

# Erasmus+: international higher education and Latvia

## What is Erasmus+ ?

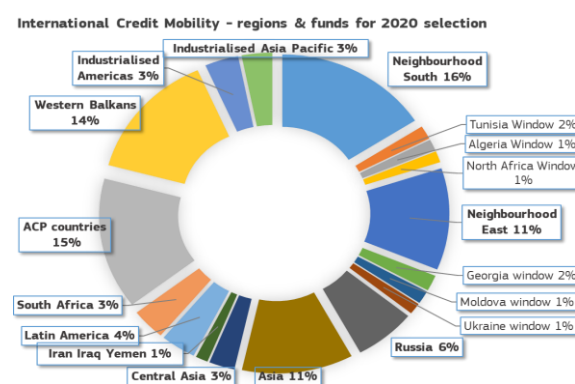
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2020, 34 Programme Countries comprise 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 Latvia	188	30	27	31	31	38	31
Projects selected involving Latvia	118	20	17	20	17	26	18
Students and staff coming to Latvia	1.835	409	364	360	112	282	308
Students and staff leaving Latvia	1.054	280	236	234	28	158	118
% funding awarded to Latvia	0,92	0,969	0,901	1,04	0,373	1,125	1,18

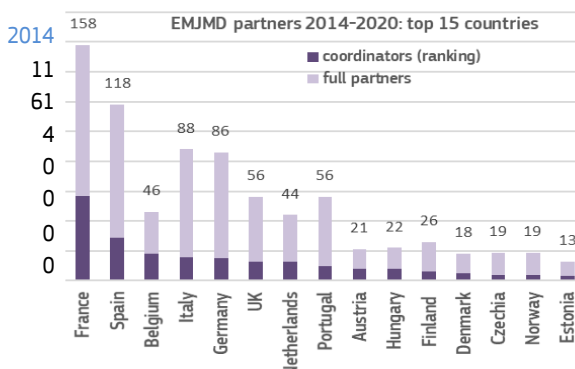


## Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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.

## Latvia 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 Latvia	23	4	3	2	1	5	4
EMJMDs selected involving Latvia	4	2	1	0	0	1	0
EMJMDs selected coordinated by Latvia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Full partners from Latvia in EMJMDs	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Latvia in EMJMDs	3	1	1	0	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).

### EM Masters scholarships, Latvia

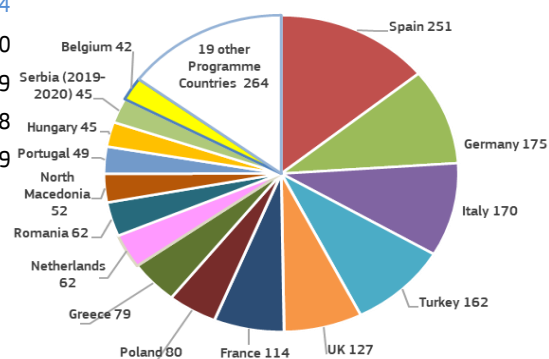
Scholarships worldwide

Scholarships to Programme Countries

EM programmes offering scholarships

TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
14	3	3	3	1	3	1	0
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

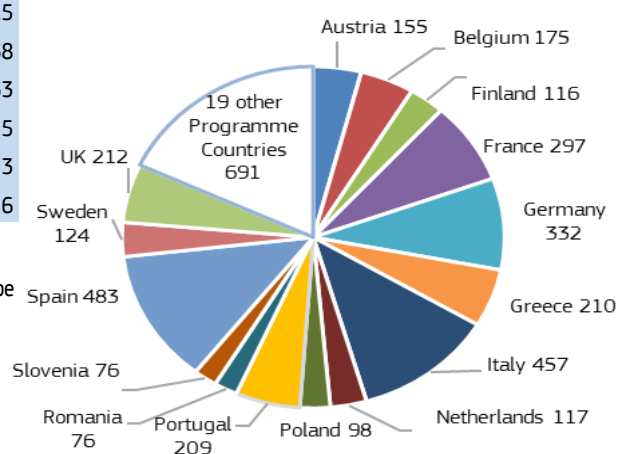


### Capacity-building for Higher Education

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 Latvia	340	75	51	63	67	51	33
Projects selected involving Latvia	45	12	5	6	9	8	5
Projects coordinated by Latvia	13	3	2	2	2	1	3
Instances of participation from Latvia in selected projects	47	12	6	6	9	8	6

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.

#### Latvia 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 Latvia	21	3	2	3	5	4	2	2
Selected projects from Latvia	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Networks involving partners from Latvia	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	1

#### 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.