unit 333 – National Contact Point for TEMPUS and EU-Third Country Programmes



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**We....**

...conceive and organise national and international conferences and seminars

...promote EU-third country cooperation programmes at German and international universities

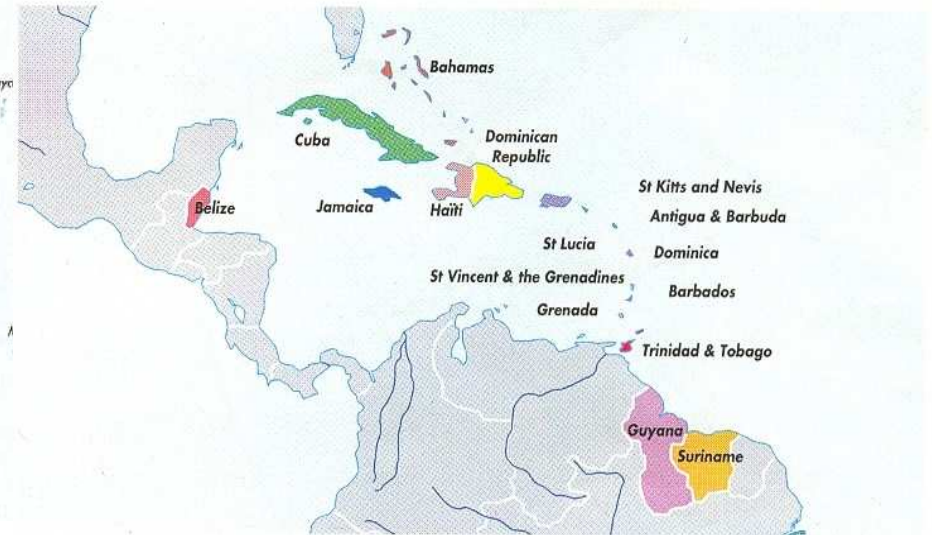
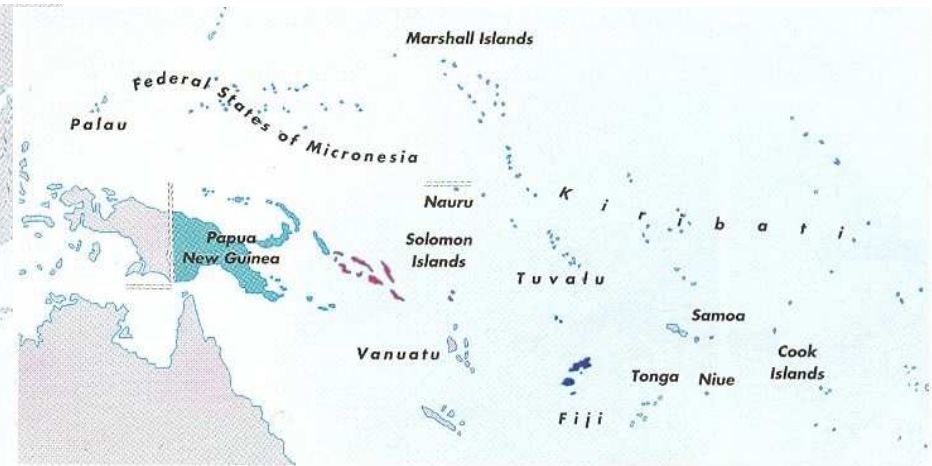
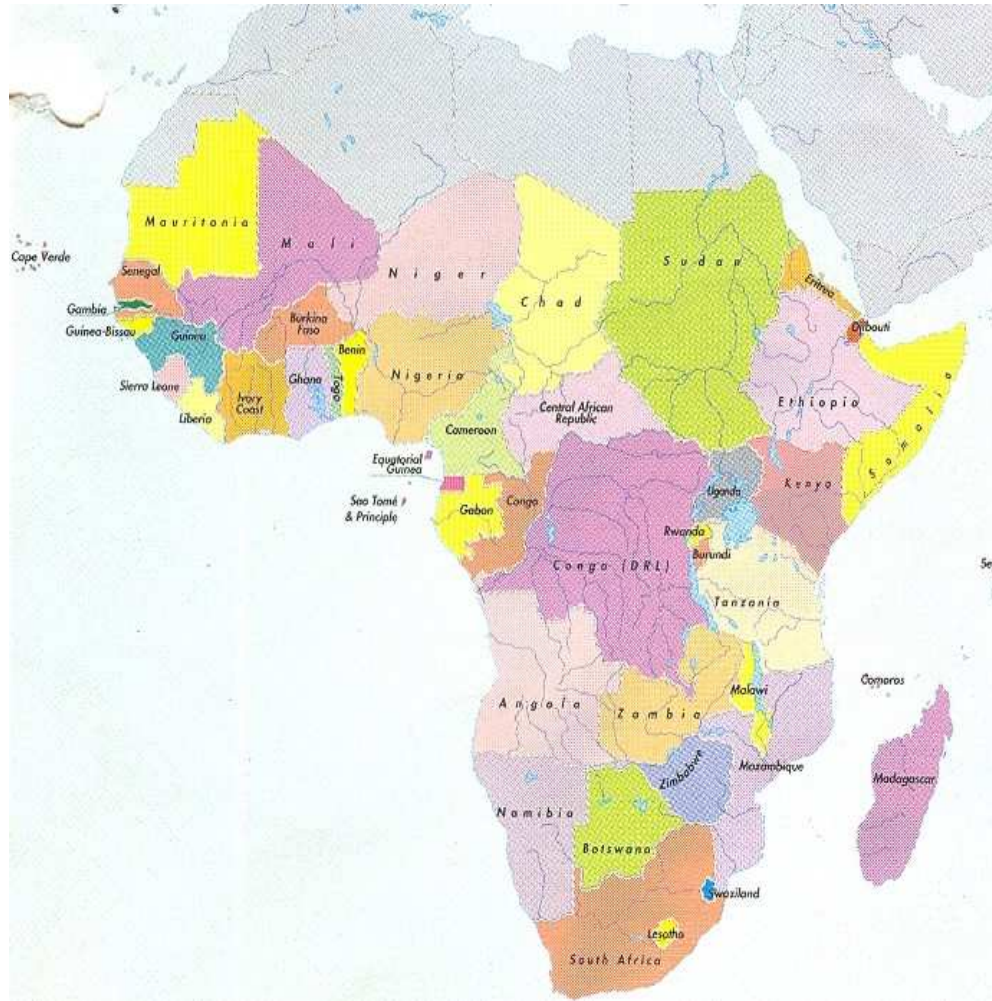
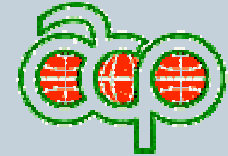
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- DAADeuroletter  
- annual project compendium  
- conference readers

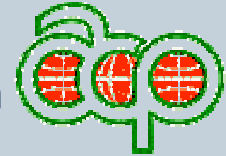
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## EDULINK – Cooperation Programme in Higher Education

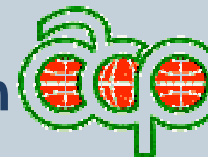




## Historical Background

- Since 1975** Lomé agreements (four in total) between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific States focusing on economic and financial cooperation
- 2000** Lomé agreement to fight poverty in the 78 ACP states  
Budget 2000-2005: 13,8 billion  
Geographical focus: sub-Saharan Africa
- 2001** Common Framework for Cooperation with Third Countries on Higher Education  
published by AidCo, DG Dev, DG EAC and DG Relex

**„In the area of development co-operation, the inclusion of higher education (...) may (...) contribute to the eradication of poverty in the world.“**



## Development of the EDULINK programme

**February 2002**

Service contract between the Coimbra Group and EuropeAid to develop a programme proposal for the Commission.

21 missions to the ACP region were organised, 38 professors were sent to visit HE institutions. On the basis of detailed reports, a programme proposal was conceived.

**Beginning of 2005**

Initiative of the Coimbra Group, NUFFIC, University of Oslo, DAAD and others to foster the start of a HE co-operation programme with ACP countries.

**March 2005**

International conference *Networking in Higher Education and Research in ACP countries: sharing experiences* launched by the Coimbra Group in Louvain-la-Neuve.

**June 2005**

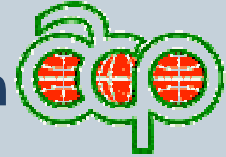
Approval of the EDULINK financing proposal by the EDF-committee.

**May 2006**

Programme Management Unit GOPA-Cartermill Brussels starts assistance of ACP Secretariat



## EDULINK – Cooperation Programme in Higher Education



### Start of the EDULINK programme

**October 2006**

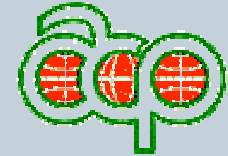
1st call for proposals

**15 January 2007**

**Deadline** for receipt of applications (**16:00 Brussels time**)

**2nd half of 2007**

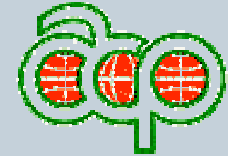
2nd call for proposals



## Who can apply?

**Higher education institutions (or part of such an institution) registered**

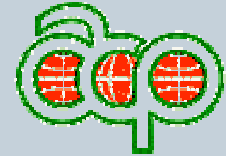
- in one of the 77 ACP countries
- in one of the 15 „old“ EU Member States (signed 9th European Development Fund)
  - ➔ HEIs from South Africa and Cuba can participate in the projects but cannot be direct beneficiaries of the funds (their activities always have to be ACP related)

**Overall Programme Objective**

Strengthening the capacity of ACP higher education institutions  
at three levels:

1. institutional/administrative level
2. academic and teaching level
3. research and technology

core ideas: regional integration in the field of higher education  
through institutional networking



## Each level corresponds to one purpose:

### Purpose 1

**Institutional capacity building** of ACP higher education institutions in support of policy, management, planning and administrative capacity at national and regional levels.

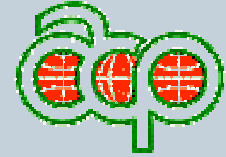
### Purpose 2

Institutional co-operation to **maximise academic quality** and relevance in the regional or sub-regional context.

### Purpose 3

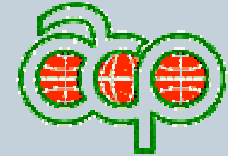
**Capacity building in research and technology** that would enable higher education institutions to

- improve their academic and teaching excellence in priority sectors linked to the socio-economic development of ACP regions,
- consolidate their local research capacity,
- import or adapt scientific discoveries and innovations.



## Expected Results

1. **Enhanced contribution to national and/or regional policies.**
2. **Increased inter-institutional networking** between higher education institutions in the ACP regions and institutions in the EU.
3. Creation of **better regional conditions** for effective networking of higher education centres **in research, science and technology.**
4. **Enhanced management and financial administration capacity of higher education institutions.**
5. ACP higher education institutions become regional and/or international poles of attraction as they deliver **labour-market oriented study programmes.**
6. A suitable institutional framework is created to pursue **academic excellence in higher education.**
7. ACP countries develop or reinforce their **strategic expertise in fields linked to the socio-economic development** of the country/region.



### Activities

#### Module 1

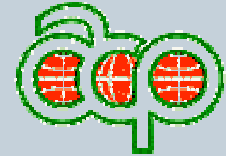
**Institutional policy** development and strengthening  
**administrative capacity**

#### Module 2

**Academic quality** and relevance in the regional or sub-  
regional context

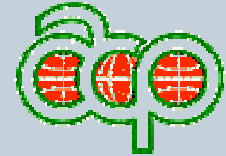
#### Module 3

**Research and technology** development for the  
improvement of academic and teaching excellence

**Module 1: Policy development and strengthening administrative capacity**

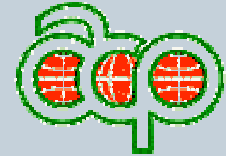
Setting up new, or strengthening already existing national, regional or inter-regional initiatives, such as:

- **training programmes** for management and administrative staff
- **planning and evaluation units** within higher education institutions
- **international relations units** within higher education institutions
- **credit transfer systems**
- **quality assurance and academic accreditation** bodies

**Module 2: Academic relevance in the regional or sub-regional context**

Setting up new, or supporting already existing inter-institutional agreements, such as:

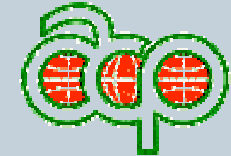
- joint development of **curricula**
- **joint degrees and diplomas**
- **development or adaption of training materials**
- **linkages with public sector** (e.g. traineeships)
- **postgraduate student training** or exchanges
- **teacher training** or exchanges



**Module 3: Research and technology development for the improvement of academic and teaching excellence**

Setting up new or supporting already existing

- **research planning cells** within higher education institutions,
- **networks for know-how transfer** to import, adapt and disseminate innovation **necessary to improve academic excellence.**



## Financing and Co-financing

### 2 Calls for Proposals between 2006 and 2008:

Available funding for the

**1st call (test call): € 5 Million**

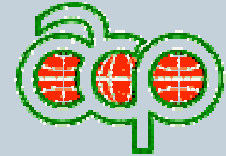
**2nd call: € 9 Million**

Selected projects will be awarded a budget between

€ 200.000 and € 500.000.

Grants may be awarded up to the maximum percentage of **85%** of the total eligible costs of the action

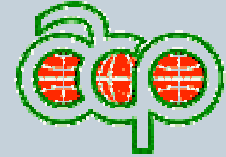
→ at least **15% co-financing**



## Implementation

### Eligible institutions:

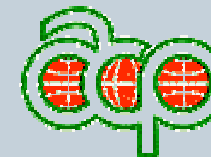
- **Higher education institutions or entities within such institutions** in any of the ACP countries or in the EU member states (15!) recognised by national authorities.
- **Non-profit private higher education institutions** which have been registered for a minimum period of three years.
- Established networks of higher education institutions within the ACP and EU regions.
  - a **majority** of network members and the network headquarters must be located in **eligible** countries
- **Regional institutions of higher education networks** not belonging to any national system, but **formally recognised by one of the eligible countries**.



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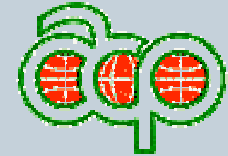
### Project consortia:

- At least **3 higher education institutions** from at least **2 different countries** within the ACP region.
- Participation of **EU higher education institutions** is not imperative, but will be **appreciated**.
- Number of institutions from different eligible ACP countries must always be greater than the number of EU, South African or Cuban institutions.
- **Applications submitted by networks where the lead institution is an ACP entity or by networks involving partners from the least developed countries will be prioritised.**



## Definitions

<b>Partnership</b>	The grouping of applying institutions, i.e. the applicant and its partners
<b>Applicant</b>	The lead institution within the partnership that submits the proposal
<b>Partner</b>	Members institutions of the partnership other than the applicant
<b>Associate</b>	Organisation that may have a real role in the action but may not receive funding
<b>Beneficiary</b>	The applicant with whom a grant contract will be signed, if the proposal is selected
<b>Action/Project</b>	The set of activities the partnership proposes to carry out



## Project duration and co-ordination

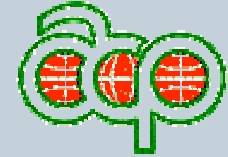
### Duration

between a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 36 months

### Co-ordination

The network will be co-ordinated by one institution, coming either from an ACP country or from the EU.

Close attention will be paid during the evaluation of proposals to assess the management capacity of project co-ordinators.



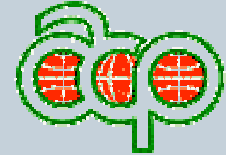
## Programme Responsibilities

- **EuropeAid Co-operation Office, Unit C 4**  
Programme Manager: Renata Russell
- **ACP Secretariat Brussels**  
→ responsible for the execution, management and administration
- **EDULINK Programme Management Unit (PMU)**

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→ provides technical and administrative support



### Evaluation and selection of applications

Step 1

Opening session and administrative check (deadline, checklist)

Step 2

Evaluation of the concept note

→ relevance of the action, methodology and sustainability, operational capacity and expertise

**! The evaluation of your concept note will decide whether your application will undergo step 3.**

Step 3

Evaluation of the application form (see Evaluation Grid, Guidelines, page 20)

Step 4

Eligibility of the applicant and partners (supporting documents)



## Homepages

/// **DAAD**

<http://eu.daad.de>

/// **EuropeAid Co-operation Office**

[http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/comm/europeaid/index_en.htm)

/// **ACP secretariat**

<http://www.acpsec.org>

/// **ERASMUS Mundus**

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/mundus/index_en.html)

/// **Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window**

<http://eacea.cec.eu.int/static/en/mundus/extcoop/call/index.htm>



## **New ACP-EU Programme for Science & Technology to be launched in 2007**

### **Innovations and Capacity Building in ACP Countries**

aims at strengthening the internal S & T capacity of ACP countries at three levels:

- **institutional, administrative and policy making,**
- **academic research and technology,**
- **business and civil society.**

**Overall budget € 35.350 million (South Africa € 5 million)  
per project between € 350.000 and a maximum of € 1 million**

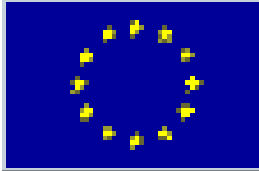


## Programme for Science & Technology Innovations and Capacity Building (PSTICB)

The programme's primary focus will be on:

- quality health care
- environmental research activities
- energy
- transport
- agriculture and agro-industry
- sustainable trade

**Eligible institutions:**  
research institutions, universities, ministries and public institutions  
dealing with research policies, civil society and  
private sector actors



**Thank you for your  
kind attention!**