

Erasmus+ for higher education in Costa Rica

What is Erasmus+ ?

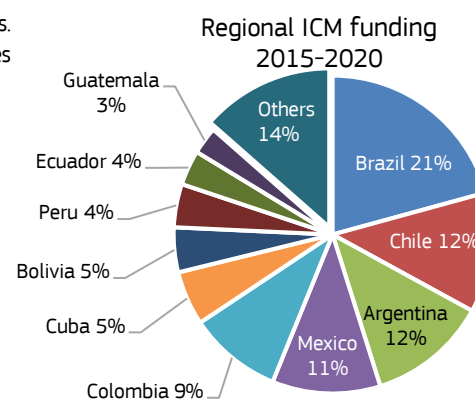
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2020, 34 Programme Countries comprise 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. These opportunities are set to continue in the new Erasmus+ programme 2021-27.

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. Since 2018, traineeships have also been 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.

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Costa Rica	176	48	33	34	16	19	26
Projects selected involving Costa Rica	107	45	31	9	7	7	8
Students and staff moving to Europe	159	60	32	24	12	12	19
Students and staff moving to Costa Rica	126	61	27	14	8	9	7
Percentage of regional mobility	3	6	2	2	1	1	2

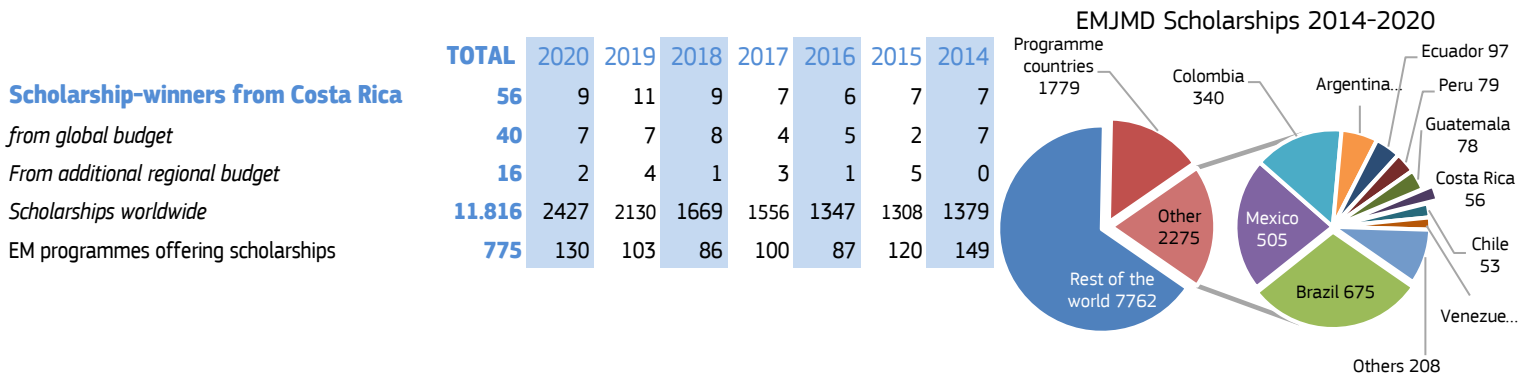


Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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). They may take part 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.

Costa Rica 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 Costa Rica	8	3	1	0	2	1	1	0
EMJMDs selected involving Costa Rica	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Full partners from Costa Rica in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Costa Rica in EMJMDs	3	1	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).

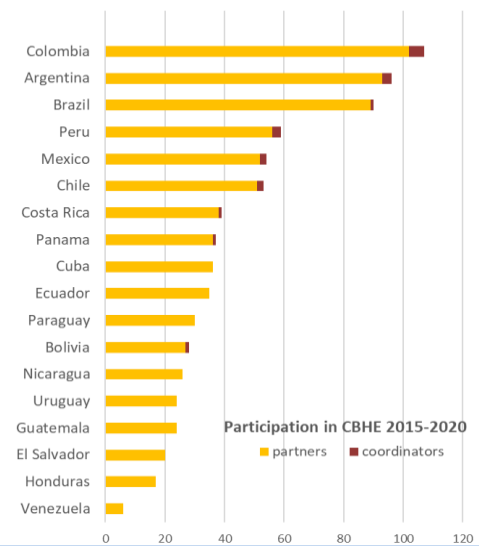


Capacity-building for Higher Education

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.

Costa Rica in CBHE projects	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received in call overall	4.830	1019	840	887	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	908	164	163	147	149	147	138
Proposals received involving Costa Rica	80	15	14	16	12	13	10
Projects selected involving Costa Rica	15	1	3	4	1	5	1
Projects coordinated by Costa Rica	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Instances of participation from Costa Rica in selected projects	39	3	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.



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.

Costa Rica in Jean Monnet	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	7.600	1.447	1.315	1.255	1.177	1.034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1.862	362	285	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Costa Rica	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Selected projects from Costa Rica	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Networks involving partners from Costa Rica	1	0	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 2020 these seven countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom.