



## PRESS RELEASE

### **Subject: European Union awards higher education partnerships to four Pakistani higher education institutions**

Islamabad, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014: The European Union provides opportunities every year for higher education institutions, worldwide, aspiring to partner with European institutions for higher education. This is made possible through an EU programme now known as Erasmus+.

The EU Delegation to Pakistan congratulates the following Pakistani higher education institutions who are partners in projects awarded under the 2013 Erasmus Mundus programme; Mehran University of Engineering, Karachi, National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Islamabad and the University of Punjab, Lahore.

The partnership projects include LEADERS (Leading Mobility between Europe and Asia in Developing Engineering Education and Research), SmartLink (South-east-west Mobility for Advanced Research, Learning, Innovation, Network and Knowledge) EXPERTS-SUSTAIN (Exchange by Promoting Quality Education, Research and Training in South and South-East Asia) and LEADER (Links in Europe and Asia for Engineering, Education, Enterprise and Research Exchanges)

Overall there will be 56 mobility opportunities and scholarships for undergraduates, Masters, Doctorate and post doctorate students and faculty from Pakistan.

From this year 2014 Erasmus Mundus is subsumed by the new **Erasmus+** programme, which aims to support actions in the fields of Education, Training, Youth and Sport for the period 2014-2020.

Erasmus+ replaces seven programmes bringing together

- the Lifelong Learning Programme (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius and Grundtvig)
- the Youth in Action programme
- five international cooperation programmes (Erasmus Mundus, Tempus, Alfa, Edulink, the programme for cooperation with industrialised countries)
- the new sport action

For further information on Erasmus +, please visit the following websites

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm)

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus-en>.

<https://www.facebook.com/EUErasmusPlusProgramme>

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