

Erasmus+: international higher education and Iceland

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, the 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.

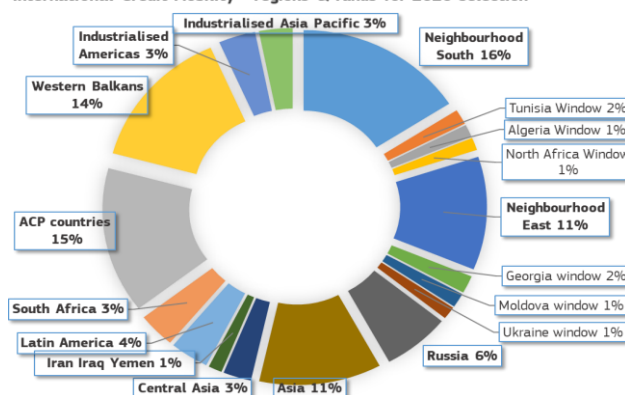
International credit mobility (ICM)

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 may apply to their National Agency to seek Erasmus+ funding for their bilateral partnerships with universities from Partner Countries throughout the world.

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Iceland	27	5	4	6	7	5
Projects selected involving Iceland	24	5	3	5	6	5
Students and staff coming to Iceland	308	73	73	79	40	43
Students and staff leaving Iceland	272	81	61	60	33	37
% funding awarded to Iceland	0,3	0,3	0,27	0,29	0,19	0,2

International Credit Mobility - regions & funds for 2020 selection

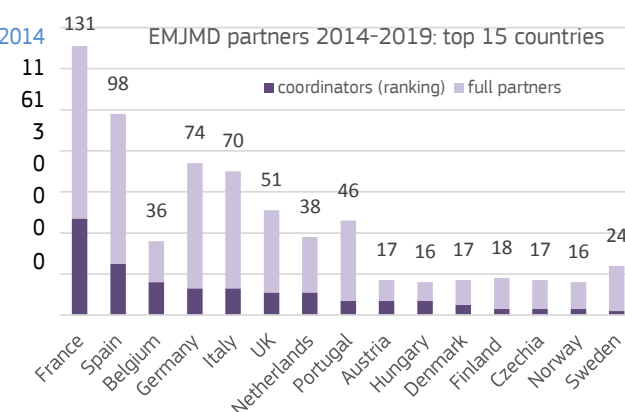


Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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.

Iceland in EMJMD projects

	TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total EMJMDs selected	204	51	44	39	27	32
Total proposals received	613	107	112	122	92	119
Proposals received involving Iceland	10	3	0	1	1	2
EMJMDs selected involving Iceland	3	2	0	1	0	0
EMJMDs selected coordinated by Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Full partners from Iceland in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Iceland in EMJMDs	2	1	0	1	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).

EM Masters scholarships, Iceland

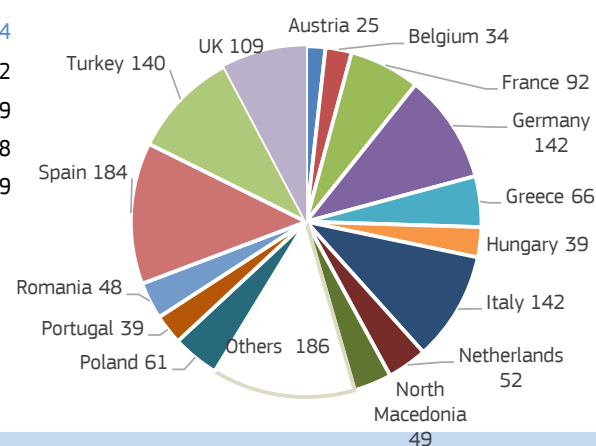
Scholarships worldwide

Scholarships to Programme Countries

EM programmes offering scholarships

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
11	0	0	0	9	0	2
9389	2130	1669	1556	1347	1308	1379
1473	331	272	186	141	125	418
	115	86	100	87	120	149

1408 EM scholarships
Top 15 Programme Countries 2014-2019



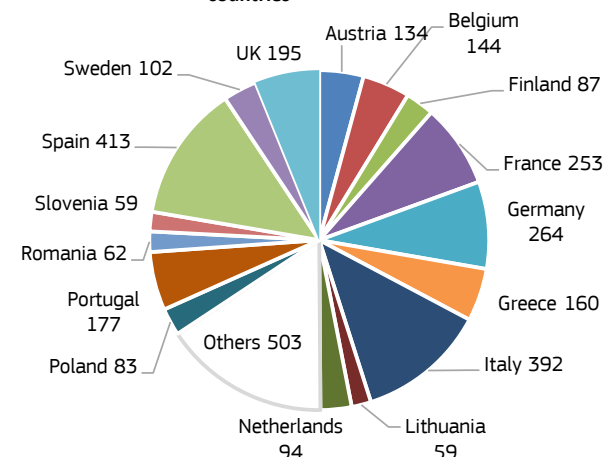
Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which lasts 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.

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	
Proposals received in call overall	3811	840	887	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	744	163	147	149	147	138
Proposals received involving Iceland	20	2	7	4	5	2
Projects selected involving Iceland	3	0	0	0	2	1
Projects coordinated by Iceland	0	0	0	0	0	0
Instances of participation from Iceland in selected projects	3	0	0	0	2	1

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, 2015-2019 - Top 15 Programme countries



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.

Iceland in Jean Monnet

TOTAL	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
Proposals received in call overall	6153	1315	1255	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1500	285	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Iceland	7	1	0	2	2	2	0
Selected projects from Iceland	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
Networks involving partners from Iceland	5	1	0	2	0	2	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

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