

EUROPEAN MICROFINANCE PROGRAMME (EMP)

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Ladies and gentlemen,

The European Microfinance Programme (EMP) was launched in 2005 and is jointly organized by **four European universities** (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Université de Mons, Université de Paris-Dauphine, and Wageningen Universiteit) and the **five non-governmental organizations** ADA, BRS, CERISE, PlaNet Finance Belgium and SOS Faim. Since 2007, students graduating from the EMP obtain a **full Master degree**.

Introductory overview on Microfinance

The EMP is aimed at students who want to obtain an **introductory overview** on microfinance and get expertise through an **internship in a developing country**. EMP courses include the topics *general management and governance of microfinance institutions, development issues and their link to microfinance, tools for financial analysis, contracting and microfinance products, macroeconomics and regulation of microfinance, rural and urban microfinance issues*. Courses are held in **English**, taking place in the evening during the week and on Saturday mornings.

Admission Requirements

The admission to the EMP requires a **Masters degree of 5 years of 300 ECTS** or equivalent, obtained at a recognized academic institution. Former professional experience is also highly valued. The EMP welcomes graduate students specialized in the fields of development cooperation, economics, agronomy, management or finance (exceptionally, other qualifications may be accepted)..

International career prospects

With more than **60% of students coming from the South, 27 nationalities** in 2009 and experts from all parts of the world, the EMP is a particularly international Masters programme, which allows to create and keep new (professional) networks. Career prospects for EMP graduates: to work in NGOs involved in Microfinance, International Aid Organisations, MFI Rating Agencies, Investment Funds and Research.

Scholarships of the Commission Universitaire pour le Développement (CUD)

Every year, 12 scholarships are granted from the Belgian CUD, exclusively to **students from developing countries**. For further information please see www.cud.be or contact the EMP-CUD Coordinator Mr. Lejeune (tlejeune@ulb.ac.be).

Application for the EMP 2010-11

The EMP Application Form 2010-11 and further information is available on the EMP website www.europeanmicrofinanceprogram.org. The first application deadline is **18 January 2010**. As all available places could be filled after the first and second application deadline, the **EMP Jury strongly recommends applying for the first deadline**.

For any further questions please feel free to contact the EMP Coordination Team on emp@ulb.ac.be.

For the EMP Team,

Prof. Marek Hudon, Scientific Coordinator

