



Erasmus+ for higher education in Costa Rica

What is Erasmus+ ?

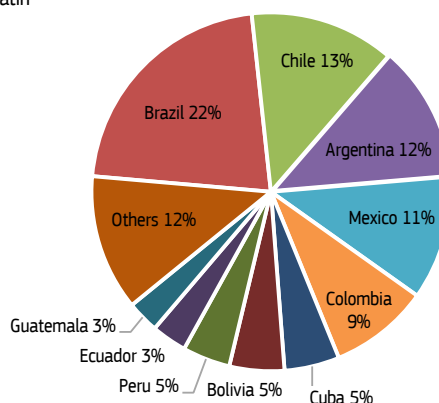
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2019, 34 Programme Countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus six 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 Latin American countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

ICM Regional Budget Latin America 2015-2019



	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Costa Rica	128	33	34	16	19	26
Projects selected involving Costa Rica	62	31	9	7	7	8
Students and staff moving to Europe	99	32	24	12	12	19
Students and staff moving to Costa Rica	65	27	14	8	9	7
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	1,8	2,2	2,1	1,1	1,3	2,0

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

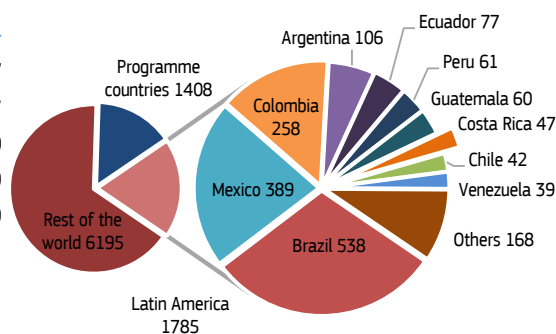
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain 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.

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	204	51	44	39	27	32	11
Total proposals received	613	107	112	122	92	119	61
Proposals received involving Costa Rica	5	1	0	2	1	1	0
EMJMDs selected involving Costa Rica	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Full partners from Costa Rica in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Costa Rica in EMJMDs	2	1	0	1	0	0	0

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).

EMJMD Scholarships 2014-2019

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Scholarship-winners from Costa Rica	47	11	9	7	6	7	7
from global budget	33	7	8	4	5	2	7
From additional regional budget	14	4	1	3	1	5	0
Scholarships worldwide	9 389	2 130	1 669	1 556	1 347	1 308	1 379
EM programmes offering scholarships		103	86	100	87	120	149



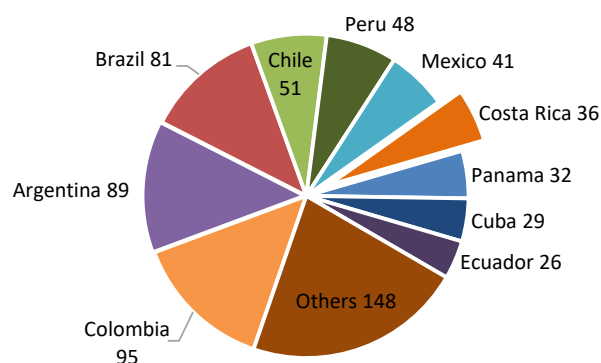
Capacity-building for Higher Education

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 14% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for Latin American countries.

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Costa Rica in CBHE projects						
Proposals received in call overall	3 811	840	887	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	744	163	147	149	147	138
Proposals received involving Costa Rica	65	14	16	12	13	10
Projects selected involving Costa Rica	14	3	4	1	5	1
Projects coordinated by Costa Rica	1	0	1	0	0	0
Instances of participation from Costa Rica in selected projects	36	7	8	4	10	7

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.

Participation in CBHE Projects Latin America 2015-2019



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.

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Costa Rica in Jean Monnet							
Proposals received in call overall	6 153	1 315	1 255	1 177	1 034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1 500	285	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Costa Rica	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Selected projects from Costa Rica	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Networks involving partners from Costa Rica	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

More information:

Erasmus+ website: 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

Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

* In 2019 these six countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.