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Erasmus+: Higher Education -- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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Subject: Acceptance of Technical report

GEMMA: Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

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(please quote in all correspondence)

Dear Prof. Dr. Dorothy Kelly,

I am pleased to inform you that following the analysis of your above mentioned report received on 29/11/2017, the Agency has accepted it. We thank you as well for providing us with further clarification on 07/03/2018.

Our assessment looks at the consortium's performance of effectively implementing the EMJMD. Your performance is assessed not only according to the various EMJMD requirements but also in relation to the "Award Criteria" of the call for proposals and the "Description of the action" in Annex I of the grant agreement. Taking into account the above, we came to the following conclusions:

1. The relevance of the project

We note that GEMMA has an integrated curriculum which includes core and selective courses as well as practical training and the elaboration of a thesis, which is jointly supervised. We also note that well-known international professionals in the field will participate in GEMMA.

It is very positive that GEMMA is able to attract a high number of qualified candidates from all over the world, especially considering that the course was not advertised as an E+ Erasmus Mundus course.

GEMMA is delivered by a large consortium with connections with a considerable number of international associated partners, which are expected to have an instrumental role.

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We appreciate that GEMMA is very active in collaborating with EMA, the Erasmus Mundus Student Association, and in the "Changemakers Platform" for the social compromise of all EM Programmes.

2. The quality of the project design and implementation

The consortium is jointly implementing the Master Course, which allows for students to acquire a solid knowledge in the field of the Master while maximising the benefits of their mobilities.

We appreciate the course practical teaching methodology (seminar format, case –studies and practical assignments), which is based on the student centred learning (enhancing students' proactive attitude and critical thinking).

We take note of the quality assurance mechanisms that the consortium has put in place and encourage the consortium to continue exploring the possibility to use the European Approach for quality assurance.

We also note that the consortium is exploring the possibility to award joint degrees following the Spanish national legislation, which allows the Spanish Universities to issue a joint degree signing on behalf of the other consortium institutions. In this respect, please ensure that the legislations of the countries represented in the joint degree allow the delegation of the signature in the Spanish rector.

You have reported a solid student services infrastructure, counting on professional dedicated staff that provides assistance, information and administrative support to all students.

3. The quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements

We observe that your main governing body, the Steering Committee formed by the GEMMA local Scientific Coordinators and chaired by the GEMMA General Scientific coordinator is well in place.

We appreciate that students will be represented in the governing bodies participating in GEMMA Student Advisory Board.

We note that the consortium has a structured management of the funds and a detailed business plan. You are aware of the cost to deliver the programme and how participation costs and lump sum have to be managed and distributed.

4. The impact and dissemination

We have noted that GEMMA will publish a book series with the results from GEMMA. This could be an interesting result to upload in the E+ Project Results Platform when submitting your final report.

We appreciate you efforts to secure additional funding for the programme. Also, the fact that you have a high number of self-funded students is important for the course sustainability.

We consider that your link with 27 industrial partners from a variety of sectors, which may provide internships, could be a connexion point between the students and the labour market.

We note that the consortium has prepared an employability survey addressed to GEMMA graduates. We would appreciate to be informed of the main conclusions.

5. Assessment Scoring

In accordance with the Grant Agreement, and in particular Annex IX, your report has been assessed on a scale from 0 to 100. Your mark has been set at 89/100. The purpose of the present rating is to provide intermediate feedback to the EMJMD consortium about its performance to date.

Projects scoring higher than 75 after assessment of the final report can be flagged as good practice in the Erasmus+ Project Results Platform. Projects scoring between 0 and 50 will be subject to a reduction of the lump sum contribution to the consortium management costs in accordance with the Grant Agreement, Articles I.9.3 and II.25.4

6. Erasmus+ Project Results Platform

As your project is now online on the <u>Erasmus+ Project Results Platform</u> to ensure transparency and visibility of EU funding, we invite you to update your project data and to upload your project results. Please note that these results will become publicly available only after the validation of your final report by the Agency.

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For any questions please do not hesitate to contact inmaculada.rodriguez@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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