

External co-operation in Higher Education and Training

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3 programmes for external cooperation in higher education (and training)

- **Erasmus Mundus**: to promote European higher education worldwide through the development of integrated master courses and the provision of scholarships
- **Tempus**: to support the reform and modernisation of higher education in the partner countries of the Western Balkans, the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- **Co-operation with Industrialised Countries**: to enhance the quality of higher education and training in the EU by promoting university partnerships and two-way mobility of students and faculty with the most advanced countries

Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

General background

- Co-operation between equals
- Mutual understanding with the people of the countries concerned
- More competitive and compatible institutions
- Education and training crucial for the development of the global knowledge-based economy

Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

Intended outcomes: win-win situation

- For the institutions
 - **Long term links** with partners in the countries concerned (working together, leaning from each other)
 - **Improved quality** and comparability of the education offer
 - Enhanced **competitiveness** towards other parts of the world
- For the students
 - **Unique learning experience** abroad
 - **International skills:** Cross cultural, adaptability, self-confidence, language
 - Enhanced **employability** of mobile students in top international jobs
- Mutual **understanding** and contribution to overall EU-partner country relations

Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

Aims:

- Enhancing the quality of higher education and vocational training
- Promoting intercultural understanding

Legal bases:

- Formal agreements with the US and Canada (2006-13)
- Council Regulation "Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI)" (2007-13): Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea

Means (US & Canada 2006-13: €63,7 M; ICI: €22,2 M):

- Approach: cooperation between equals to make EU institutions more competitive towards other parts of the world
- Supporting joint consortium projects (Joint/double degrees and Erasmus like exchanges)
- Engaging in policy-oriented dialogue

Past Joint consortia projects

1995-2005:

180 consortia, 1050 institutions,
6000 student exchanges

Policy-oriented dialogue on (2006-13):

Bologna process, quality assurance, HE and VET reforms, indicators and benchmarking, efficiency and equity of education systems, transferability and recognition of qualifications

Future Joint consortia projects

2006-13:

550 consortia, 3250 institutions,
10.750 exchanges (students and faculty)

Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

Achievements in 2007:

- ✓ 25 new (14 US, 11 Canada) projects selected involving 62 EU institutions from 18 MS (plus 31 Canadian 22 US institutions) exchanging more than 1.000 students; main subject areas covered: business administration; molecular chemistry; bioenergy; geosciences; urban planning; information management; multi-agent robotics; mechanics; material and electronic engineering; safety and security management; food sciences and technology; SMEs; the disabled; gender equity; entrepreneurship

Budget for 2008:

- ✓ € 5.75 million (US and Canada only) +
€ 2,5 million other countries (Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea)

Milestones in 2008:

- ✓ 18/01 – launch of 2 new calls for proposals ([US](#) – 02/04 & [Canada](#) – 11/04)
- ✓ 17-19/02 – EU-US-CAN project directors' conference in Canada
- ✓ Implement strategic co-operation with IC Countries (call and policy dialogue)
- ✓ Implement study on good practices
- ✓ Create EU-US-CAN alumni association



Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

Introduction to the

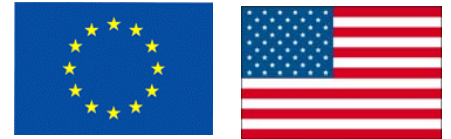
- **EU-US programme
(Atlantis -4,5 M€)**
deadline: 2 April 2008
- **EU-Canada programme
(Transatlantic Exchange
Partnerships – 1,25 M€)**
Deadline: 11 April 2008



Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

Atlantis - Three actions supported

- Transatlantic Degrees
(joint or double degrees)
- Excellence in Mobility Projects
- Policy Oriented Measures



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Atlantis - Transatlantic Degrees (joint or double degrees)



- Integrated curriculum: coherent combination of courses in the two degree awarding institutions in the EU and in the US
- **New: 2nd US institution – Community Colleges**
- Full recognition of the periods of study abroad
- No delay to graduation (flexibility of max one semester)

6 – 8 projects

Partnership: min. 1 US and 2 EU institutions

Duration: max. 48 months

Funding (EU only): max. 408.000 (1 US inst.) – 428.000 € (2 US inst.)



Co-operation with Industrialised Countries

Atlantis - Excellence in Mobility Projects

- Erasmus-like: no joint/double degree awarded
- **New: certificat / diploma supplement**
- Proven track record in transatlantic cooperation and exchanged
- Results of previous projects
 - Promotional materials
 - Evaluations
 - Testimonials
- Mutual recognition mechanisms
- Students preparation
- Rewarding quality



3 – 5 projects

Partnership: min. 2 US and 2 EU institutions

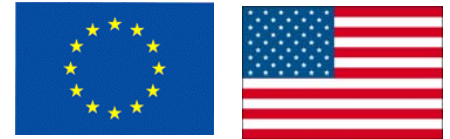
Duration: max. 48 months

Funding (EU only): max. 180.000 €



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Atlantis - Policy Oriented Measures



- Flexible activities
- Production and dissemination of knowledge and experiences
- Studies, Seminars on issues related to education policies (reforms, mobility, governance, funding, etc)
- Portals on existing cooperation projects or existing degree programmes

3 – 5 projects

Partnership: min. 2 US and 2 EU institutions

Duration: max. 24 months

Funding (EU only): max. 70.000 €



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Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships

- Consortia of HE and VET institutions
- Joint Study Programmes
- Mobility scheme for students and faculty
- Formal agreement (MoU)
 - ⇒ common curriculum, mutual credit recognition, language and cultural preparation, fees and tuition waivers, etc.
- **Joint and/or double degrees are not required**



~9 projects, but ...

Partnership: min. 2 CDN and 2 EU institutions

Duration: max. 36 months

Funding (EU only): max. 138.000 €



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More information ...

General:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu_others/index_en.html

EU-US:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa/index_en.html

EU-Canada:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-canada/index_en.html

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