

Erasmus Mundus - Al Idrisi II: A scholarship scheme for exchange and cooperation between Europe and North Africa



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Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Experience at UGR



- As coordinating institution
 - Monesia (2009 – 2013)
 - Brazil, Praguay, Uruguay
 - Ánimo, ¡Chévere! (2009 – 2013)
 - Cuba, Chile, Ecuador, Venezuela
 - Al Idrisi I (2011 – 2015)
 - Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia
 - Al Idrisi II (2013 – 2017)
 - Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia
- As partner institution
 - 6 new projects in 2013, 10 new projects in 2012, ...
 - Participating from the very beginning (2007)



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Acronym and Logo



■ Al Idrisi

- أبو عبد الله محمد الإدريسي
(*Abū Abd Allāh Muhammad al-Idrīsī*)
- famous medieval geographer, cartographer and botanist
- born 1100 in Sabtah (Ceuta); worked at the Norman court of Roger II in Palermo (Sicily); died 1165/66 in Sicily or Sabtah (Ceuta)
- author of one of the most important works of medieval Geography entitled

Acronym and Logo



نزهة المشتاق في اختراق الآفاق (kitāb nuzhat al-mushtāq fī ikhtirāq al-āfāq; Journey of one who is eager to traverse horizons)
→ represents the spirit of the projects

- Al Idrisi combines Arab, Romance and Germanic influences
- Logo
 - taken form one of his most famous maps



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Erasmus Mundus – Al Idrisi I



- The first edition of the project
 - Subtitle: A scholarship scheme for exchange and cooperation between Europe and the Maghreb
 - Lot 1: Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia
 - Partnership:
 - Algeria: 3
 - Morocco: 4
 - Tunisia: 3
 - Europe: 10
 - Associates: 6
 - All Ministries of Higher Education in the region
 - 3 Associations with strong links in Europe, in the Maghreb and among both regions



Partnership



■ Europe

- Universidad de Granada – Spain
- Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna – Italy
- Universidade de Coimbra – Portugal
- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen – Germany
- Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz – Austria
- Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza – Romania
- Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) – Belgium
- Lunds Universitet – Sweden
- Université de Poitiers – France
- Université Jean Monnet – France



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■ North Africa

- Université Badji Mokhtar – Annaba – Algeria
- Université Hassiba Benbouali de Chlef – Algeria
- Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d’Oran “Mohamed Boudiaf” – Algeria
- Université Hassan II - Aïn Chock – Morocco
- Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah – Morocco
- Université Hassan 1er – Morocco
- Université Abdelmalek Essaâdi – Morocco
- Université de Carthage – Tunisia
- Université de Gafsa – Tunisia
- Université de Monastir – Tunisia



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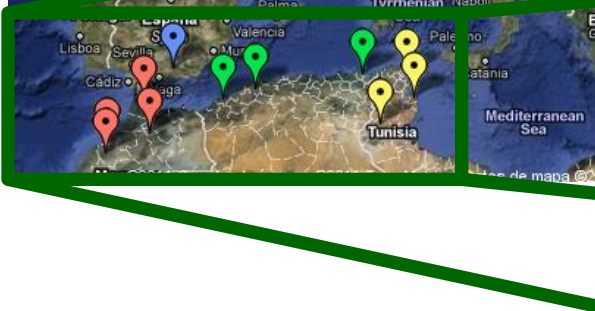
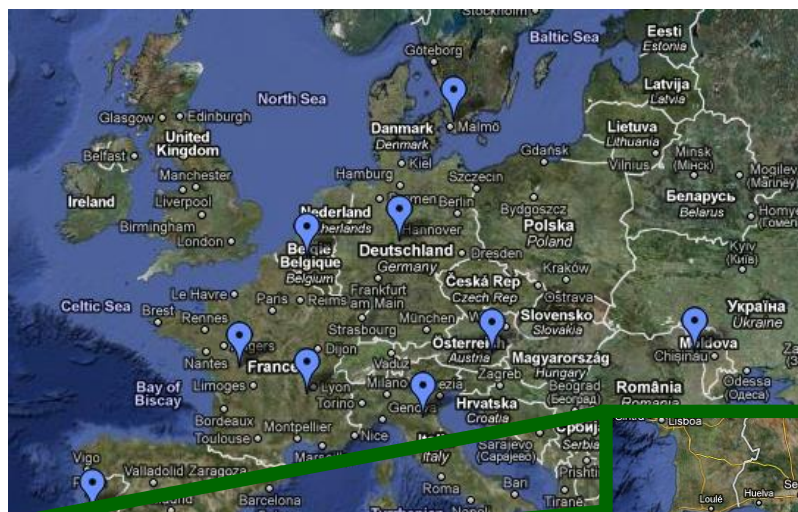
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Regional Distribution

- Broad regional coverage
- Always some partners in least favoured regions
- Europe: 3 French, 4 other Romance and 3 Germanic speaking universities
- Maghreb: partners operate mainly in Arabic and French



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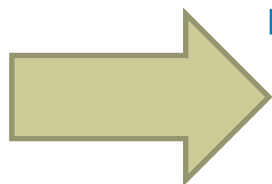


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Project Management



- Erasmus Mundus – Al Idrisi is
 - a European project
 - **Project Management Unit (PMU)**
[+ Co-Cordination Unit (CCU)]
 - responsible for the correct implementation and coordination of the project
 - a multilateral network of universities
 - **Partnership Coordination Board (PCB)**
 - defines the policy of the partnership as a whole
 - a structure implementing mobility flows
 - **Local Operative Units (LOU)**
 - manage the mobility flows at each partner university



Visibility Strategy



- Common visibility, awareness rising and promotion strategy

- local visibility campaign

- at each partner university

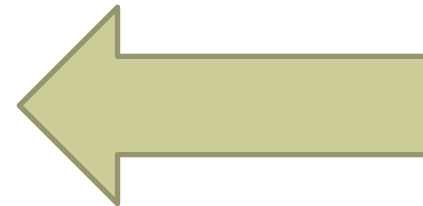
- nationwide promotion campaign

- supranational awareness rising campaign

- project website

- posters, folders, ...

- partner projects



Transfer of Know-how



- Organization of workshops and seminars
 - in connection with the PCB meetings
 - possible topics
 - support services and structures for international mobility
 - bi- and multilateral recognition of study periods and degrees
 - quality assurance in mobility
 - academic cooperation: joint and multiple degree programs
 - ...

Results and Statistics



- Mobility flow distribution
 - Figures: implemented (proposed)

Country	Under-graduate	Master	Doctorate	Post-doc	Staff	TOTAL
Algeria	15 (15)	10 (10)	11 (7)	2 (4)	6 (4)	44 (40)
Morocco	15 (12)	7 (10)	10 (9)	1 (5)	3 (4)	36 (40)
Tunisia	16 (15)	14 (10)	7 (7)	5 (4)	5 (4)	47 (40)
Sum	46 (42)	31 (30)	28 (23)	8 (13)	14 (12)	127 (120)
EU	21 (18)	11 (12)	4 (10)	4 (5)	10 (5)	50 (50)
Total	67 (60)	42 (42)	32 (33)	12 (18)	24 (17)	177 (170)



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Home University	Total
Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy	11
Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal	1
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany	0
Universidad de Granada, Spain	31
Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria	1
Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Romania	5
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium	0
Lunds Universitet, Sweden	0
Université de Poitiers, France	0
Université Jean Monnet, France	1
Université Badji Mokhtar - Annaba, Algeria	13
Université Hassiba Benbouali de Chlef, Algeria	7
Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d'Oran, Algeria	9
Université Hassan II - Aïn Chock, Morocco	4
Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Morocco	8
Université Hassan 1er, Morocco	10
Université Abdelmalek Essaâdi, Morocco	18
Université de Carthage, Tunisia	9
Université de Gafsa, Tunisia	18
Université de Monastir, Tunisia	11
Total general	157



Hosting University	TG1	TG2	TG3	Total
Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna	10	1		11
Universidade de Coimbra	5	3		8
Georg-August-Universität Göttingen		1		1
Universidad de Granada	11	4		15
Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz	9	1		10
Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza	6			6
Université Libre de Bruxelles	2			2
Lunds Universitet	1	1		2
Université de Poitiers	32	4		36
Université Jean Monnet	31	5		36
Université Badji Mokhtar - Annaba				0
Université Hassiba Benbouali de Chlef				0
Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d'Oran	1			1
Université Hassan II - Aïn Chock	13			13
Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah	12			12
Université Hassan 1er	3			3
Université Abdelmalek Essaâdi	10			10
Université de Carthage	7			7
Université de Gafsa	1			1
Université de Monastir	3			3
Total general	157	20	0	177



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Erasmus Mundus – Al Idrisi II



■ Erasmus Mundus - Al Idrisi II

- Subtitle: A scholarship scheme for exchange and cooperation between Europe and North Africa
- Lot 1: Algeria, **Egypt**, **Libya**, Morocco, Tunisia
- Partnership: partner + associate universities
 - Algeria: 2 + 1
 - Egypt : 1 + 2
 - Libya: 2 + 1
 - Morocco: 4 + 0
 - Tunisia: 2 + 1
 - Europe: 8 + 1
 - Further associate institutions: 5 + 3



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Partnership



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■ Europe

- Universidad de Granada – Spain
- University of Graz, Austria
- Université de Poitiers, France
- Université Jean Monnet, France
- Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy
- Università degli Studi di Padova, Italy
- Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal
- Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Romania



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■ North Africa

- Université des Sciences et de la Technologie d'Oran M. Boudiaf, Algeria
- Université Badji Mokhtar - Annaba, Algeria
- Cairo University, Egypt
- The Open University, Libya
- Zawia University, Libya
- Université Hassan 1er, Morocco
- Université Hassan II - Casablanca, Morocco
- Université Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah, Morocco
- Université Abdelmalek Essaâdi, Morocco
- Université de Monastir, Tunisia
- Université de Carthage, Tunisia



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■ Associate partners

■ Associate Universities

- Université Hassiba Benbouali de Chlef, Algeria
- Alexandria University, Egypt
- Suez Canal University, Egypt
- Misurata University, Libya
- Université de Gafsa, Tunisia
- Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), France



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■ Ministries

- M. de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique, Algeria
- Ministry of Higher Education, Egypt
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Libya
- M. de l'Enseignement Supérieur, de la Recherche Scientifique..., Morocco
- Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Sci., Tunisia

■ Associations

- Coimbra Group asbl, Belgium
- Fundación Euroárabe de Altos Estudios, Spain
- Bureau Maghreb de l'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie, Morocco



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Scholarship Distribution



Country	Undergr aduates	Masters	Doctorat es	Post-doc	Staff	TOTAL
Algeria	13	7	6	3	9	38
Egypt	7	7	6	3	9	32
Libya	13	7	6	3	9	38
Morocco	25	9	8	4	12	58
Tunisia	13	7	6	3	9	38
Sum	71	37	32	16	48	204
EU	24	20	10	10	20	84
Total	95	57	42	26	68	288

First Results (1st cohort)



Allocated scholarships according to mobility type and home country

Country	Under-graduate	Master	Doctorate	Post-Doc	Staff	TOTAL
Morocco	13	10	8	2	7	40
Algeria	11	11	5	3	3	33
Tunisia	3	11	6	2	8	30
Libya	0	6	0	0	3	9
Egypt	0	10	7	3	9	29
Europe	11	4	3	3	17	38
Total	38	52	29	13	47	179
Percentage(*)	13,2%	18,1%	10,1%	4,5%	16,3%	62,2%
Limits(**)	30% - 40%	15% - 25%	5% - 15%	5% - 15%	15% - 25%	

(*) with respect to the total number of 288 planned mobility flows

(**) as established for Lot 1 by the Erasmus Mundus Call for Proposals EACEA/38/12

First Results (1st cohort)



Allocated scholarships according to target group and home country

Country	TG1	TG2	TG3	TOTAL	Percentage ^(*)
Morocco	40	0	0	40	13,9
Algeria	24	9	0	33	11,5
Tunisia	16	14	0	30	10,4
Libya	5	4	0	9	3,1
Egypt	10	19	0	29	10,1
Europe	37	1	-	38	13,2
Total	132	47	0	179	62,2
Percentage^(*)	45,8%	16,3%	0,0%	62,2%	
Limits^(**)	TG1 ≥ 50%			Non EU ≥ 70%	

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International Cooperation Cells (ICCs)



■ Definition

- Small bi- or multilateral cooperation projects
 - In research, teaching, training or administration
 - Among partner and associate universities
 - Always across the Mediterranean (EU ↔ NA)
 - With preference for short term mobility flows during the 2nd call for applications
- Opening or consolidation of cooperation channels
- Improved sustainability and visibility for the project



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International Cooperation Cells (ICCs)



■ Organization

- Proposed by former AI Idrisi I and future AI Idrisi II grantees
- Selected through a public, open and transparent call
- Evaluation by home and host universities and external experts
- Selection by the Advisory and Selection Committee
- Results published on the AI Idrisi web site

Problems and Challenges



Problems and Challenges



- Low number of undergraduate applications
 - Second call necessary (Al Idrisi I)
- Low number of short term mobility flows
 - Especially at doctoral and postdoctoral level
 - Most applicants prefer full degree programmes
- Unbalanced scholarship distribution (countries, partners, mobility levels, mobility type, incoming/outgoing, ...)



Problems and Challenges



- Language and communication problems (applicants, partners, supervisors, contact persons, ...)
- Understanding of concepts and definitions
- Academic recognition
- Lack of supporting structures
- Fulfilling of deadlines (grantees & partners)
- Quality of reports and documents
- ...



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Challenges in attracting applicants from Europe



- Unstable political situation in the host countries
- Lack of previous contacts and visibility
- Missing awareness about academic opportunities
- Language problems
- Cultural distance
- Communication problems
- Lack of information (clearly structured websites, course catalogues, promotion material, ...)
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Challenges in attracting applicants from North Africa



- Lack of previous contacts and visibility
- Language problems
- Cultural distance
- Lack of experience (applicants & institutions)
- Insufficient institutional support
- Visa and other administrative obstacles
- Families not supportive
 - Especially relevant for young women
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