



## PRESS INFORMATION NOTICE

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### **Ninety seven Bangladeshi citizens have been granted an Erasmus Mundus scholarship for the academic year 2014-15**

Following the tradition of previous years, Ambassador William Hanna, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Bangladesh met a cohort of the 97 Bangladeshi beneficiaries of the Erasmus Mundus programme in Dhaka today. The Ambassador hosted the event with representatives from EU Member States and was happy to see an increase in the number and diversity of the participants: *"You are testimony of the strength and depth of academic relations between Bangladesh and the European Union which will not cease to grow in the coming years"*, he said.

The Erasmus Mundus programme aims to enhance the quality of higher education by promoting dialogue as well as understanding between people and cultures through mobility and academic cooperation.

This year, 40 Bangladeshi nationals were selected under the Action 1 component (European Masters and Doctorates) to study in Europe. Another 57 Bangladeshi nationals were selected under the Action 2 component of the programme (partnerships between European Union and Bangladeshi universities). There are currently 8 active partnerships in Bangladesh. The selected candidates will pursue courses at academic institutions in the majority of the countries of the European Union.

More general information on the Erasmus Mundus programme can be found on the following website:

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en)

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"The European Union is made up of 27 Member States who have decided to gradually link together their know-how, resources and destinies. Together, during a period of enlargement of 50 years, they have built a zone of stability, democracy and sustainable development whilst maintaining cultural diversity, tolerance and individual freedoms. The European Union is committed to sharing its achievements and its values with countries and peoples beyond its borders".