

Erasmus+ for higher education in Cuba

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.

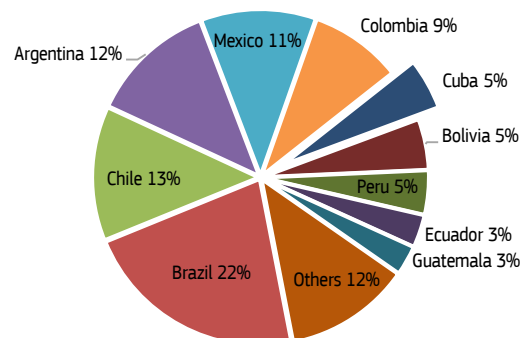
International credit mobility (ICM)

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.

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Cuba	300	81	72	58	46	43
Projects selected involving Cuba	131	72	19	17	14	9
Students and staff moving to Europe	283	89	50	56	44	44
Students and staff moving to Cuba	191	72	42	36	27	14
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	5,4	6,2	4,7	5,6	5,0	4,7

ICM Regional Budget
Latin America 2015-2019



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.

Cuba in EMJMD projects	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 Cuba	12	2	2	3	2	2	1
EMJMDs selected involving Cuba	7	2	1	3	0	1	0
Full partners from Cuba in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Cuba in EMJMDs	9	3	1	4	0	1	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

Scholarship-winners from Cuba

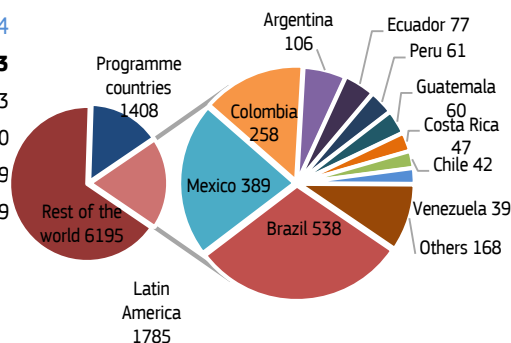
from global budget

From additional regional budget

Scholarships worldwide

EM programmes offering scholarships

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
28	7	5	6	3	4	3
17	4	3	3	1	3	3
11	3	2	3	2	1	0
9 389	2 130	1 669	1 556	1 347	1 308	1 379
	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.

Cuba in CBHE projects

Proposals received in call overall

Projects selected in call overall

Proposals received involving Cuba

Projects selected involving Cuba

Projects coordinated by Cuba

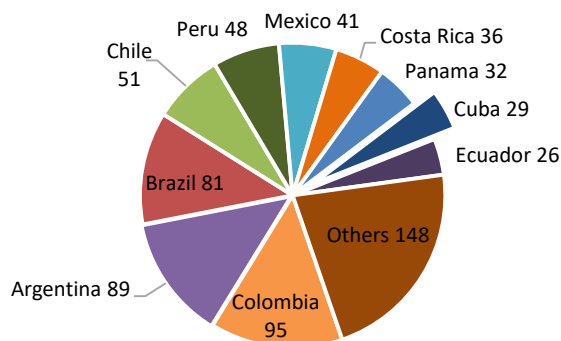
Instances of participation from Cuba

in selected projects

Capacity building projects for Latin America need a regional dimension, and require partners from more than one Latin American country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
3 811	840	887	833	736	515
744	163	147	149	147	138
44	6	9	7	13	9
8	1	1	2	3	1
0	0	0	0	0	0
29	5	5	7	10	2

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.

Cuba in Jean Monnet

Proposals received in call overall

Projects selected in call

Applications from Cuba

Selected projects from Cuba

Networks involving partners from Cuba

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
6 153	1 315	1 255	1 177	1 034	879	493
1 500	285	235	238	270	260	212
2	1	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	0	0	0	0

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.