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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF NATIONAL TEMPUS OFFICES IN EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD COUNTRIES & RUSSIA

Subject: Implementation of an EC-funded pilot project aiming to offer scholarships to students from the European Neighbourhood (EN) countries & Russia to follow European Studies Masters Courses in EU higher education institutions

(EU Law, EU Economics, EU Policy, Administration and Governance, EU Integration History, Interdisciplinary EU Integration Studies)

Call for Proposals EAC/32/2010

Following an amendment to the European Union budget by the European Parliament, 1 mio € have been made available to launch a pilot project aiming to offer scholarships to students from the countries covered by the European Neighbourhood Policy and Russia to follow European Studies Masters Courses in EU higher education institutions in the academic year 2010-2011.

In implementing this pilot project the Commission intends to finance approximately 30 scholarships for students who will be selected to attend a Masters Course in European Integration. The scholarships will cover registration fees, travels and subsistence costs.

A call for proposals has recently been launched inviting European Higher Education Institutions to propose selected graduate students from EN countries and Russia by beginning of June. The project is managed by DG EAC which will be assisted by external academic experts in the assessment of the applications.

The modalities to implement this pilot project are the following:

(1) EU higher education institutions that intend to participate in the call shall provide information on their Master in European Integration by filling in an online questionnaire (at http://ec.europa.eu/education/eis_masters). This information will allow for the creation of a database that will be a useful search tool for European Integration studies. The database will also serve as a tool for the subsequent selection process of the pilot project.

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(2) EU higher education institutions having received applications from EN countries and Russia graduate students will select the best ones, rank them according to their quality and submit before 04 June 2010 to the European Commission a list of proposed grantees (3 pre-selected students plus 2 other candidates in a reserve list).

(3) Among those registered in the abovementioned database, the EC will select the Masters courses proposed by the EU higher education institutions that meet the requirements set up in the selection and award criteria included in the call provisions. In the selection of proposed students for a scholarship, the EC will endeavour to ensure a geographical balance.

We consider that EC Delegations in the EN countries and Russia should play a key role in spreading and disseminating information about this call for proposals.

We therefore suggest publishing information on the call on the website of the Delegations and communicating it to various target groups. The online questionnaire, which will be used to create the database, and the call for proposal can be found at the following addresses:

Database: http://ec.europa.eu/education/eis_masters/published_courses

Call for proposals: http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2244_en.htm

To support the in situ spreading activities, a functional mail box (EAC-EIS@ec.europa.eu) will be dedicated to respond to questions on this call for proposals.

Please note and inform graduate students from EN countries and Russia wishing to be considered for this scholarship that they should apply via their higher education institution.

For any supplementary information, please contact Pedro Martinez Macias (pedro.martinez-macias@ec.europa.eu).

Thank you for the cooperation.



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Enc.: *Call for proposals EAC/32/2010 & Application form*