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CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE CO-FINANCING OF

STUDENT MOBILITY

IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ERASMUS+ MOBILITY PROGRAMME BETWEEN PROGRAMME AND PARTNER COUNTRIES (KA107) IMPLEMENTED BY HIGHER EDUCATION MOBILITY CONSORTIA (ACCREDITED UNDER NUMBER AKR-HE-2/17 BY CMEPIUS DECISION DATED 25.04.2017) FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017/2018

1. PURPOSE AND GOALS OF THE CALL

Erasmus+ programme is a European programme stimulating mobility between different educational institutions (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm).

Erasmus+ Programme enables a student to conduct a part of his or her regular study obligations at any level or cycle, respectively, (including preparation of diploma, master or doctoral thesis, but excluding research not being a direct obligation of studies) at an international partner institution.

Partner higher education (sending) institutions are institutions from partner states, who have entered an Erasmus+ Institutional Agreement with the Consortium for student mobility for the purpose of studies.

To this call, students from Partner Country Institutions may apply to be mobile to a University of Maribor and/or University of Primorska.

The duration of the mobility is of 6 months.

Students, who will obtain financial means in the framework of this call, may apply to mobility only for the time of one semester (6 months), except PhD students who may apply for mobility of 3 months. A student might decide to prolong mobility before the end of the semester. In such case, the Consortium should be notified by the student on his/her intention to prologue the mobility at least 1 month before the end of the semester. The additional period will be co-financed only in case of available means.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Compliance with the application deadline (30 October 2017)
- Submission of required documents/information within the deadline specified in the call text
- Students meeting the basic requirements for the status of an »Erasmus+ Student« foreseen by the programme, may apply to this call, provided that:
 - They have a status of a student at the home institution at the time of the study abroad (academic year 2017/2018),
 - They are enrolled, for the academic year 2017/2018 or 2018/2019, at least in the second year of their under-graduate studies at the home institution,
 - They do not exceed the maximum of 12 months exchange in the framework of Erasmus LLP, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ on the same level of studies (to which he or she will be enrolled in academic years 2017/2018 or 2018/2019) together with the planned mobility. Students of unique programmes (5 or 6 year programmes) must not exceed 24 months.
- The period of studies abroad must form part of the study programme of the student of first cycle (under-graduate or equivalent), second cycle (master level or equivalent) and third or doctoral cycle/level.
- In accordance with this call, a student may apply only for one student mobility.
- Students cannot be mobile to a university in the country of the sending institution, nor to a country where they reside or have their permanent residence, where they were born or any country of their citizenship.
- The student has to spend all of the Erasmus+ studies abroad at the place of the receiving institution. The Consortium may request for proof of stay at any time, as there are: a copy of a rental contract at the place of studies for the total period, registration at the foreigners' office of the place of studies abroad, confirmation of payment of rent, etc.
- Study obligations agreed before departure by the student, the sending and receiving institution in the Learning Agreement for Studies to be performed by the student at the receiving institution will be recognised at the home institution upon his/her return to the sending institution.
- Recognition of successfully passed obligations may be rejected only, if the student did not reach the requested level of knowledge/skills demanded by the receiving institution or did not fulfil other agreed obligations and conditions for recognition.
- A pre-condition of the Erasmus+ programme is that the educational components successfully completed abroad will be included to the Diploma Supplement with their titles in English language and with the indication of the institution where they have been taken, and the credits and grades awarded.

3. ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS PER MOBILITY

- Algeria
 - University of Tlemcen

- Egypt
 - The American University in Cairo
 - Alexandria University-Faculty of Science
 - Arab Academy for Science and Maritime Transport
 - Cairo University
 - Heliopolis University Association
 - Pharos University
- Israel
 - Galilee International Management Institute
 - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - Tel Aviv University
 - University of Haifa
- Jordan
 - German Jordanian University
 - Philadelphia University
 - University of Jordan
- Lebanon
 - American University of Beirut
 - Beirut Arab University
 - Lebanese International University
 - Université Saint-Joseph
- Tunisia
 - University of Sousse
 - University of Tunis
 - Universite Virtuelle De Tunis

Indicative number¹ of student mobilities at the Consortium offered for the academic year 2017/2018 per country

- Algeria (1)
- Egypt (2)
- Israel (2)
- Jordan (1)
- Lebanon (1)
- Tunisia (1)

4. MOBILITY PERIOD, DURATION AND OBLIGATIONS

The mobility shall be carried out by the end of the academic year 2017/2018 (i.e. 30 September 2018) at the latest.

Duration of mobility: 6 months/student

¹ The total number of mobilities approved for the academic year 2017/2018 depends on the number of eligible applications received and the availability of funds

Obligations of the sending institution:

- Publishing the call for applications on their website and/or making it available to its student;
- Pre-departure preparation (linguistic support to outgoing participants; acting as intermediary institution between the student and the Consortium for any queries);
- Assistance after mobility (acceptance of all activities indicated in the learning agreement, provided these have been satisfactorily completed; supporting the reintegration of mobile participants and giving them the opportunity, upon return, to build on their experiences for the benefit of the Institution and their peers.

Obligations of the Consortium:

- Preparation on cultural aspects addressing incoming mobile participants;
- Provide information on courses (content, level, scope, language) well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow. Provide guidance to incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, assistance related to obtaining visas, insurance, and/or any other assistance they might need;
- Monitoring and assistance during mobility (equal academic treatment and services for home students and incoming mobile participants; integration of incoming mobile participants into the institution's everyday life and providing help and support/mentoring on a regular basis; provision of linguistic support to incoming participants);
- Providing the student and the sending institution with a Transcript of Records (or equivalent document) within maximum 1 month after the issuing of the student's results at the receiving institution.

Obligations of the beneficiary (participant):

- Each participant is obliged to comply with their obligations set by the Learning Agreement;
- Each participant is required to submit a publishable travel report to the Coordinator of the Consortium within 1 month after the end of the mobility period;
- Each participant has to fill in the participant report survey via the Mobility Tool+ at least 1 month before the end of the mobility period. Failure to filling in the survey may lead to the partial or total return of the obtained Erasmus+ grant;
- Each participant is required to provide necessary supporting documents (invoices, boarding passes and any other documents requested by the Consortium) for travel costs.

5. ERASMUS+ MOBILITY GRANT

The student will receive the Erasmus+ mobility grant that includes:

- (a) Subsistence costs (accommodation, local transfer and other costs) is 800,00 € per

month.

(b) Travel costs*: contribution to the travel costs from participant's place of origin to the venue of the activity and return:

For travel distances between 500 and 1999 km: 275,00 €;

for travel distances between 2000 and 2999 km: 360,00 €.

Travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

* Travel costs incurred by students will be either

- reimbursed by the Consortium according to the original invoices provided by the student, or
- the Consortium will provide mobile students with flight tickets from/to their home country institution to/from the receiving institution.

6. OTHER CONDITIONS

Before the start of the mobility (student exchange), two documents need to be signed:

- 1) The Erasmus+ interinstitutional agreement between the Consortium and the sending institution; and
- 2) the Learning Agreement between the host institution, the sending institution and the student; the Learning Agreement defines the activities that will be carried out by the participant during the exchange period.

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The sending institution is responsible for nominating its candidates for mobility by providing the name(s) of the candidates to the host institution (either UM or UP).

Nomination procedure:

1. The sending institution from the Partner Country publishes the call for application.
2. The sending institution sends the list of nominees by **15 June 2018** at the latest to

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List of documents to be submitted by the Partner Country Institution to the Coordinator:

1. Application form – filled in by the student, signed and scanned (Annex I)
2. Learning Agreement – filled in and signed by the sending institution (Annex II)
3. Motivation letter – signed and scanned (No template provided but please mention if the nominee has already benefitted from Erasmus LLP, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ Programmes and if so, specify date, institution and level of studies)

4. English language certificate attesting level B1 in line with CEFR
5. Scanned copy of passport
6. Transcript of records for nominated students in English (No template provided)

The selection criteria for the nomination are left entirely to the sending institution. When providing the nomination, the sending institution guarantees that all eligible students at its institution were given a fair and equal chance for participation and that the nominated student best matched for the mobility.

The Consortium will thoroughly read all the nominations received and take a decision based on the following selection criteria:

- Academic performance
- Motivation
- Previous mobility experiences (with full respect for the maximum of 12 months exchange in the framework of Erasmus LLP, Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ on the same level of studies)
- Enrolment in at one of the Partner Country Institutions
- Proven B1 level of English

In addition to the above, in case of students applying having equivalent academic level, preference will be assigned to students from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds (including refugees, asylum seekers and migrants).

Similarly, to those having already benefitted from mobilities under the LLP-Erasmus Programme, Erasmus Mundus Programme or Erasmus+ Programme lower priority will be given.

Before the start of their mobility the selected candidates will have to supply also the following information and documents:

- o Permanent residence;
- o Copy of passport;
- o Slovenian Bank account details (bank account, routing number, bank branch address).

8. ZERO-GRANT APPLICATION

Erasmus+ status brings along benefits beside the mere grant. Especially, benefits of a tuition waver might be interesting in several cases or other benefits connected to the student status abroad could be helpful. Therefore, a student, who does not get any financial grant and wishes to make the Erasmus+ experience anyway, may also apply for mobility and take care of the application.

9. OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CALL AND DOCUMENTATION

The documentation on the call and all additional information can be found at the website of institutions forming the Consortium:

EMUNI: <http://www.emuni.si/>

UM: <http://www.um.si/en>

UP: <http://www.upr.si/en>

Course catalogue for the academic year 2017/2018:

UM: <https://www.um.si/en/international/credit-mobility/Pages/Course-catalogue.aspx>

UP: <https://www.upr.si/en/international/international-mobility>

All information in connection to the Erasmus+ Programme is available at the following link:
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/sites/erasmusplus/files/files/resources/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf

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Annex 1 - Application Form

Annex 2 – Learning Agreement