





# Opportunities for study and educational co-operation with the EU

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## Outline

- The European Union
- EU policies in education and training
- Human resource development in EU external relations
- EU co-operation with third countries
- Programmes for international co-operation in higher education and training
- FP7 – People programme Marie Curie actions
- EU-Australia bilateral co-operation



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## EU policies in education and training

- The Lisbon strategy
- The EU modernisation agenda in higher education and the Bologna process
- The Copenhagen process



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## The Lisbon strategy

*The Union must become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion (European Council, Lisbon, March 2000).*


Three major goals to be achieved by 2010:

- to improve the quality and effectiveness of EU education and training systems
- to ensure that they are accessible to all
- to open up education and training to the wider world

➔ Improvement on all fronts necessary



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## The EU modernisation agenda for higher education

**The problem:** underperformance

**The solution:** 3 big reforms

- governance reform (autonomy and accountability)
- curricular reform (Bologna)
- funding reform (public and private funding, companies, student fees)



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## The Copenhagen process

**Elements**

- EQF - European Qualification Framework
- ECVET - European Credits for Vocational Education and Training
- National Qualification Frameworks

**Further instruments at European level:**

- Europass
- Diploma supplement



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## Human resource development in EU external relations

**Major role set aside for education and training in ...**

- ... development assistance and cooperation policies
- ... humanitarian aide policies
- ... policies to promote/maintain stability in the world
- ... trade policies
- ... policies to improve the EU's international competitiveness



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## EU co-operation with third countries

- External assistance activities
- External co-operation programmes
- Co-operation with international organisations and intergovernmental co-operation



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## 4 programmes for international co-operation in higher education and training

- Erasmus Mundus
- Jean Monnet
- Tempus
- Co-operation with industrialised countries




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## Erasmus Mundus I (2004-2008)

- First phase launched in 2004 (until 2008)
- Budget: 230 M€ (+ 70 M€)
- EU co-operation and mobility programme
- Promoting the EU as a centre of excellence in Higher Education
- Supporting
  - top quality joint or double degrees at master level
  - partnerships with non EU institutions
- Providing scholarships for
  - third country students and scholars
  - EU nationals studying in third countries (to a lesser extent)




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## EM I 2004-2008 - Actions

- **Action 1: EM Master Courses**
  - o High quality Joint/double degrees set up by at least 3 HE institutions from three member States
  - o 1 to 2 years duration, study in at least 2 HEI
- **Action 2: Scholarships**
  - o Linked to EM Master Courses
  - o Full grants for incoming third-country students (21,000 € per year for 1 or 2 years)
  - o Grants for incoming third-country scholars, (max 13,000 € for 3 months)
- **Action 3: Partnerships**
  - o Cooperation with third-country HE institutions
  - o Grants for outgoing EU students (max 3,100 € for 3 months) and EU scholars (max 13,000 € for 3 months)
- **Action 4: Enhancing Attractiveness**
  - o Variety of projects, studies, seminars, publications, education fairs, alumni association, etc.




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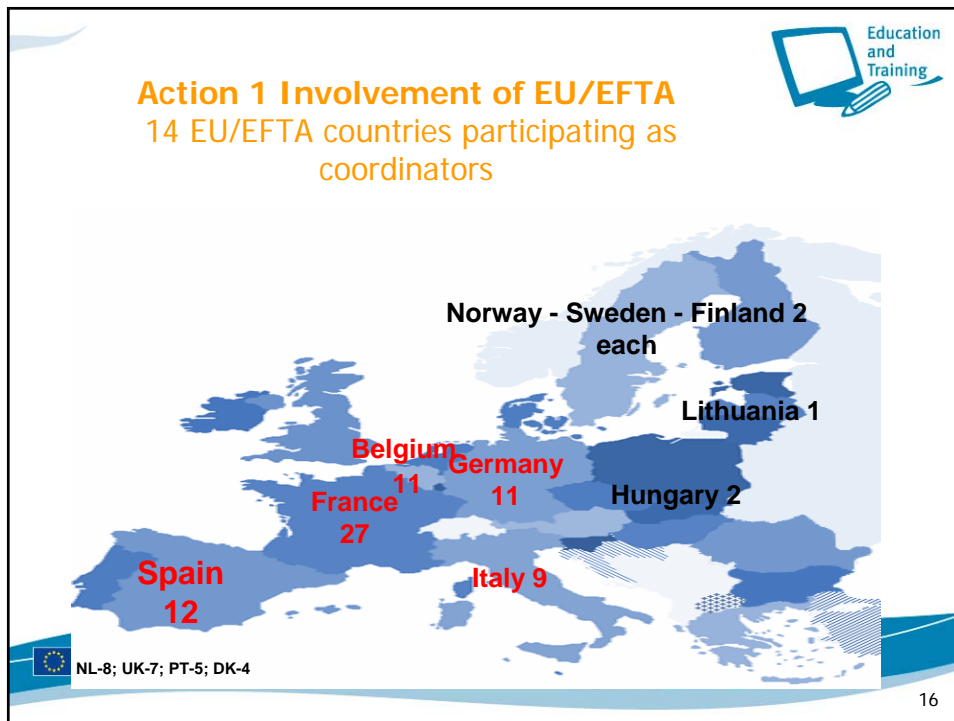
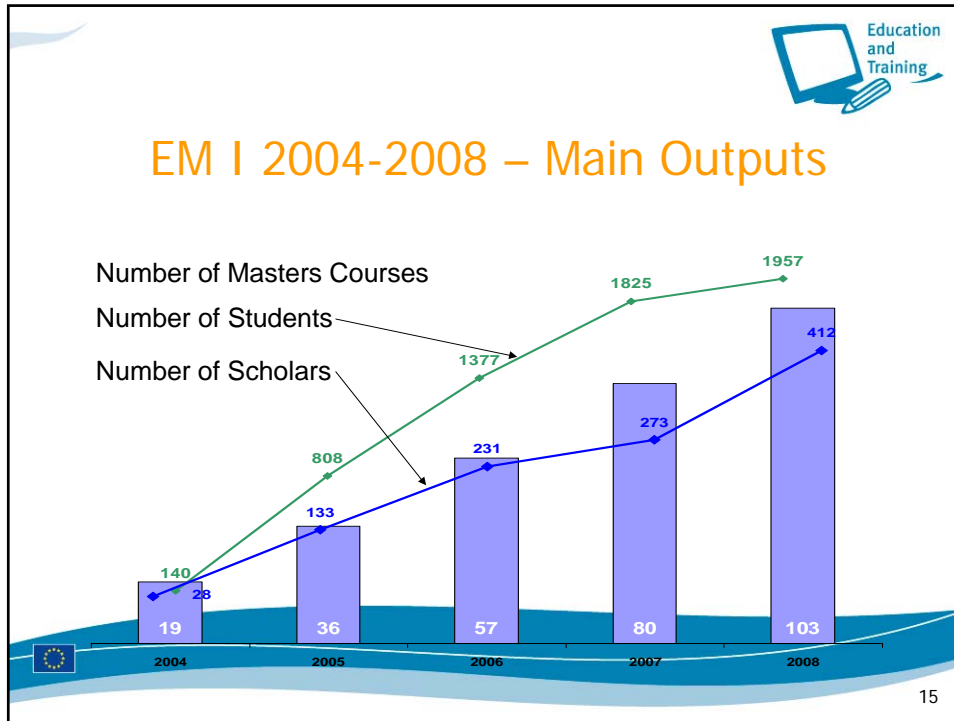


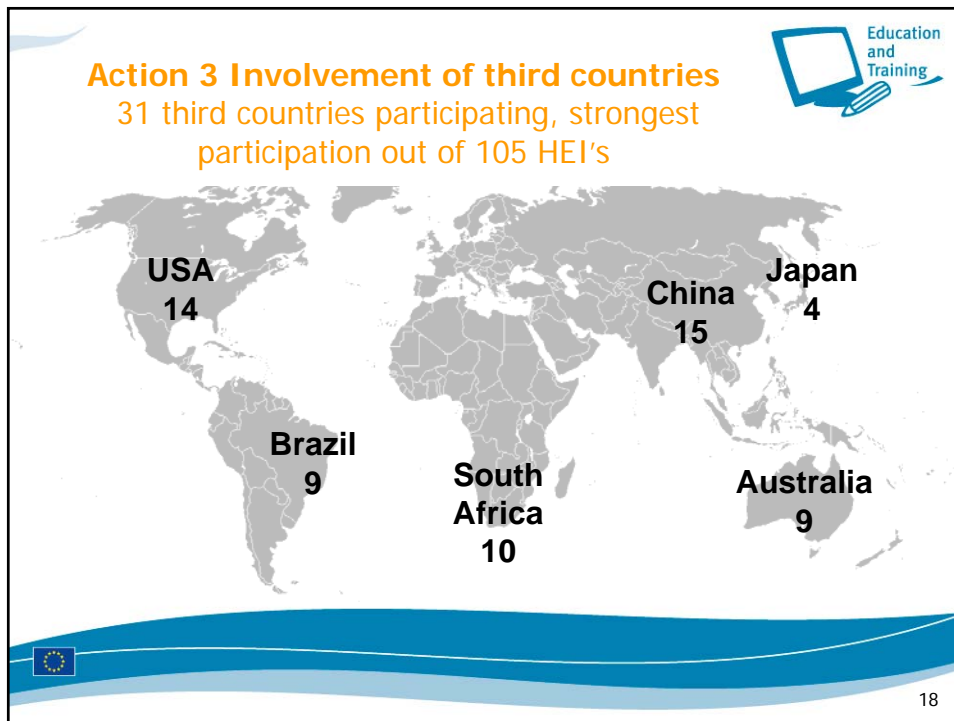
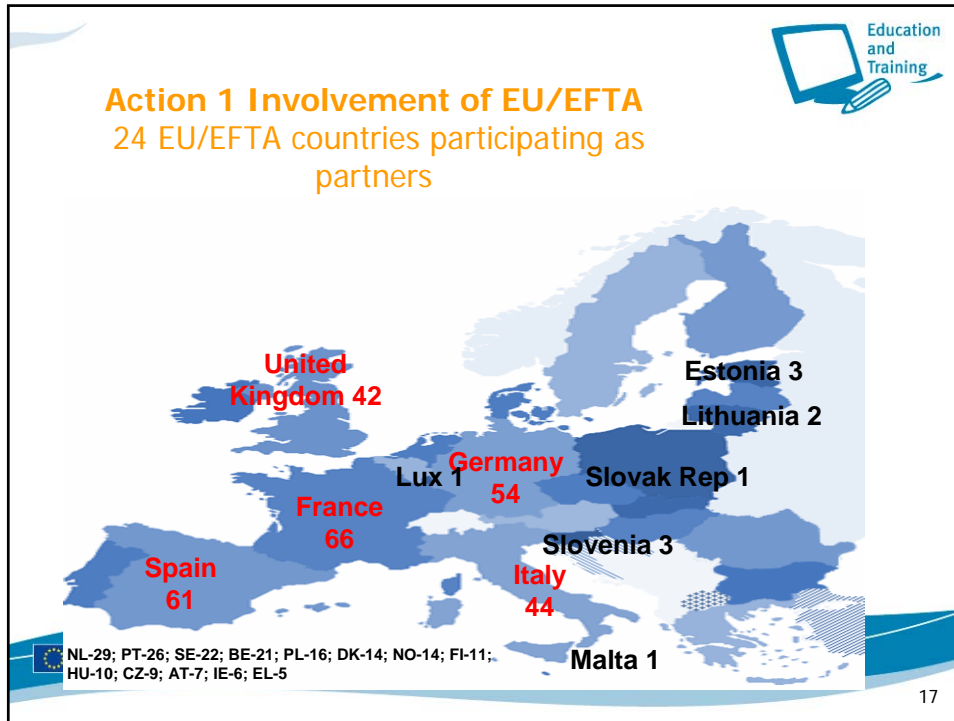
## EM I 2004-2008 – Main Outputs


- 103 Erasmus Mundus master courses (joint or double degrees)
- 6,000 grants for incoming third country students (33 AU)
- 1,000 grants for incoming third-country academics (28 AU)
- 40 partnerships (8 AU)
- 4,000 grants for outgoing EU-students
- 800 grants for outgoing EU-scholars
- 40 attractiveness projects (3 AU)



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## Erasmus Mundus II – novelties

- Full grants for European students to participate in EM joint/double degrees including a period in third country institutions
- EM extended to the doctoral level: joint doctoral programmes + scholarships
- Possible participation of third country institutions as full members of EM master courses
- Priority for joint degrees
- Integration of the External Cooperation Window as Action 2 of the new EM





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## Erasmus Mundus II – Actions

- **Action 1:** Erasmus Mundus joint masters programmes and joint doctoral (NEW) programmes of outstanding quality, including a scholarship scheme
- **Action 2:** (NEW) support to large partnerships between EU and third country HEI in specific regions (e.g. central Asia, Latin America, ACP, etc.) as basis for mobility mainly of third country students => aim is to support development of partner countries in the field of HE.
- **Action 3:** Measures to enhance attractiveness of EU as an education destination



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