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**Subject: Acceptance of the Final Report
HERMES - Humanities Education Revitalized via Mundus ExperienceS
(EU - ENPI East)
Agreement N° 2013-2596
Project N° 545865
(please quote in all correspondence)**

Dear Prof. Meletios-Athanasios DIMOPOULOS,

I am pleased to inform you that your final report received on 28/09/2017 has been accepted.

Following the assessment of the final report, the final balance is € 0. You will find in the Annex II to this letter, the details on the calculation of the final amount of the grant. In addition, Annex I will provide you with feedback on the technical aspects of your report.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, in addition to the means of redress referred to in the agreement; the following means are available for challenging this decision.

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of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) within two years of becoming aware of the facts on which the complaint is based (see <http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu>).

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For any questions please do not hesitate to contact jekaterina.bouttier@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,



Klaus HAUPT
Head of Unit

Annex I Technical assessment
Annex II Financial assessment and financial balance at the end of the project

cc: (by email) Project Coordinator **Professor Amalia Moser**

Annex I - Technical Assessment

Following the assessment of the final report, please find below some remarks and recommendations:

We congratulate HERMES partnership with a successful conclusion of your Erasmus Mundus Action 2 project and with having implemented a total number of 163 mobility flows. Although, the consortium's has had difficulties in respecting the required range of distribution for different types of mobility, the report provides justified reasons with regard to this incompliance and therefore the Agency has exceptionally accepted it.

It is worth mentioning that HERMES has been the first EM project coordinated by the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens and we would like to acknowledge all the good, responsible and professional work done by this coordinating institution to ensure the project's implementation. What is more, the key to the project's success was an excellent collaboration strategy chosen by the coordinator, namely, including all the partner HEIs in the decision-making process and evaluations procedures. This is considered as the best practice and has resulted in a very untied and supportive partnership, offering their help and solutions not only on a daily basis but also during critical times like the challenging situation with the capital control measures in Greece in 2015.

The project has generated many good practices, at individual, institution and regional levels.

The study **recognition** arrangements have been respected by all the partners. The ensured follow-up on the recognition process is acknowledged as good practice.

We would like to underline that the partnership's **quality assurance** measures were sound, coherent and aiming at transparency. The partner HEIs performed a very good follow-up on the scholarship holders being extremely attentive to the students' different needs.

Further, it should be noted that the requirements for cross-cutting issues linked to equal opportunities, gender balance and social equity were considered in the selection of candidates. Nevertheless, there were many more women grantees since, as stated in the report, the theme of the project is Humanities and these fields still gather more female applicants than male ones. The partnership also paid a particular attention to TG3 candidates; however, it was spotted that the partners were making confusion between the definitions of TG3 and that of the disadvantaged group.

Additionally, the prevention measures taken against **brain-drain** have proved very efficient and no issues have been reported in this respect.

Finally, we congratulate the HERMES partners with all the efforts made for the **sustainability** of your project. The consortium has managed to successfully foster the development of third-country partner HEIs, enhance the overall capacity to manage international mobility in the partner universities, build international partnership networks, and generate new cooperation initiatives among all partners.

Annex II - Financial Assessment and Financial Balance at the End of the Project

Financial Assessment

Project : 2013-2596

ANNEX 1

NATIONAL AND KAPODISTRIAN UNIVERSITY OF ATHENS

Financial balance at the end of the project (EUR)

Costs of the Action	Maximum amount of the grant	Final amount of the grant as declared by the beneficiary in the Final Report (Declaration of expenditure)	Ineligible costs	Total eligible costs at the end of the project
Organisation of the mobility	160.000	160.000		160.000
Subsistence allowances	1.534.500	1.618.500	5.400	1.613.100
Travel Costs	176.500	185.250	750	184.500
Tuition fees	335.000	345.000		345.000
Insurance	93.375	105.900	225	105.675
Total	2.299.375	2.414.650	6.375	2.408.275

A. Total amount of pre-financing payments received	2.299.375
B. Total eligible costs at the end of the project	2.408.275
C Maximum amount of the grant (article I.3 of the Grant Agreement)	2.299.375
Difference = pre-financing less maximum amount of the grant (A-C)	0
D. Interests yielded by the pre-financing payments	0,00
Amount to be paid (A-C+D)	0,00

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Details regarding the ineligible costs:

Taras ZABOLOTSKY's Post-doc mobility, 2nd Cohort, TG2 was 3-month mobility. Since 6-month duration is the minimum mobility period for this category, therefore the amount of 6.375 EUR (750 EUR under travel cost, 5.400 EUR under subsistence allowance and 225 EUR under insurance cost) is considered ineligible.

However, as the amount spent by the partnership exceeds the amount of the total grant received, the final balance remains 0 EUR.