



**EURASTiP – Promoting Multi-Stakeholder Contributions to
International Cooperation on Sustainable Solutions for
Aquaculture Development in South-East Asia**

RESEARCH CAPACITY BUILDING EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

GUIDELINES call 3

Introduction

Promoting Multi-Stakeholder Contributions to International Cooperation on Sustainable Solutions for Aquaculture Development in south-east Asia — EURASTiP, is a three-year Coordination and Support Action, funded through the EU Horizon 2020 programme, and developed in response to the EU call “reinforcing international cooperation on sustainable aquaculture production with countries from South East Asia” (H2020 SFS-24-2016). EURASTiP will provide a structured basis for multi-stakeholder dialogue in the aquaculture community, within south-east Asia and between south-east Asia and Europe. For the purposes of the EURASTiP project, the geographical region “south-east Asia” extends to include Bangladesh.

To maximise collaboration and strategic partnerships, EURASTiP will implement **Exchange Programmes** between Europe and south-east Asia in the field of sustainable aquaculture for three different types of stakeholders: **educators, researchers** and **industry stakeholders**. The overall aim of each of the three Exchange Programmes is to develop strategic partnerships, increase collaboration and learn from each other.

The **research capacity building exchanges** focus on sharing knowledge and research experience between European & south-east Asia. Not only research institutes and universities are welcome to apply, also the aquaculture industry is encouraged to take part in these research capacity exchanges as leading applicant and/or as a host.

EURASTiP engages in an equal opportunities and diversity policy and encourages everyone to apply regardless of race, age and gender.

What?

A researcher or industry representative from Europe works for a minimum of 10 working days on a research topic in a research institute (or in a company with a research department) in south-east Asia.

AND/OR

A researcher or industry representative from south-east Asia works for a minimum of 10 working days on a research topic in a research institute (or in a company with a research department) in Europe.



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The exchanges can be two-way or one-way, however the total amount of exchanges funded by the project will be equally divided between Europe and south-east Asia.

Why?

To develop strategic partnerships, increase collaboration and learn from each other by sharing of knowledge and research experience between European & south-east Asian research organisations.

Who?

The EURASTiP exchanges focus on the working-class, as a consequence, students are not eligible to apply. However, PhD students are eligible.

Both academic researchers (associated with public or private research institutes or universities) as well as industry representatives with a research task are encouraged to take part.

Note: your application is evaluated based on the country you are currently working in and not on your nationality. For example: if you were born in India but you are currently working in Bangladesh, you can apply. However, if you are born in Bangladesh and you are currently working in India, you are not eligible for selection. You can consult the list of eligible countries on the [EURASTiP website](#).

How long for?

The duration of each exchange stay is a minimum of 10 working days. The candidate is encouraged to stay longer if this could benefit the achievement of the exchange goals but EURASTiP is not able to reimburse more than the notified bursary per individual for this exchange programme.

Funding?

The candidate receives a lump sum of €3000 to cover travel and subsistence costs of the planned exchange. EURASTiP is not able to reimburse other expenses, such as personnel costs. Half (€1500) of the bursary will be reimbursed upon receipt of the flight ticket invoice and proof of residence near the host facility. The other half (€1500) will be reimbursed after the acceptance of all documents upon the candidate's return as outlined below.

Selection criteria

South-east Asian candidates:

Only aquaculture researchers from the south-east Asian countries including Bangladesh are eligible to apply (a country list can be found on the EURASTiP website).

Advantage during selection will be given to candidates working in Thailand, Vietnam and Bangladesh (as the pilot countries of the EURASTiP project), in return a commitment is asked



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of their institute or company to apply for membership of the respective National Pilot Platform (<http://eurastip.eu/platforms/asia>) in the future. Advantage during selection will also be given to south-east Asian applicants affiliated with organisations who are a member of ASEAN-FEN. For more information please visit www.aseanfen.com.



ASEAN-FEN ASEAN Fisheries Education Network

European candidates:

Only aquaculture researchers from European countries can apply. You can find a country list on the EURASTiP website. Advantage during selection will be given to applicants affiliated with organisations who are a member of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATiP), including EATiP member organisations and Mirror Platforms (European Aquaculture Clusters). For more information please visit www.EATiP.eu

EATIP Mirror Platforms:



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Candidates for the Research Exchange Programme need to be employed by either:

- Research institutes
- Universities
- Private companies with a research department

Candidates from all levels are welcome to apply:

- From CEO or head of a unit/lab to apprentices

Host:

The host organisation should either be located in Europe (to host south-east Asian candidates) or in one of the south-east Asian countries including Bangladesh (to host European candidates).

The host should be a:

- Research institute
- University
- Private company with a research department

The EURASTiP network can facilitate in matchmaking (upon specific request) during the preparatory phase of the application.

English:

Applicants should have a good standard of English Language. The applicant's English proficiency will be verified by means of a Skype meeting as part of the selection procedure.

The host institute/company should either have an overall sufficient English proficiency or a designated translator available throughout the candidate's stay.



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How to apply?

The lead applicant is considered to be the person who will be participating directly in the exchange and visiting the host. The lead applicant is responsible for all communications directly related to the exchange. The lead applicants should ensure that the application documents are completed fully with a good standard of English Language.

The leading applicant will need complete all necessary fields on the application website and upload the following documents:

- A signed agreement: Applications require a joint bid from one European and one south-east Asian organization. This means that at the time of submitting an application, the lead applicant needs a signed agreement of both the host (= the organisation where the candidate will work during the exchange) as the sending institute (= organisation where the leading applicant is employed) in which they both agree on the exchange plan (foreseen activities). You can download the form at www.EURASTiP.EU/exchanges.
- A letter from host organisation detailing their objectives, reasons and expected outcomes for host organisation
- A detailed CV of the leading applicant, including organisation details of the sending institute
- A signed data processing consent form
- Optional: a proof of membership to Asean-Fen (www.aseanfen.com), MiP or EATiP (www.EATiP.eu) of the organisation you are working at. An email confirming membership is sufficient.
- Optional: a signed mutual confidential disclosure agreement. A model agreement can be downloaded at www.EURASTiP.EU/exchanges

After completion the leading applicant can submit the application. Please note that only applications sent via the online submission portal will be accepted (so please do not send applications to the contact email).



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