

Grant scheme for Higher Education mobilities in EEA countries under the EEA Financial Mechanism

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**For eligible Higher Education Institutions,
aiming to obtain funds for scholarships under the EEA Financial Mechanism
for the first semester of the academic year 2010/2011**

National Agency for Community Programmes in the field of Education and Vocational Training (Agentia Nationala pentru Programe Comunitare in Domeniul Educatiei si Formarii Profesionale - ANPCDEFP), as Intermediary for the implementation of the project:

“Funds for supporting international mobility programme for students and teachers”, financed under the EEA Mechanism, launches the present **Call for applications, valid for the first semester of the academic year 2010/2011.**

CONTEXT:

The Agreement of including Romania in EEA was signed in July 2007. Through the EEA Agreement, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, countries that are not Member States of the European Union, participate at the Internal Common Market. Also, through this Agreement, the three countries offer to Romania 100,000,000 Euro for developing projects, under two financial mechanisms: the financial EEA mechanism and the Norwegian Cooperation programme. The two mechanisms are established for supporting the economic and social cohesion in Europe through economic growth and sustainable development.

Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein offer 50.5 millions Euro to Romania through the EEA Financial Mechanism, out of which 47.5 millions Euro represent the contribution of Norway. The EEA financial mechanism operates under the same rules that were applicable for all the other countries beneficiaries of the Mechanism until now (all the new Member States of the European Union).

The Scholarships fund is part of this Mechanism and finances the project: ***“Funds for supporting international mobility programme for students and teachers”***, which is the basis of the Call and it is managed by the ANPCDEFP.

The total budget of the project is **1,100,000 Euro, out of which 935,000 Euro come from the Financial EEA Mechanism and 135,000 Euro represent national contribution from the public budget.** The duration of the project is **09 February 2009 – 31 March 2011.**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of ***“Funds for supporting international mobility programme for students and teachers”*** is to support students and HEIs` staff from Romania to undertake transnational mobilities from Romania to Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein. **Students will benefit of mobility lasting between 3 months and one semester, that has to end on 31 January 2011, at the latest. The staff could undertake a mobility lasting between 1 and 4 weeks until 31 January 2011, at the latest. The individual scholarship is of 1,000 Euro/month/student and the staff scholarship is of 1,000 Euro/week/person (but up to a maximum of 3,500 Euro for a mobility longer than 3 weeks).**

1. **Eligible institutions**

All the Romanian Higher Education Institutions participating in the Erasmus Programme are eligible for this Call (they should have the Erasmus University Charter approved by the European Commission, valid for the academic year 2010/2011).

2. **Eligible activities**

The activities eligible for financing are transnational mobilities of students and staff run under the Erasmus rules concerning the purpose of the mobility (studies or placements for students, teaching or continuous training for the staff), duration, academic recognition, transferability of the credits. All the final beneficiaries will have the status of “zero grant Erasmus beneficiaries”

3. **The content of the application file**

a. Application form, edited in Romanian, stamped and signed with blue ink by the legal representative of the Higher Education Institution (1 original version)

b. Copies of the inter-institutional (bilateral) agreements concluded under Erasmus framework between the applicant institution and institutions from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein

4. **Deadline for submitting the files: 31 March 2010 (per post mark)-the files will be sent only by post**

5. **Budget estimation:** we estimate to finance under the framework of this Call mobilities up to a total amount of 500,000 EUR

6. **Deadline of communication of results to HEIs** (distribution of months/weeks to be financed per universities): **23 April 2010**

7. **The selection process of final beneficiaries (students and staff) is open until 25 June 2010**

8. **Deadline for HEIs to send to the National Agency the results of the selection process of the beneficiaries: 1 July 2010**

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NB: Possible complaints from students/staff regarding the administrative part of the selection process will be addressed in writing to the National Agency for Community Programmes in the field of Education and Vocational Training; answers will be given in maximum 10 days upon receipt of the complaint.

For additional information regarding the project, please read the attached document, “*EEA Financial Mechanism 2004-2009, Fund set-up*”