

The EU-U.S. ATLANTIS Programme

Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects and Policy-oriented Measures

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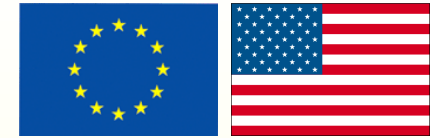
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Background

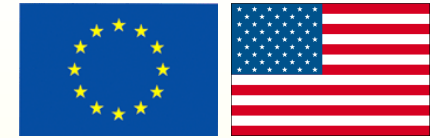


- New (3rd) agreement on higher education and vocational training (signed on 21 June 2006 at the EU-U.S. Summit)
- Programme duration 2006 – 2013
- renews and reinforce the long standing EU-U.S. cooperation programme established in 1995
- funded and managed jointly by the European Commission and by the U.S. Department of Education
- to promote understanding between the peoples of the EU and the USA and to improve the quality of their human resource development



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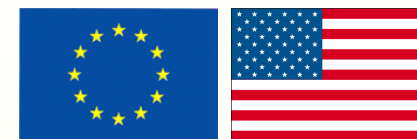
EU-U.S. Agreement foresees 4 main actions:

- **Action 1 - Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects**
- **Action 2 - Excellence (Follow-up) Mobility Projects**
- **Action 3 - Policy-oriented Measures**
- **Action 4 - Schuman-Fulbright-Programme providing scholarships**



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**EU-U.S. Cooperation Agreement
in Higher Education and Vocational Training**

Action 1
Transatlantic Degree
Consortia Projects

Action 2
Excellence
Mobility Projects

Action 3
Policy-oriented
Measures

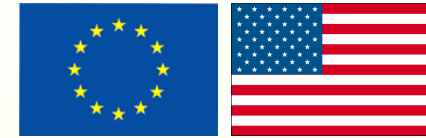
Action 4
Fulbright-Schuman

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1st Call for Proposals

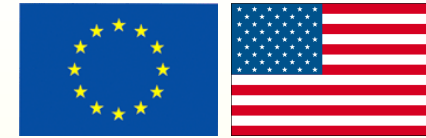


- ATLANTIS – **A**ctions for **T**ransatlantic **L**inks and **A**cademic **N**etworks in **T**raining and **I**ntegrated **S**tudies
- 1st call for proposals in the framework of the EU-US cooperation programme in higher education and vocational training
- 1st call comprises Action 1 and Action 3
- Available budget for 2006
 - approx. 4 million € for EU institutions for a 4-years project period
 - comparable funding for U.S. institutions
- The 2006 joint EU-US call for proposals **is closed** (deadline 7 July 2006)



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Eligibility



Countries:

- U.S.A.
- 25 EU Member States

Individuals (students, faculty):

- EU citizens or legal residents in the EU for at least 3 years (for purpose other than study)
- U.S. citizens or resident aliens

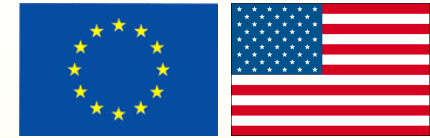
Establishments/bodies/type of beneficiaries:

- higher education institutions
- vocational education and training institutions
- Organisations including industry, business groups, NGOs, publishers, government departments, chambers of commerce and research institutions



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Consortia



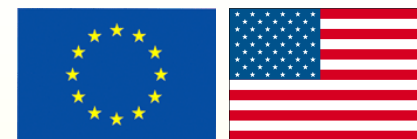
Atlantis Consortia = 3 = EU1+EU2+US

- ➔ min. 2 HE / VET institutions or organisations from 2 different EU-member states
- ➔ min. 1 HE / VET institution or organisation from the U.S.A.
- ➔ 2 applications forms to be submitted for 1 common project proposal (FIPSE, DG EAC)



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What is new?- Main challenges

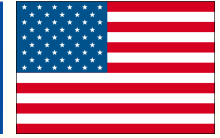


2000-2005	2006-2013
min. 6 partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• min. 3 EU partners from different 3 different EU Member States• min. 3 U.S. partners from 3 different U.S. States	min. 3 partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• min. 2 EU partners from at least 2 different EU Member States• min. 1 U.S. partner
No double/joint degree necessary	Double/joint Transatlantic Degree must be awarded (Action 1)
not specified	1 st call: only <u>undergraduate</u> level
max. 3 years project duration	max. 4 years project duration
Student mobility: min. 3 months at 1 institution abroad	Student mobility: min. 1 year at min. 2 institutions abroad



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1st Call - Action 1



Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects

Who?

- At least 2 EU and 1 U.S. higher education institutions form a consortium

What?

- Transatlantic Degree awarded by at least 1 EU and 1 US institution
- Joint Study Programme including mobility
- Undergraduate level

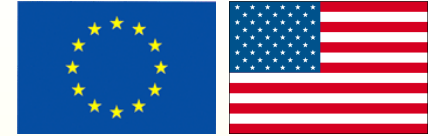
Duration?

- Project selected for 4 years
- Annual performance reviews



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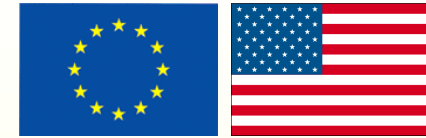
Joint Study Programme

- Integrated programme of study
 - Jointly developed curriculum
 - or full recognition of modules that make up a common study programme
- Duration
 - Total study programme duration
 - Duration of mobility phases
- Integrated admission standards
 - Collaborative selection process that meets standards of each partner institution
 - Shared application procedure or accepted institutional application procedures
 - Shared admission standards



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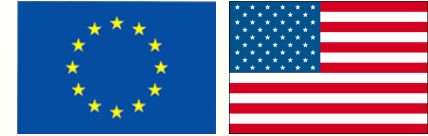
Joint Study Programme

- Examination and progression (transfer) requirements
 - Full and automatic recognition of examinations passed at partner institutions
 - Use of ECTS is recommended
- Mobility
 - Students study at least at 3 institutions (2 EU, 1 U.S.)
 - At least 1 full academic year abroad
- Degree Award
 - Recognised joint or double degree
 - Awarded by at least 1 U.S.-institution and 1 EU-institution
- Language requirements
 - provide the possibility of using at least two European languages
 - Only one language of instruction possible
 - Language and cultural preparation and training is essential



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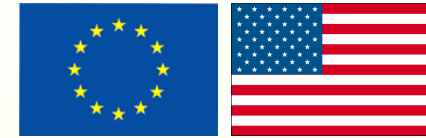
Student Mobility Scheme

- U.S. students
 - at 2 EU institutions
 - at least 60 ECTS in total (1 academic year)
 - at least 20 ECTS at the second EU institution
- EU students
 - at least 1 institution in the U.S.
 - at least 20 ECTS at an additional EU institution
 - At least 60 ECTS in total (1 academic year)
- Curriculum may involve work or training experience
- Credits
 - Agreed arrangements must be described in the application
- Tuition and fees
 - Agreed arrangements must be described in the application
- Student services provided



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Faculty Mobility Scheme

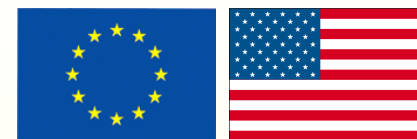
- Teaching and Research assignments related to programme
 - Mobility grants/ Mobility stipends

- Mobility of administrators is welcome
 - Fixed administrative costs in the U.S. budget
 - Flat rate in the EU budget



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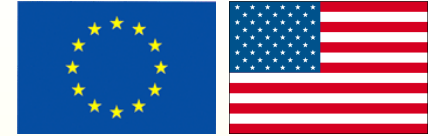
Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects

EU funding	U.S. funding
<u>Project administration:</u> Flat-rate of € 7,500 / EU institution max. € 15,000 / year	<u>Project administration:</u> Fixed amount of \$ 15,000 /year
<u>Mobility grants to EU students:</u> € 12,000 / academic year max. 2 years / student min. 6 students / year max. € 576,000 in 4 years	<u>Mobility stipends for U.S students:</u> \$ 12,000 / academic year max. 2 years / student min. 6 students / year max. \$ 576,000 in 4 years
<u>Mobility grants to EU faculty:</u> 1-8 weeks € 1,000 / week + € 1,000 (travel) max. € 60,000 in 4 years	<u>Scholar/faculty mobility stipends:</u> 1-8 weeks \$ 1,000 / week + \$ 1,000 (travel) max. \$ 60,000 in 4 years



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Policy-oriented Measures

Who?

- EU and U.S. institutions or organisations active in the field of higher education or vocational training form a consortium

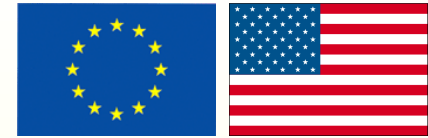
Aim?

- Enhance collaboration in the higher education and vocational training field



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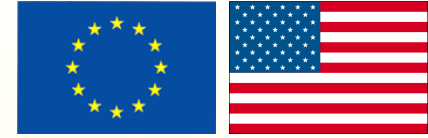
What? – Projects may include:

- Studies
- Seminars
- Working groups
- Benchmarking exercises
- Recognition of qualifications
- Accreditation issues
- Comparative studies and analysis
- Language and content integration
- Dissemination of projects
- Software and Web development
- E-learning and open education
- Infrastructure and resources development



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Policy-oriented Measures

Mobility

- No student mobility
- May include faculty and staff exchanges

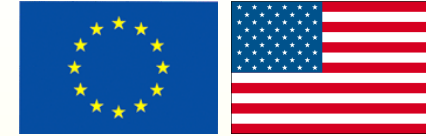
Project duration

- max. 2 years



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Policy-oriented Measures

Project Design

- Nature and purpose of project
- Role and skills of the partners
- Description of activities and expected results
- Personnel involved
- How the project will enhance understanding, increase knowledge

Evaluation

- Define goals
- Evaluation plan based on quantitative and qualitative evidence

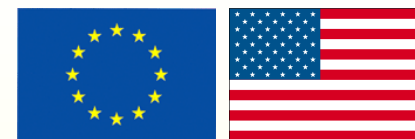
Dissemination

- Strategies for sustainability
- Dissemination of products, outcomes and results to a wider public



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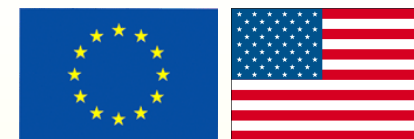
Policy-oriented Measures

EU funding	U.S. funding
max. 75% of the project costs incurred by the EU side	All budget line items except students stipends
Max. € 50,000 for 2 years	Max. of \$ 50,000 for 2 years



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Administrating Institutions



Further information

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa>

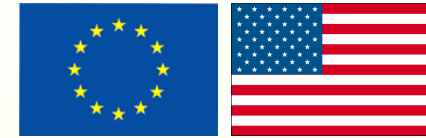
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