

ANNEX 1. Online survey on alumni experience with EM programme

Dear Erasmus Mundus graduate,

You have studied in Europe thanks to one of the Erasmus Mundus (EM) projects. Now, the universities of Ghent, BOKU, the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, and Montpellier SupAgro, together with AGRINATURA and the Erasmus Mundus Students' and Alumni Association would like to analyse what the strengths and weaknesses of their graduates are, with special focus on the question of employability in the Asian job market.

We are aware that you have filled out several evaluations and surveys already at the end of your studies in Europe, but we wish to underline **that we do not want to assess the academic quality of your training, but to compare the practical skills and competences that helped you to find a job with the expectations of the Asian employers.**

The questions you answer will help us to determine the effectiveness of the study programmes within EM, including the focus on any weaknesses of the programmes. Moreover, we shall send you the results, which may help you to better evaluate your professional position and highlight your most-valued skills and competences. Finally, we will invite five Alumni per country to participate in a regional workshop with representatives of the professional sector in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Mongolia, Thailand and Vietnam.

The survey will take you around **10-15 minutes to complete**. Please allow enough time as you cannot re-enter the survey. All responses are completely **confidential**.

While filling the questionnaire, we ask you to pay attention to the questions – either closed choices or open boxes - this will allow us to identify the specific characteristics of your professional experience.

Thank you very much for your time,

With kind regards,

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1. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Your age is:

20-25

31-35

26-30

36 or over

Your gender is:

Female

Male

Which of the following best describes the area (hometown/workplace) you come from?

Urban

Suburban

Rural

What is your nationality?

What is the country of your home university? (Home university sending you to the Erasmus Mundus programme / University)

2. STUDY PROGRAMME

Which EM programme did you participate in?

Bachelor's
Master's

Doctoral
Post Doctoral

Funded by Erasmus Mundus project:

Eurasia	Lotus I	Lotus III
Eurasia 2	Lotus II	IMRD
AgrisMundus	Mover	Techno II
Experts I	Areas	EMME-East
Experts II	PANACEA	other: (please specify)
Experts III	GATE	
MAHEVA	Techno I	

In which year(s) did you study within the EM programme?

For how long did you study / conduct research within the EM programme?

up to 5 months	10 months	24 months
6 months	18 months	36 months

In which country did you study in Europe? (more options are possible)

What was your field of study in Europe? (Mark just one answer)

Water management		
Management of natural resources	Food sciences	Landscape architecture and planning
Animal sciences	Rural development	Biotechnology
Crop sciences	Agricultural economics	Engineering
Sustainable development in agriculture	Forestry	Other – Please specify

Why did you decide to study in Europe through an EM programme?

Academic level of exchange university	Multiple degrees	Possibility of living and studying in Europe
Availability of your study programme	Opportunity to get scholarship	
Reputation of Erasmus Mundus		

Why did you choose the particular country/countries where you studied? (Please mark the most important one)

To get knowledge about the country (culture, history, etc.)	Lower costs of living	Recommended by your employer
	Offered by your university	Recommended by schoolmate/tutor/friend...
To improve language skills	Interest in particular university	

The reason why you chose the particular European university for your studies was: (Please mark one the most important)

Offered by your university	Recommended by schoolmate/tutor/friend...	Specific working group/teacher/tutor
Ranking of the university	Recommended by your employer	Research activities of specific university
Offer of the study programmes at the selected university	Found on websites	

Had you participated in any study programme / work / research abroad before the EM exchange?

No Yes

Please, specify the country:

For how long?

< 3 months	< 1 year
3 – 6 months	> 1 year

Did you gain any professional experience during your study programme in Europe?

No	Yes, volunteer work
Yes, a student job	Yes, training / internship

Did you do any internship during your course of studies in Europe? (This does not refer to team projects, practical courses, etc.)

No internships	Yes, mandatory internship(s)	Yes, voluntary internships(s)
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3. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Did any of these language/s improve thanks to your studies in Europe?

English
German

Italian
Spanish

Czech

What is your personal appreciation of the European quality of teaching and learning? (1 is the best and 5 the worst)

	1	2	3	4	5
The scientific level of the teachers					
The didactic level of the teachers					
Active learning: work on case studies, group work, surveys					
Quantity and quality of practical training					
Academic facilities/IT/campus/laboratories etc.					
The relation with the professional sector/courses given by professionals					
Opportunities for doing internships					
Relations with academic staff (open to students, trying to solve problems, help with studies...)					

How would you describe your integration into the host society?

Perfect, without problems

Good, some little problems

Bad, I had problems

What kind of problems did you have?

Economic barriers
Language barriers

Unfriendly people
Racism

Cultural differences

How did the following skills and competences develop thanks to your studies in Europe? (Rank: 1 improved, 3 remained the same, 5 worsened)

	1	2	3	4	5
Technical know-how					
Oral and written communication					
Planning and organisation					
Capacity to work in a team					
Time management					
Computer skills					
Language skills					
Research skills					
Ability in problem solving					
Independence					
Self-confidence					
Ability to make your way through					
Responsibility					
Interaction with other people and cultures					
Capacity for critical and self-critical thinking (asking questions)					
Capacity for analysis and synthesis					
Capacity for applying knowledge in practice					
Capacity for generating new ideas (creativity)					
Capacity to adapt to new situations					
Capacity to learn					
Decision-making					

Did you come back directly to your country after your EM experience?

Yes

No

Why did you not come back directly to your country after your Erasmus Mundus experience?

I applied for another scholarship for a higher level of education

I started to work in Europe

I married in Europe

4. WORK

Did you work before EM?

No

Yes

Before staying in Europe I worked in:

The same organization in same sector

A different organization in same sector

The same organization in different sector

A different organization in different sector

Are you working now?

Why are you not working?

I am on maternity leave / sick leave

I am on holiday

I am searching for a job

For how long have you been searching for a job?

< 3 months

< 1 year

3 – 6 months

> 1 year

Is this your first position after the EM scholarship?

Yes

No

Field of your current employment:

Water management

Food sciences

Biotechnology

Management of natural resources

Rural development

Engineering

Animal sciences

Agricultural economics

Other:

Crop sciences

Forestry

Sustainable development in agriculture

Landscape architecture and planning

Please specify job sector:

Private sector

Public sector (Universities, Ministries, National Agencies etc.)

NGO

Please describe your position in the company:

Executive Employee

Ordinary employee (e.g.

Public servant at a lower/middle level

Academically qualified employee with a moderate management function (e.g. project manager)

salesperson/secretary)

Research assistant

Academically qualified employee

Freelancer

Trainee

without any management function

Self-employed

Volunteer

Qualified employee

Self-employed with incentive type

Labourer

contract

Public servant at a higher level

Public servant at an upper level

Details about the employer:

Name of the company:

Address:

Section:

Website:

Contact person (boss or human resources manager):

How did you find the job? (Just 1 option)

Advertisement

Personal networks

I was approached by a company (head-hunter)

Networks from the EM stay

Networks of the home university

I applied at selected company

Back to previous job

How long were you looking for your job??

Already arranged before the return
less than 1 month after the return

less than 3 months after the return
less than 6 months after the return

less than 1 year after the return
more than 1 year after the return

What are the skills and competences which your job requires the most? (Rank 1 to 5):

(Rank: 1 the most required, 5 not required at all)

	1	2	3	4	5
Technical know-how					
Oral and written communication					
Planning and organisation					
Capacity to work in team					
Time management					
Computer skills					
Language skills					
Research skills					
Ability in problem solving					
Independence					
Self-confidence					
Ability to make your way through					
Responsibility					
Interaction with other people and cultures					
Capacity for critical and self-critical thinking (asking questions)					
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Capacity for generating new ideas (creativity)					
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Capacity to learn					
Decision-making					

Is there demand for a job with your specialization in your country?

Yes

No

I do not know

Do EM graduates / alumni have an advantage in comparison with other graduates (who did not study in Europe) as follows?

	YES	Uncertain	NO
Higher salary			
The possibility of a shortened period for finding a job			
Better social status			
More professional networks			
Career advancement			

Did your stay in Europe help you find a job/develop your career?

Strongly Agree

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Agree

Disagree

During your EM studies, have you collected important contacts for your professional life?

No

Yes, with classmates

Yes, with local authorities (public sector)

Yes, with academic staff

Yes, with companies (private sector)

Yes, with NGOs

Are you satisfied with your position in the labour market?

Yes

No

What you consider to be the most important factor influencing your employability