

# Erasmus+: international higher education and Italy

## What is Erasmus+ ?

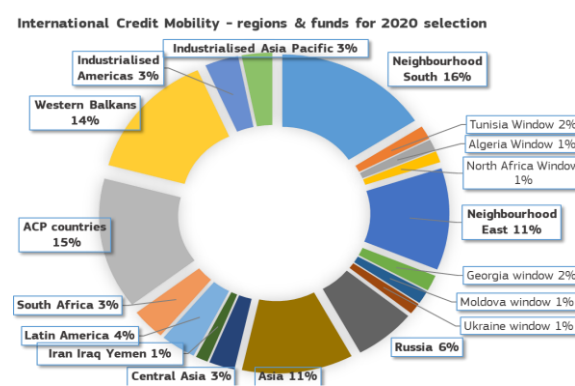
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2020, 34 Programme Countries comprise 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 an option. 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	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Italy	572	104	100	90	95	89	94
Projects selected involving Italy	330	65	58	65	49	52	41
Students and staff coming to Italy	14,245	3,111	2,906	2,405	2,156	1,986	1,681
Students and staff leaving Italy	8,160	1,835	1,772	1,399	1,230	1,116	808
% funding awarded to Italy	10,01	9,365	9,339	9,856	10,27	10,12	10,48

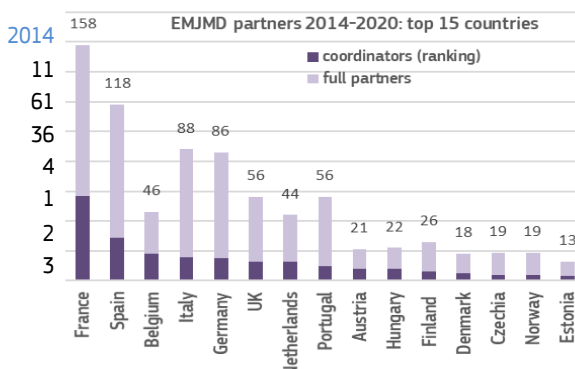


### Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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.

### Italy in EMJMD projects

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total EMJMDs selected	250	46	51	44	39	27	32
Total proposals received	713	100	107	112	122	92	119
Proposals received involving Italy	342	51	60	58	56	42	39
EMJMDs selected involving Italy	127	27	31	21	14	12	18
EMJMDs selected coordinated by Italy	16	3	1	3	2	1	5
Full partners from Italy in EMJMDs	72	15	18	11	7	8	11
Associates from Italy in EMJMDs	197	37	47	47	29	17	17



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, Italy

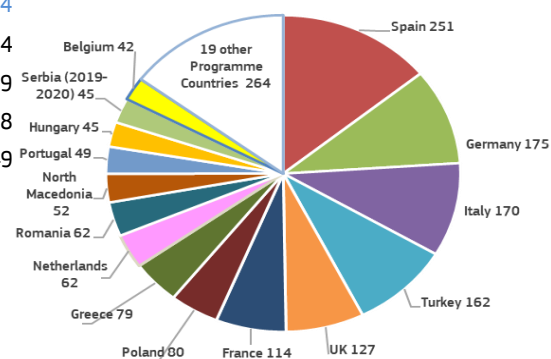
Scholarships worldwide

Scholarships to Programme Countries

EM programmes offering scholarships

TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
170	28	39	22	16	17	14	34
11.816	2427	2130	1669	1556	1347	1308	1379
1.820	347	331	272	186	141	125	418
	130	115	86	100	87	120	149

1779 EM scholarships  
Top 15 Programme Country nationalities  
2014-2020

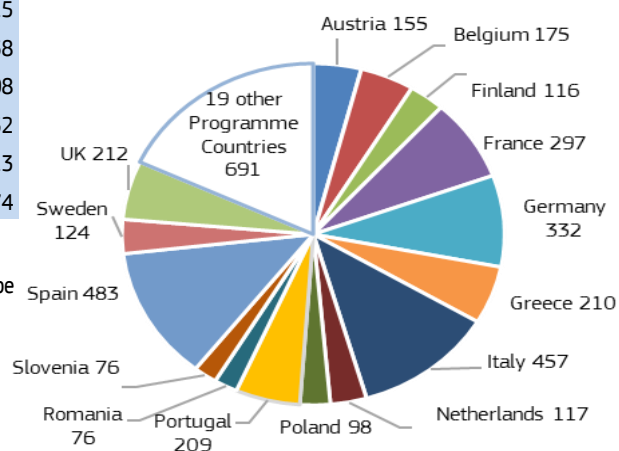


### Capacity-building for Higher Education

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	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 Italy	1.915	393	344	332	344	294	208
Projects selected involving Italy	339	53	71	49	57	57	52
Projects coordinated by Italy	87	14	18	13	15	14	13
Instances of participation from Italy in selected projects	457	65	97	66	79	76	74

Participation in CBHE, 2015-2020 - Top 15  
Programme countries



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.

#### Italy in Jean Monnet

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	7.600	1447	1315	1255	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1.862	362	285	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Italy	868	150	133	125	119	126	120	95
Selected projects from Italy	251	51	43	22	35	29	26	45
Networks involving partners from Italy	23	2	0	8	4	3	3	3

#### More information:

**Erasmus+ website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](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](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

**Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue:** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en)

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\* In 2020 these countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey and the United Kingdom.