

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 –Strand 2

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

Title of partnership		MULTI (Multilingualism and Multiculturalism, Linguistic approaches to Transition and Identity)
	Name of organisation	Country
Coordinator	Université de Provence	FRANCE
Partner 1	Università di Pisa	ITALY
Partner 2	Universität des Saarlandes	GERMANY
Partner 3	City University London	UK
Partner 4	Freie Universität Berlin	GERMANY
Partner 5	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	HONG KONG
Partner 6	National Taiwan University	TAIWAN
Partner 7	University of Macau	MACAU
Partner 8	Nanyang Technological University	SINGAPORE
Countries targeted		
Project duration (months)		37 months
Amount requested (EUR,)		1,363,900EUR
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Project objective:		
<p>Europe and South East Asia are two areas where multiple cultures meet and many languages are spoken, often in the same city. All partners in this project are experts on multilingualism and multiculturalism by academic training as well as by the nature of their local society, with different Asian and European perspectives. We aim to bring these different academic and cultural perspectives together by the common thread of language: languages as media of knowledge and identity, as well as linguistics and natural language processing as tools to analyze that medium.</p>		
Brief description:		
<p>The rapid accumulation of data in various languages in the EU and SEA, together with the fact that our societies are becoming more and more multilingual, requires better tools, both at the methodological and practical levels. Corpus and computational linguistics together with multilingual and multicultural studies are key domains in which various tools related to multilingual information management are created. These tools in turn benefit linguistic and cultural studies by providing readily available and sizeable corpora. Applications in the social sciences and in other information related domains, such as journalism or politics, are numerous but remained largely unexplored (<i>e.g. real time multilingual processing of news in the areas being studied</i>). It is the aim of this project to address the linguistic, cultural and technological aspects of these challenges, as well as to train the next generation of specialists in these domains and their interfaces. The joint effort of our institutions constitutes a crucial</p>		

step to understand and to thrive within our multilingual and multicultural societies.

Mobility Flow:

Type of Mobility	Outgoing	Third ctry code	Incoming	Total	Distribution per mobility type
	Europeans		Third country nationals		
Masters	18	HK TW SG MC	22	40	48.2%
Doctorates	11	HK TW SG MC	8	19	22.9%
Post-doctorates	7	HK TW SG MC	5	11	14.5%
Staff	7	HK TW SG MC	5	11	14.5%
TOTAL	43		40	83	

Third countries concerned by the lot

Third country / region	Masters	Doctorates	Post-doctorates	Staff	TOTAL
Hong Kong	7	2	2	2	13
Taiwan	5	2	1	1	9
Singapore	5	2	1	1	9
Macau	5	2	1	1	9
TOTAL	22	8	5	5	40