



# Erasmus+ for higher education in South Africa

## What is Erasmus+ ?

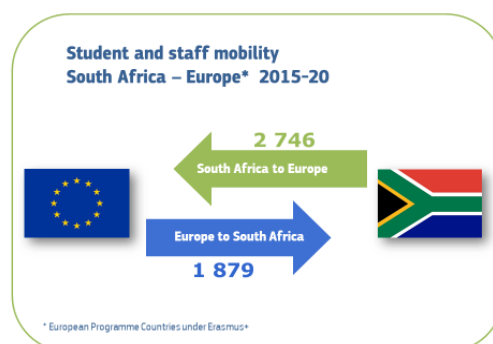
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2020, 34 Programme Countries comprise the 27 EU Member States plus seven other European countries\*. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. These factsheets look at the extent of an individual country's involvement in this international dimension of Erasmus+ since the programme started in 2014.

## International credit mobility (ICM)

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for 3-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. Starting in 2018, traineeships are also possible. There are also grants for staff mobility of 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Programme-Country institutions make up bilateral partnerships with universities from Asian countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving South Africa	969	221	195	153	142	123	135
Projects selected involving South Africa	699	210	182	86	78	79	64
Students and staff moving to Europe	2 746	1 017	711	247	272	285	214
Students and staff moving to South Africa	1 879	675	573	178	174	165	114



## Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

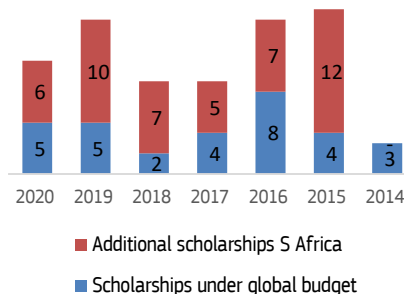
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain a joint, double degree, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory) as Full Partners, which means they officially award degrees, or as Associated Partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of capacity, but do not award the actual joint degree.

South Africa in EMJMD projects	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	250	46	51	44	39	27	32	11
Total proposals received	713	100	107	112	122	92	119	61
Proposals received involving South Africa	66	8	13	11	14	8	6	6
EMJMDs selected involving South Africa	37	7	10	3	5	6	5	1
Full partners from South Africa	8	0	3	1	0	2	2	0
Associates from South Africa	27	6	5	2	4	6	2	2

Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. Additional scholarships are also available for students from regions comprising emerging or developing economies. Students apply directly to the programme coordinator and can find the programmes on the EMJMD catalogue (see links).

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Scholarship-winners from South Africa</b>	<b>78</b>	11	15	9	9	15	16	3
<i>from global budget</i>	<b>31</b>	5	5	2	4	8	4	3
<i>From additional regional budget</i>	<b>47</b>	6	10	7	5	7	12	0
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	<b>11 816</b>	2 427	2 130	1 669	1 556	1 347	1 308	1 379
EM programmes offering scholarships		130	103	86	100	87	120	149

EMJMD scholarships South Africa  
impact of additional funding



### Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which last from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 3% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for South Africa.

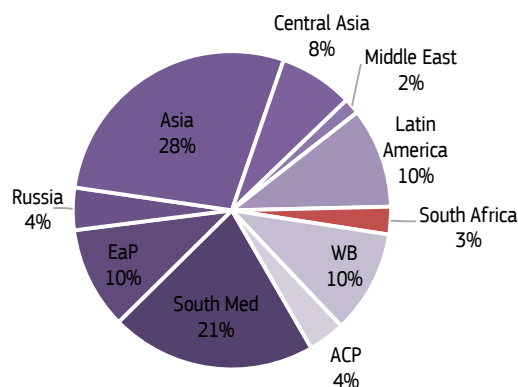
### SouthAfrica in CBHE projects

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received in call overall	<b>4 830</b>	1 019	840	887	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	<b>908</b>	164	163	147	149	147	138
Proposals received involving SouthAfrica	<b>82</b>	22	18	11	12	14	5
Projects selected involving SouthAfrica	<b>29</b>	6	5	5	4	5	4
Projects coordinated by SouthAfrica	<b>4</b>	2	1	0	0	1	0
Instances of participation from SouthAfrica	<b>124</b>	24	19	18	23	22	18

in selected projects

Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.

Capacity building Regional budget  
2015-2020



### Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet (JM) activities aim to develop EU studies worldwide. For over 25 years they have been supporting Modules, Chairs, and Centres of Excellence to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process at higher education level. The programme also supports policy debate with the academic world through networks and a number of associations in the domain of EU studies.

### SouthAfrica in Jean Monnet

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	<b>7 600</b>	1447	1315	1255	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	<b>1 862</b>	362	285	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from SouthAfrica	<b>11</b>	1	0	0	6	2	1	1
Selected projects from SouthAfrica	<b>7</b>	1	0	0	4	1	0	1
Networks involving partners from SouthAfrica	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

### More information:

**Erasmus+ website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en)

**Erasmus+ projects & results:** <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

**Erasmus+ funding opportunities:** [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

**Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue:** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en)

\* In 2020 these seven countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom.