

Subject: Workshops on Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions
New Delhi – Monday 26 October 2015
Pune – Wednesday 28 October 2015
Chennai – Friday 30 October 2015

The European Union Delegation to India and Bhutan would like to invite you to a one-day workshop on **Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)** which is being organised on *26th October in New Delhi, 28th October Pune and 30th October, 2015 in Chennai.*

The EU and its Member States have been actively investing and participating in higher education in India for many decades, focusing on EU-India international partnerships and collaboration. As part of this engagement, the European Higher Education Fair (EHEF) 2014 was held in the three cities of New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata, inaugurated by **Honourable Minister of Human Resource Development Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani**. The EHEF was extremely successful in enhancing the visibility and branding of European higher education institutions amongst the youth, academia, Indian Higher Education Institutions and the press. Following from the success of EHEF, we plan to organise a series of workshops on **Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and MSCAs**, all of which promote collaboration between the EU and third country partners in the higher education sphere.

The Erasmus+ programme offers a wide range of new opportunities for mobility of individuals and cooperation projects which help build capacity and modernise and internationalise higher education institutions and systems. Complementing Erasmus +, the Jean Monnet Programme aims at promoting excellence in teaching and research in fields related to European Union studies or in which the experience from the EU and participating countries can be a value added for the sector on both sides. The MSCA offers greater opportunities for research mobility and cooperation.

Workshops on the international aspects of the above programmes, will focus on **funding opportunities for India-Europe mobility and cooperation**. The workshops will aim at informing higher education stakeholders in a practical way about the objectives, content and implementation modalities of Erasmus+, Jean Monnet and MSCAs with a view to increasing the participation and success rate of Indian students, researchers and higher education institutions, including their staff, for the next application round (approximately October 2015 to March 2016). India was the greatest beneficiary of *Erasmus Mundus*, the predecessor programme to Erasmus+.

Specifically, the workshops will be focusing on each specific action:

1. mobility for higher education staff & students: opportunities for institutions and individuals
2. capacity building projects and cooperation in higher education aiming at the modernisation of institutions and systems
3. the Jean Monnet programme and its relevance
4. MSCAs: Innovative Training Networks, including fellowships for PhDs, and Research And Innovation Staff Exchange

Brian Toll, Senior Policy Adviser, International Cooperation in Education and Youth, European Commission, DG Education & Culture, Brussels will conduct the workshop which will include presentations of a number of successful past projects as well as lessons learnt, so as to illustrate good practice in designing a relevant proposal.

We would encourage Vice Chancellors and the Head of the Higher Education Institutions to attend or to nominate the appropriate person from the institution.

Please register for the workshop by visiting: <https://goo.gl/ezK75D>

For further information about the workshop, please contact my colleague **Sanjeev Roy**, **Senior Higher Education Expert, EU Public Diplomacy and Outreach in India and in the SAARC** sanjeev.roy@eupublicdiplomacy.in

Yours sincerely,

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