
Jean Monnet Networks (policy debate with the academic world)

What is a Jean Monnet Network?

Jean Monnet Networks foster the creation and development of consortia of international players (HEIs, Research Centres, Associations, etc.) in the area of European Union studies.

They contribute to gathering information, exchanging practices, building knowledge and promoting the European integration process across the world. This Action can also support the enhancement of existing networks supporting specific activities, notably fostering the participation of young researchers in EU-related themes.

These projects will be based on proposals, focused on activities that cannot be achieved successfully at a national level and require the involvement of a minimum of three partner organisations (including the applicant institution) from three different countries. Their aim is to undertake projects that have a multinational rather than a national dimension.

Which Activities are supported under this Action?

Over the lifetime of a project, networks may typically realise a broad range of activities, such as for example:

- gathering information and promoting results of methodologies applied by high-level research and teaching on EU topics;
- enhancing cooperation between different higher education institutions and other relevant bodies throughout Europe and around the world;
- exchanging knowledge and expertise with a view to mutually enhancing good practices;
- fostering cooperation and creating a high knowledge exchange platform with public actors and the European Commission services on highly relevant EU subjects.

What is the role of organisations participating in a Jean Monnet Networks?

Jean Monnet Networks should become reference points in the European Union subject areas they cover. They will take the role of multipliers and disseminate knowledge; they will also contribute to collect and capitalize information as well as provide analysis and visions on specific subjects.

Higher education institutions coordinating Jean Monnet Networks have the final responsibility for their proposals. They are obliged to implement the activities described in their work programme during the entire duration of the grant.

What are the criteria used to assess a Jean Monnet Support to Networks?

Here below are listed the formal criteria that a Jean Monnet Network must respect in order to be eligible for an Erasmus+ grant:

Eligibility Criteria

A higher education institution (HEI) or any other organisation established in any country of the world. HEIs located in Erasmus+ Programme Countries must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs in Partner Countries.

Who can apply? The applicant must be the coordinator of the network that comprises a minimum of three participating organisations from three different countries. The designated European institutions (identified in the Regulation establishing the Erasmus+ Programme) pursuing an aim of European interest are not eligible to apply under this Action.

Duration of project Three years.

Where to apply? To the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency, located in Brussels.

When to apply? Applicants have to submit their grant application by **22 February at 12:00 (midday Brussels time)** For projects starting on 1 September of the same year.

How to apply? Please see Part C of this Guide for details on how to apply.

Applicant organisations will also be assessed against **exclusion and selection criteria**. For more information please consult Part C of this Guide.

Award criteria

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Relevance of the project (Maximum 25 points)**
- The relevance of the proposal to:
 - the objectives and priorities of the Action (see sections "What are the aims of Jean Monnet" and "What is a Jean Monnet Network").
 - The extent to which the proposal:
 - is suitable for fostering the development of new teaching, research or debating activities;
 - demonstrates evidence of academic added value;
 - promotes and gives greater visibility to this European studies/issues both within the institution participating in the Jean Monnet Action and outside.
 - The relevance of the proposal to priority target groups of the Action:
 - institutions or academics not yet in receipt of Jean Monnet funding.

Quality of the project design and implementation
(Maximum 25 points)

- The clarity, completeness and quality of the work programme, including appropriate phases for preparation, implementation, evaluation, follow-up and dissemination;
- The consistency between project objectives, activities and budget proposed;
- The quality and feasibility of the methodology proposed;
- The design and management of Network activities including communication channels between the members.

Quality of the project team
(Maximum 25 points)

- The pertinence of the profile and expertise of key staff involved - both in the academic and the non-academic domains - with the activities proposed in the project;
- The composition of the Network in terms of geographical coverage and complementarity of competencies.
- The quality of measures for evaluating the outcomes of the teaching activities;
- The potential impact and multiplier effect of the project:
 - on the institution hosting the Jean Monnet Action and on the member institutions of the Network;
 - on the students and learners benefiting from the Jean Monnet Action;
 - on other organisations and individuals involved at local, regional, national, transnational and/or European levels.
- The appropriateness and quality of measures aimed at disseminating the outcomes of the activities within and outside the institution hosting the Jean Monnet Action;
- If relevant, the extent to which the proposal describes how the materials, documents and media produced will be made freely available and promoted through open licences, and does not contain disproportionate limitations.

Impact and dissemination
(Maximum 25 points)

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least 60 points. Furthermore, they must score at least 13 points in each of the categories of award criteria mentioned above.

What else should you know about a Jean Monnet Support to Networks?

Dissemination and Impact

Networks selected under this Action are required to disseminate and exploit the results of their activities beyond the participants directly involved. This will considerably increase the impact and contribute to a systemic change.

To increase their impact they should include in their dissemination activities the creation of tools and events adapted to their objectives.

All Jean Monnet Networks will be asked to update their respective section of the Erasmus+ specific online tool where all the information about the Jean Monnet Activities will be hosted. They will be strongly encouraged to use the relevant existing platforms and tools (i.e. the Jean Monnet directory, the Jean Monnet virtual community).

These functions, as part of the general IT tool for Erasmus+ ensures that the wider public is informed about the Jean Monnet Network activities. Grant holders will be asked to regularly update the tool with the results of their work.

What are the funding rules?

If the project is selected, the following funding rules will apply to the grant:

| | Eligible costs | Financing mechanism | Amount | Rule of allocation |
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| Activity costs | Eligible direct costs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff costs • Travel and subsistence costs • Subcontracting costs (maximum 30% of eligible direct costs) • Equipment costs (maximum 10% of eligible direct costs) • Teaching costs • Other costs (including costs for any compulsory financial audit/audit certificate) | Real costs | Maximum € 300 000 | Conditional: objectives and work programme must be clearly outlined in the application form |
| | Eligible indirect costs A flat-rate amount not exceeding 7% of the eligible direct costs of the project is eligible under indirect costs, representing the beneficiary's general administrative costs which are not already covered by the eligible direct costs (e.g. electricity or Internet bills, cost for premises, etc.) but which can be regarded as chargeable to the project. | | 80% of the total eligible costs (unless a lower % of grant is requested by the applicant). | |

