





Opportunities for study and educational co-operation with the EU

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- 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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The European Union



United in diversity

9 May - Europe Day

Education and Training



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The European Union -
A growing family



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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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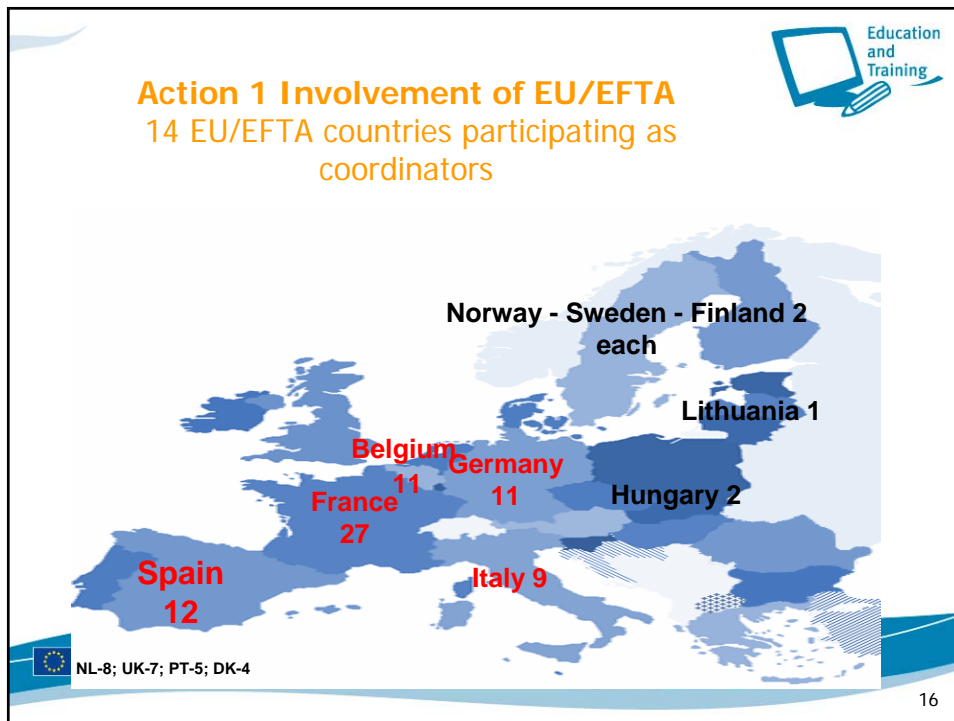
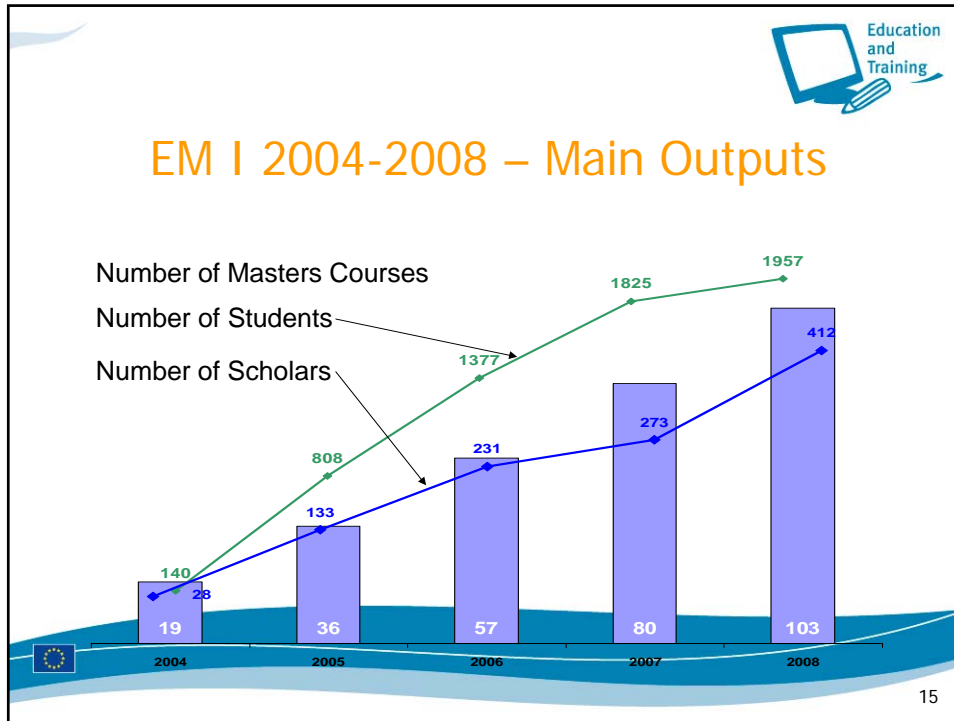


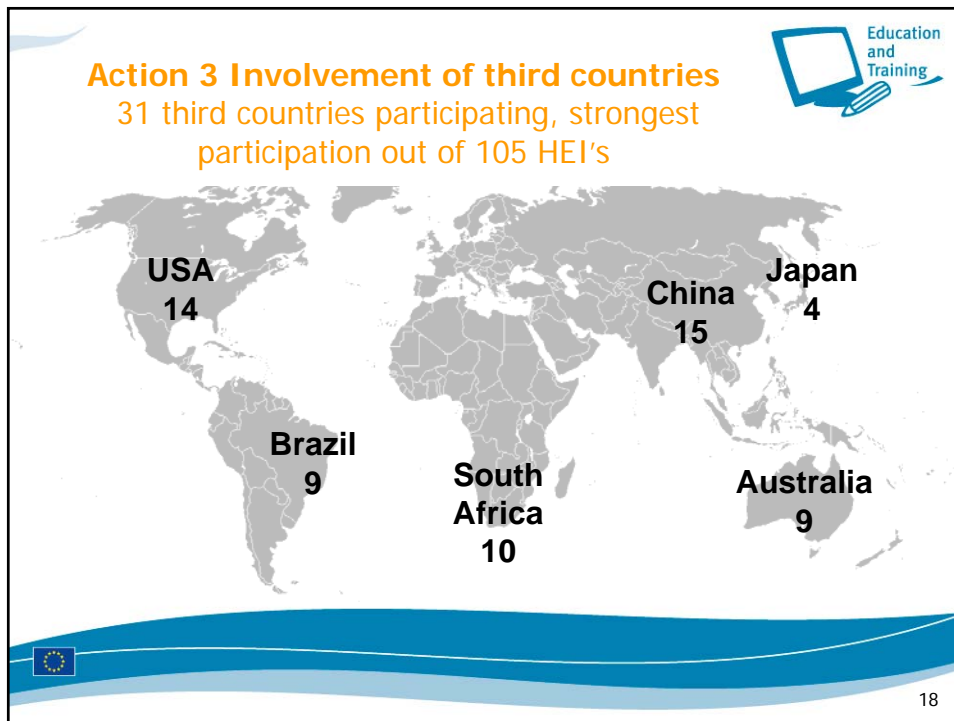
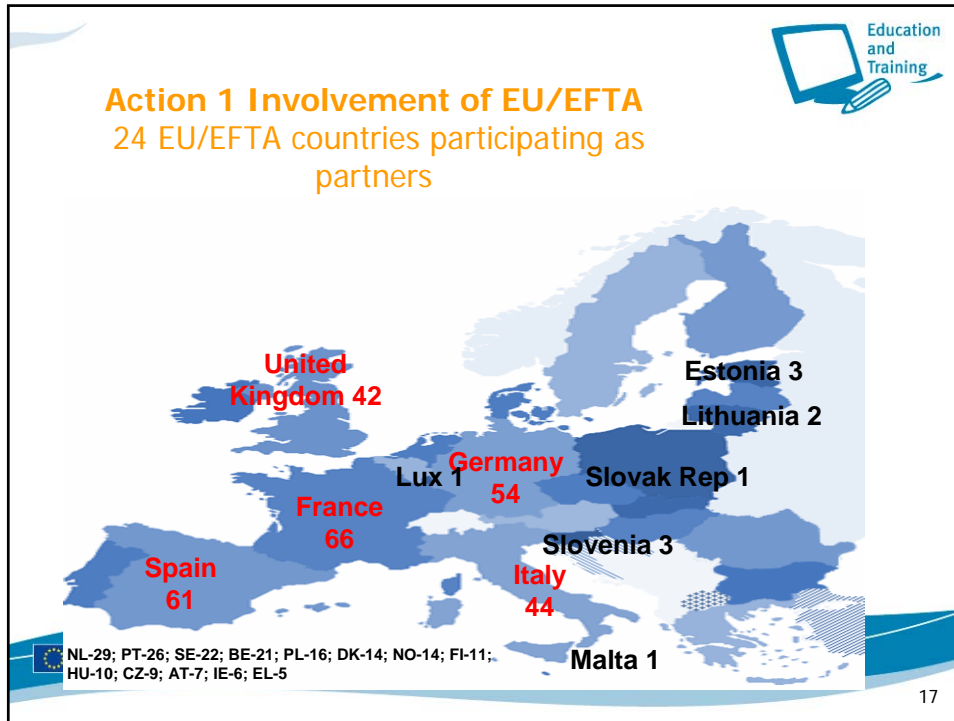
EM I 2004-2008 – Main Outputs


- 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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