

Erasmus+: international higher education and North Macedonia

What is Erasmus+ ?

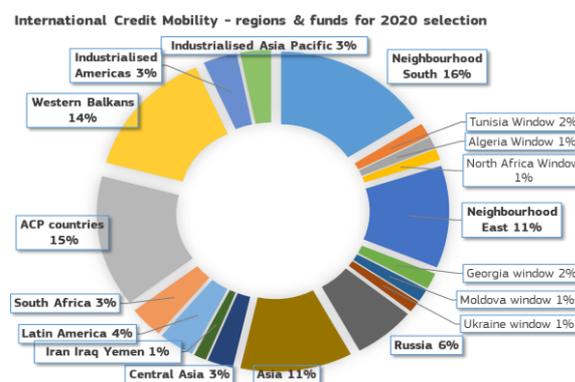
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2020, 34 Programme Countries comprise 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 North Macedonia	52	8	13	8	7	8	8
Projects selected involving North Macedonia	30	4	5	4	3	8	6
Students and staff coming to North Macedonia	34	13	8	4	1	8	0
Students and staff leaving North Macedonia	79	20	12	13	10	11	13
% funding awarded to North Macedonia	0,02	0,032	0,023	0,021	0,018	0,025	0,023

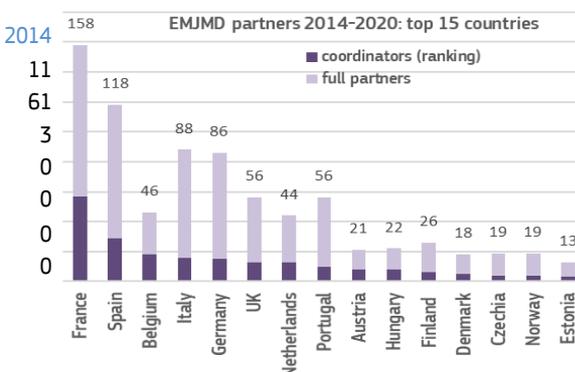


Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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.

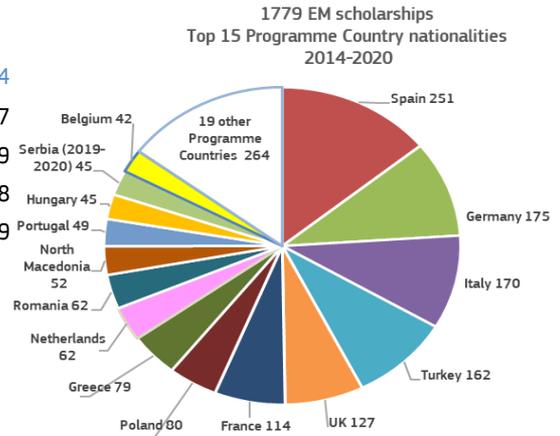
North Macedonia in EMJMD projects

	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 North Macedonia	10	2	1	0	0	1	3
EMJMDs selected involving North Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMJMDs selected coordinated by North Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Full partners from North Macedonia in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from North Macedonia in EMJMDs	0	0	0	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).

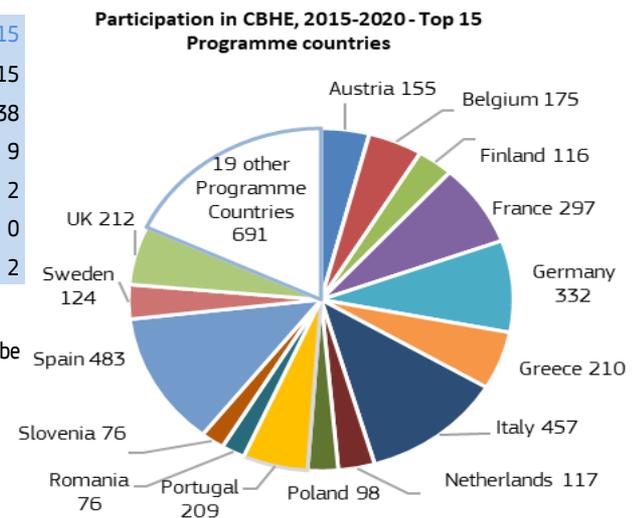
	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
EM Masters scholarships, North Macedo	52	3	4	3	7	3	5	27
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	11.816	2427	2130	1669	1556	1347	1308	1379
<i>Scholarships to Programme Countries</i>	1.820	347	331	272	186	141	125	418
EM programmes offering scholarships		130	115	86	100	87	120	149



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 North Macedonia	76	13	6	25	11	12	9
Projects selected involving North Macedonia	13	2	2	4	0	3	2
Projects coordinated by North Macedonia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Instances of participation from North Macedonia in selected projects	18	3	3	6	0	4	2



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.

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
North Macedonia in Jean Monnet								
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 North Macedonia	18	3	5	3	3	3	1	0
Selected projects from North Macedonia	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Networks involving partners from North Macedon	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	1

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