

**ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL COOPERATION WINDOW (EM ECW)
PROJECT FACT SHEET**

**Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window for Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia
"AVERROES"**

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Call for Proposals: EACE/07/34 - EM ECW 2nd Call for Proposals

Lead Applicant: Montpellier 2 University Sciences and Technology, France

Partners:

	Name of organisation	Country
Partner 1	University of Liege	Belgium
Partner 2	University of Cadiz	Spain
Partner 3	University of the Balearic Islands	Spain
Partner 4	Aix-Marseille 2 University	France
Partner 5	Montpellier SupAgro	France
Partner 6	Montpellier 1 University	France
Partner 7	Paul Valéry Montpellier 3 University	France
Partner 8	University of Perpignan Via Domitia	France
Partner 9	University of Genoa	Italy
Partner 10	University of Catania	Italy
Partner 11	Abderrahmane Mira University of Bejaïa	Algeria
Partner 12	Mentouri University of Constantine	Algeria
Partner 13	University of Oran	Algeria
Partner 14	Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech	Morocco
Partner 15	Mohamed V Agdal University	Morocco
Partner 16	Abdelmalek Essaâdi University	Morocco
Partner 17	University of Sfax	Tunisia
Partner 18	University of Sousse	Tunisia
Partner 19	University of 7th of November at Carthage	Tunisia

Associate 1	Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (Academic Agency of Francophonie (A.U.F.))	Belgium
Associate 2	Pole Universitaire Européen de Montpellier (European University center of Montpellier and Languedoc-Roussillon)	France
Associate 3	Natura Network	Czech Republic
Associate 4	Euro-mediterranean University Téthys	France
Associate 5	Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Regional Council	France
Associate 6	Languedoc-Roussillon Regional Council	France
Associate 7	Montpellier Metropolitan Area Authority	France
Associate 8	DERBI Cluster	France
Associate 9	Technology Park of Sousse	Tunisia
Associate 10	National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia (INAT)	Tunisia
Associate 11	National High School of Forestry (ENFI)	Morocco
Associate 12	National School of agriculture of Meknes (ENA)	Morocco
Associate 13	National Agronomic Institute of Alger	Algeria
Associate 14	Badji Mokhtar University of Annaba	Algeria
Associate 15	Olive trees Institute	Tunisia
Associate 16	Coordination et Initiatives pour Réfugiés et Etrangers (CIRÉ)	Belgium
Associate 17	Comité Inter Mouvement Auprès des Evacués (CIMADE)	France

Project Abstract:

➤ Objectives:

The Averroès project aims at mutual enrichment and better understanding between the European Union and Maghreb countries (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia) through the implementation of a program for student and academic staff mobility between higher education institutions on both sides of the Mediterranean.

The main objectives are to:

- Develop and strengthen educational, cultural, scientific and technological links between EU and Maghreb countries, through the mutual exchange of selected students, researchers and academic staff.
- Develop and enhance existing cooperation between Maghreb and EU Universities especially through co-diplomas and co-tutoring of thesis.
- Promote procedures for common recognition of syllabus and diplomas, following the Bologna process (using ECTS and the European Diploma Supplement, and Europass CV in order to facilitate academic mobility and to improve the international visibility of Maghreb Universities studies and thus enable better recognition of their students' qualifications.

- Exchange experience and good practices on both sides of the Mediterranean on transfer of technology, entrepreneurship and professionalisation of university curricula in order to increase the employability of Maghreb students within their home countries without encouraging “brain drain”.
- Share experience and good practices in the areas of University governance, of international cooperation, of the implementation of Higher Education reforms.
- Contribute through the exchanges of excellent students, of young researchers and academic staff, to the reinforcement of the scientific research potential and of the capacity for technological innovation of Universities from Maghreb.
- Contribute to the creation of durable links between Universities and research & innovation transfer centres from both sides of the Mediterranean.
- Provide to excellent students from vulnerable groups in Maghreb equal chances to access through the programme to further studies in good standing European Universities.

➤ **Main Activities of the AVERROES Project:**

The consortium:

The AVERROES-Network is co-ordinated by the University of Montpellier 2 which has a long experience of European projects management and of cooperation with Universities from the Mediterranean. The consortium is formed by 20 partner Universities:

- 9 Maghreb Universities : Tunis, Sfax, Sousse, Oran, Bejaïa, Constantine, Rabat, Tetouan and Marrakech
- 11 European Universities : Montpellier (3), Marseille 2, Perpignan, Genova, Catane, Balearic Island, SupAgro Montpellier, Cadiz and Liege.
- The consortium includes 17 associated partners (other higher Education Institutions, networks of Universities (including AUF, NATURA, TETHYS, Pôle Universitaire Européen de Montpellier), local authorities, technology transfer parks, and private companies. They will support the project activities within their specific expertise, bringing in the extra dimension of their network. ,
- The mobility activities will concern students at all level (Undergraduates, Masters, PhDs and Post-doctorates) as well as academic staff. Although the consortium covers most of the fields mentioned in the call for proposals within the AVERROES project a clear emphasis has been given to the thematic fields which have been identified as priorities by our partners from Maghreb. On the whole, 326 mobilities are foreseen with 254 concerning the Maghreb to Europe exchanges and 72 Europe to Maghreb mobilities.

The activities, which will contribute to achieve the main objectives, over the project 42 months are:

- The organisation and follow up of 326 mobility of students and academic staff in the targeted thematic priority fields with a quality approach, offering practical assistance, linguistic and administrative supports, for incoming/outgoing students and staff
- The implementation of a system of recognition of periods of study and of qualifications, in line with the Bologna Process and the ECTS system.
- The selection of the best candidates from partners Universities as well as from other Universities from Maghreb and their welcome in the host University.
- The evaluation and the follow up of the mobility flow through quality assurance procedures The organisation of consortium meetings, of the different management boards and of the selection committee, of AVERROES “seminars”;
- The setting up of the project official WEB site for the effective dissemination of information about the AVERROES project and its results and on line application ; the setting up of a an efficient communication tool between partners
- The setting up and validation by all partners of the project quality chart and consortium agreement (defining the procedures for the selection of candidates, the project management and the mutual recognition of the period of studies...)

➤ **Mobility flow:**

Number of Individual Mobility Activities foreseen

Type of Mobility	Europeans	Third-Country nationals				TOTAL
	Target Group 1	Third country	Target Group 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3	
Undergraduates	25	MA	27	Not applicable	2	114
		DZ	28		2	
		TN	28		2	
Masters	17	MA	10	9	2	81
		DZ	9	10	2	
		TN	10	10	2	
Doctorates	13	MA	9	8	1	65
		DZ	8	8	1	
		TN	8	8	1	
Post-doctorates	7	MA	4	4	1	33
		DZ	4	4	1	
		TN	4	4	0	
Academic staff	10	MA	7	Not applicable	Not applicable	33
		DZ	8			
		TN	8			
TOTAL	<u>72</u>		<u>172</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>326</u>

➤ **Duration: 42 months**

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