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•Erasmus Mundus Call for Proposals, Information Day 2010

Erasmus Mundus Information Day is on 22 January 2010. While the Info Day will take place in Brussels, we aim to extend its reach worldwide: it will be broadcast live via web streaming, and recordings will be available on line shortly after the event. For more information: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/events/infoday_2010_en.php.