



Erasmus+ for higher education in Iran

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.

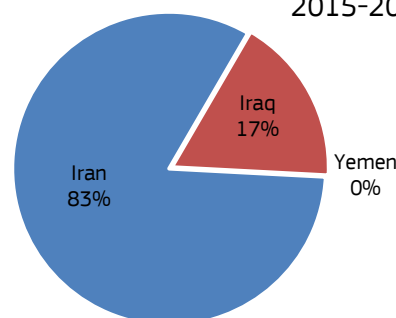
International credit mobility (ICM)

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. Since 2017, Programme-Country institutions have been able to form bilateral partnerships with universities from Iran, Iraq and Yemen and apply on behalf of their partners.

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Iran	233	88	76	69	na	na
Projects selected involving Iran	191	83	58	50	na	na
Students and staff moving to Europe	1 069	434	328	307	na	na
Students and staff moving to Iran	646	263	185	198	na	na
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	82.5	86.4	76.3	84.8	na	na

Regional ICM funding 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.

Iran 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 Iran	9	3	3	2	1	0	0
EMJMDs selected involving Iran	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
Full partners from Iran in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Iran in EMJMDs	4	3	1	0	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).

Scholarship-winners from Iran

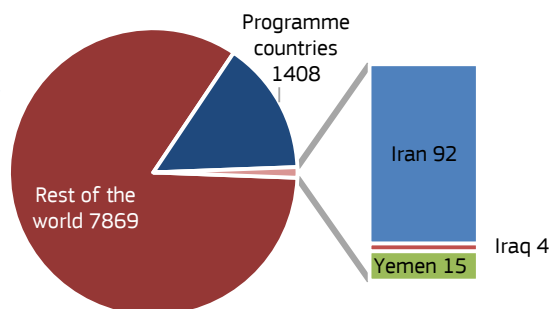
from global budget

From additional regional budget

Scholarships worldwide

EM programmes offering scholarships

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
238	30	21	54	56	60	17
92	27	19	14	7	8	17
146	3	2	40	49	52	0
9 389	2 130	1 669	1 556	1 347	1 308	1 379
	103	86	100	87	120	149



EMJMD Scholarships 2014-2019

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. Part of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for the 'Middle East' region, comprising Iran, Iraq and Yemen.

Iran in CBHE projects

Proposals received in call overall

Projects selected in call overall

Proposals received involving Iran

Projects selected involving Iran

Projects coordinated by Iran

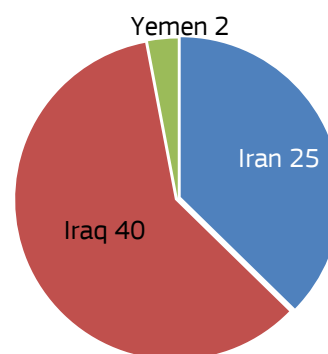
Instances of participation from Iran

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.

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
3 811	840	887	833	736	515
744	163	147	149	147	138
38	11	13	8	4	2
8	1	1	2	2	2
0	-	0	0	0	0
25	3	3	4	7	8

Participation in CBHE Projects: Iran-Iraq-Yemen 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.

Iran in Jean Monnet

Proposals received in call overall

Projects selected in call

Applications from Iran

Selected projects from Iran

Networks involving partners from Iran

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
4 838	1 315	1 255	1 177	1 034	879	493
1 215	285	235	238	270	260	212
13	6	6	7	0	0	0
2	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	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.