

Centre of the Republic of Slovenia for Mobility and European Educational and Training Programmes, CMEPIUS, the Intermediary for Slovenian Scholarship Fund, announces

Open call for proposals for mobility projects within the framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism

The aim of the Fund is to support international cooperation, transnational partnerships and implementation of mobility projects in order to enhance internationalisation of higher education and research in Slovenia in cooperation with the EEA EFTA countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway). The mobility projects are expected to increase institutional cooperation and set up future mobility activities between Slovenia and the EEA EFTA countries.

Activities under the Fund are open to all academic fields.

Eligible activities	Actions	Duration
a) Individual mobility	Student mobility for studies Student mobility for training (work placement) Staff mobility for teaching Staff mobility for training Staff mobility for research Preparatory visits	1 - 12 months 2 weeks - 5 months 1 - 4 weeks 1 - 4 weeks 1 - 6 months 2 - 5 days
b) Study Visits (groups)		3 - 5 days
c) Exchange of Experts		3 days - 2 weeks

Common regulations

1. General information

The available budget for this call is 1.157.828 EUR. The indicative allocation of funds between actions is as follows: 70 percent for individual mobility, 15 percent for study visits, and 15 percent for exchange of experts.

2. Eligible applicants:

Applications shall be submitted by Slovenian applicants for actions:

1. Sending higher education institutions accredited in Slovenia:
 - Student mobility for studies
 - Student mobility for training (work placement)

- Staff mobility for teaching
 - Staff mobility for training
 - Preparatory visits
 - Exchange of Experts
2. Research organisations registered in the database of research and development actors of the Slovenian Research Agency
 - Staff mobility for research
 3. The Council for Higher Education of the Republic of Slovenia
 - Exchange of Experts

Students, staff, researchers and experts are selected by the sending higher education institution.

3. Description of mobility projects

Under this call, grants are available for mobility projects under the following eligible activities:

a) Individual mobility

- Student mobility for studies

To enable students at higher education institutions in Slovenia to spend an integrated period of study in a higher education institution of the EEA EFTA countries.

- Student mobility for training (work placement)

To enable students at higher education institutions in Slovenia to spend a training period in an enterprise or organisation in the EEA EFTA countries. Host organisations for student placements may be enterprises, training centres, research centres and other organisations including higher education institutions.

- Staff mobility for teaching assignments

To enable teaching staff of higher education institutions in Slovenia to spend a teaching period at a higher education institution in the EEA EFTA countries.

- Staff mobility for training

To enable teaching and other staff of higher education institutions in Slovenia to spend a period of training in an enterprise or organisation such as higher education institution in the EEA EFTA countries.

- Staff mobility for research

To enable research staff from Slovene research organisations to spend a period of research stay in a research organisation, having research as their primary activity, in the EEA EFTA countries or for research institutions in Slovenia to host a researcher from EEA EFTA countries.

- Preparatory visits

To help higher education institutions in Slovenia and the EEA EFTA countries to establish contacts with prospective partner institutions with a view to establishing new inter-institutional agreements (not renewals) relating to student and/or staff mobility and project proposals to apply for funding in programmes such as the EU Lifelong learning programme, Seventh framework programme for research and development, Erasmus Mundus and Marie Curie initiative.

b) Study visits

To send groups of specialists and decision makers representing various groups of higher education and research stakeholders (3 - 10 people) from Slovenia to EEA EFTA countries to support policy development and cooperation in the field of

higher education between Slovenia and the EEA EFTA countries with the purpose of examining a particular aspect of higher education in another participating country, or to host such groups from EEA EFTA countries in Slovenia. The objective of this sub-measure is to exchange experience, knowledge, know-how and examples of good practices from the field of the following themes in connection with higher education and research: legislation, management, cooperation with economy and financing of higher education on institutional as well as on national level.

c) Exchange of experts

Higher education institutions in Slovenia can host an individual expert from EEA EFTA countries for exchange of expertise of pedagogical methods and exchange of knowledge of specific know-how and experience in the field of higher education, including in particular institutional management, curriculum development, recognition, accreditation and evaluation, transparency of qualifications and competences, validation of non-formal and informal learning and quality assurance.

4. Eligibility of costs and co-financing

For sub-measure a) Individual mobility, co-financing is not required since activities relate to individual mobility.

For all other sub-measures, grants from the Fund will not exceed 90 percent of total eligible sub-project costs. The remaining costs of the sub-project shall be provided or obtained by the end-recipient.

The following costs are deemed to be eligible:

- Travel costs - real costs incurred up to the maximum rate
- Subsistence - lump sum
- Organisation costs (printing, photocopying, rental of conference or meeting rooms, rental of equipment, translation and interpretation etc. - real costs up to the maximum rate).

5. Submission of the applications

Deadline for the submission of the applications is 31 August 2009. Applications shall be submitted personally until 15:00 or sent by post until 23.59 in printed version (including one copy) to the address: CMEPIUS, Ob železnici 16, SI-1000 Ljubljana.

Application form and further information about the Slovenian Scholarship Fund as well as all documentation regarding the application process are available on: www.cmepius.si/razpisi/nfm.aspx or eeagrants@cmepius.si.