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Kick off meeting

The Kick-Off Meeting held in Cardiff in October 2012, culminated in a Closing Ceremony attended by the consortium, key figures in Wales, as well as the Honorary Consuls to the countries involved in the project. This event was to enhance Target Group 2 and 3 dissemination, and also further publicise the EMA2 programme.



Evening reception



The launch of the project culminated in an evening reception hosted by Prof. Antony Chapman, Vice Chancellor of Cardiff Metropolitan University. Speaking at the event, Prof. Chapman said: 'Erasmus Mundus projects, such as EU-METALIC, play a fundamental part in Cardiff Met's internationalisation strategy; from the internationalisation of staff, students, courses, and our campus, strengthening of our links and partnerships overseas, bringing cultural diversity to Wales and contributing to the Welsh economy.'



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Promotion in Libya during the first call

After the kick-off meeting, promotional activities of the project among students and staff was heightened by promotional events at partner universities which were advertised on the EU-METALIC project homepage. Much effort was made in Libya, to raise awareness of what is a very new concept.



Cardiff Met representatives attended the annual national Tempus / Erasmus Mundus Info Day in Tripoli and presented together with our Libyan partner, Sirte University, on the benefits of the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 programme, encouraging further Libyan partners to join in the 2013 Call .

Orientation events

Partners ran successful events throughout the partnership to fully orientate the Cohort 1 EU-METALIC scholars. To the right you can see the orientation session that took place at Alexandria University.



SOCIAL NETWORKING sites such as Facebook were used to disseminate the EU-METALIC project. The EU-METALIC Facebook group reached huge numbers of

followers and provided an additional platform for potential applicants to discuss application procedures or academic enquiries with the coordinator and partner universities. The use of Facebook was indeed very successful and reiterated the importance of social networking sites in disseminating not only the EU-METALIC project but also heightening awareness of the EMA2 programme. The EU-METALIC Facebook group has attracted over 2000 users since its inception.



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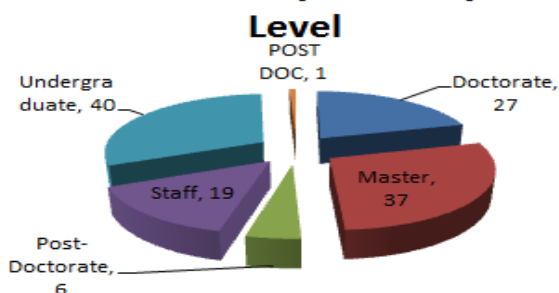
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At the close of the Call for applicants on 2nd February 2013, we had received 48 applications from 34 EU applicants, with overall 1566 applications from 946 applicants. Thank you to the hard work from our partners in promoting the project!

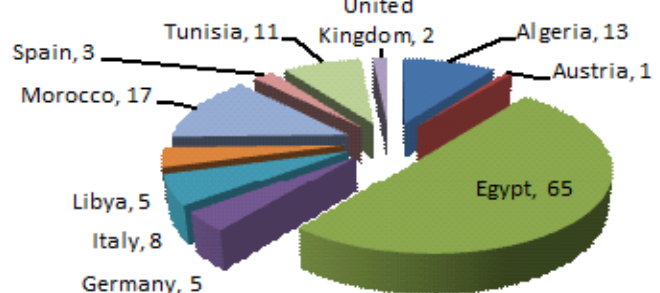
Selection committee meeting

Selection committee meeting was held on 27th-28th March 2013 to finalise the mobility lists (Selected, Reserve and Rejected).

Number of Scholarships Granted by Mobility Level



Number of Scholarships Granted by Country



130 Scholars were privileged by being granted the opportunity to mobilise between universities in North Africa and universities in Europe, and vice versa.



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EU-METALIC second cohort

The Call for applications for the 2nd cohort of the EU-METALIC scholarship project started on the 9th September 2013 and closed on the 8th November 2013. The Scholarship offers scholarships for undergraduate and post-doctoral students and staff.

Upcoming events

Second Cohort Eligibility Check: 18/11/2013

Assessment of Academic Quality: 16/12/2013

Selection Committee: 18/12/2013

Scholar testimonial: *Rafik Omar*

'The EU METALIC Program has helped me achieve my life dream to study for my PhD abroad and to learn and interact with other scholars from different cultures and backgrounds enabling me to have an amazing array of strategies that has totally enriched my scope of study. This has included moving abroad to the UK to study in one of its most renowned universities, Cardiff Met, for 20 months and having a second supervisor from the host university to overlook my research progress and to help guide me in my work. All this was just through the online application program launched by Erasmus Mundus, which I was introduced to at my home university in Egypt. I am now ready to achieve my goal and receive my PhD through the boost in knowledge I'm able to secure through my access to all the academic and professional resources available at my host university, and it is all thanks to the international department supervising the EU-METALIC scholarship who are friendly and very helpful. Thank you!'



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