

Dear partners,

We are representatives of Sarajevo Canton, Sarajevo macro region (SMR) and Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency (SERDA) in Brussels. Sarajevo macro region spreads over the territory of both BiH entities and covers the area of 32 municipalities, with the total surface of 8.699,9 km<sup>2</sup>, which represents around 17% of the total surface of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We are currently in search for partners that would work with us on projects in the framework of Erasmus Mundus (EM) 2009 – 2013 programme.

Both Sarajevo Canton and SERDA are highly experienced in initialization and implementation of different projects and activities. We made it our mission to create positive environment for sustainable economic development in Sarajevo Canton and Sarajevo Macro Region, and advance, strengthen and promote development through mobilization of all available resources. By recognizing the needs of all our stakeholders we create favorable environment for a balanced, integrated and harmonized development of the Sarajevo Canton and Sarajevo Macro Region. Our objective is accomplishing dynamic, proportional and well coordinated development of the region of Sarajevo, capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, all for the purpose of strengthening mechanisms for B&H accession to the EU.

We are looking for partners to the currently open call of Erasmus Mundus. The main objective of the EM overall aim is to promote European higher education, to help improve and enhance the career prospects of students and to promote intercultural understanding through cooperation with third countries, in accordance with EU external policy objectives in order to contribute to the sustainable development of third countries in the field of higher education.

### **Action 1 Erasmus Mundus joint programmes**

This action that aims at fostering cooperation between higher education institutions and academic staff in Europe and third countries with a view to creating poles of excellence and providing highly trained human resources is composed of two sub-actions:

- Action 1A: Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMCs),
- Action 1B: Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs).

This call for proposals has no direct budgetary impact in 2012. It aims at selecting for:

- Action 1A (EMMCs): around 15 new applications and up to 23 renewal applications,
- Action 1B (EMJDs): around 10 new applications.

**Deadline** for submitting project proposal is 30. April at 12.00h.

### **Action 2 Erasmus Mundus partnership**

This action aims at fostering structured cooperation between European and third-country higher education institutions through the promotion of mobility at all levels of studies for students (undergraduate and masters), doctoral candidates, researchers, academic and administrative staff. The call for proposals is being launched with a suspensive clause concerning part of the funding for lot 1, lot 2, lot 3, lot 5 (ENP countries) and for the entire amount of funding for lot 11 (India). The funding and the subsequent award of project grants for these lots are subject to the adoption of the respective decisions by the European Commission.

Erasmus Mundus partnerships (EMA2) is divided into two strands:

- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — STRAND 1 — Partnerships with countries covered by the ENPI, DCI, EDF and IPA instruments (2) (former External Cooperation Window)
- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 — STRAND 2 — Partnerships with countries and territories covered by the Industrialised Countries Instrument (ICI).

The overall available amount under this call for proposals is approximately EUR 170,640 million. **Deadline** for submitting project proposal is 30. April at 23.59h.

### **Action 3 Promotion of European higher education**

This action aims at promoting European higher education through measures enhancing its attractiveness, profile, image, visibility and accessibility. Action 3 provides support to trans-national initiatives, studies, projects, events and other activities related to the international dimension of all aspects of higher education. These include promotion, accessibility, quality assurance, credit recognition, recognition of European qualifications abroad and mutual recognition of qualifications with third countries, curriculum development, mobility and quality of services. Action 3 activities may take various forms (conferences, seminars, workshops, studies, analyses, pilot projects, prizes, international networks, production of material for publication, development of information, communication and technology tools) and may take place anywhere in the world.

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects under the present call for proposals is EUR 1,5 million. Grant amounts will vary considerably according to the size of the projects selected (usually between EUR 100 000 and EUR 350 000). The financial contribution from the Agency cannot exceed 75 % of the total eligible costs. **Deadline** for submitting project proposal is 30. April at 23.59h.

It would be our pleasure to work with you and go through the final application process. If you are interested in working with us, have any questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us; we will be happy to help in whichever possible way.

For more information, please find our organisation CV enclosed.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to the possibility of working with you.

Kind regards,

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