

Erasmus+ international higher education cooperation: Bulgaria

What is Erasmus+ ?

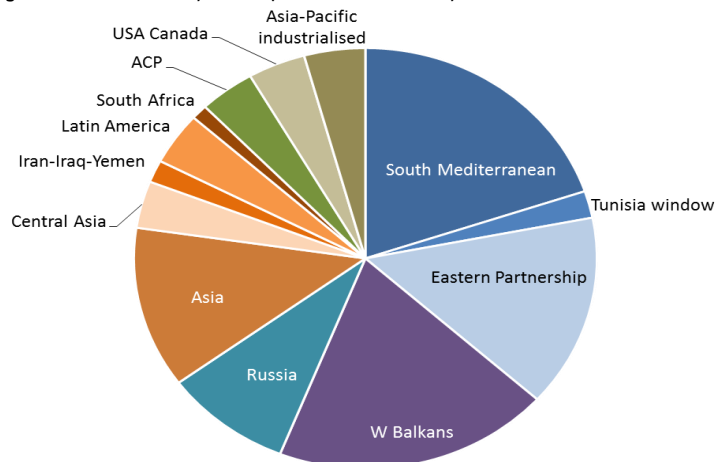
Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects within Europe, but also many projects that bring together partners from European "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. The 33 programme countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus five other European countries. These international Erasmus+ activities are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions.

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. A grant for staff mobility is also possible for 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Institutions from each Programme Country can form bilateral partnerships with universities from each partner region, and apply on behalf of their partners.

	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Bulgaria	31	44	40
Projects selected involving Bulgaria	16	25	16
Students and staff coming to Bulgaria	366	399	290
Students and staff leaving from Bulgaria	231	276	163
% funding awarded to projects from Bulgaria	1,37	1,62	1,3



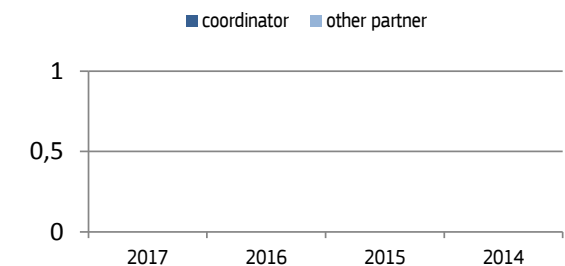
2017 budget for ICM per partner region. EUR 145m, shared among 33 Programme Countries

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. The minimum consortium requires three institutions from different Programme Countries. Larger consortia are possible and can then involve partners from Programme Countries or Partner Countries.

Bulgaria in EMJMD projects

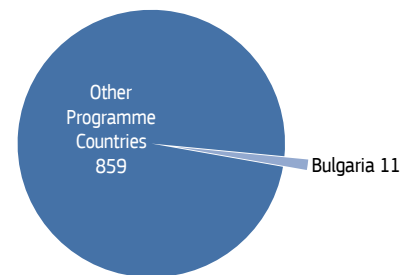
	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	39	27	15	11
Total proposals received	122	92	76	61
Proposals received involving Bulgaria	3	1	1	2
EMJMDs selected involving Bulgaria	1	0	0	0
EMJMDs selected led by Bulgaria	0	0	0	0
Full partners from Bulgaria in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0
Associates from Bulgaria in EMJMDs	1	0	0	0



EMJMD partners from Bulgaria

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). The statistics show scholarships awarded from 2014 onwards under Erasmus+ as well as those awarded under the previous programme. Under the previous programme Erasmus Mundus, fellowships were also awarded for doctoral programmes (last award 2017).

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
EM Masters scholarships Bulgaria	3	1	1	6	19	16	17	18
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	1556	1347	1308	1379	1966	1923	1917	2141
<i>Scholarships to Programme Countries</i>	186	141	125	418	609	598	651	780
EM programmes offering scholarships	100	87	120	149	138	133	125	118
EM Doctoral fellowships (2010-17)								
Fellowships for nationals of Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Fellowships worldwide	55	116	153	250	364	298	216	130
<i>Fellowships to Programme Countries</i>	4	14	26	66	100	92	68	45
Programmes offering fellowships	8	18	29	42	42	34	24	13



2014-17 EM masters scholarships for Bulgaria

Capacity-building for Higher Education

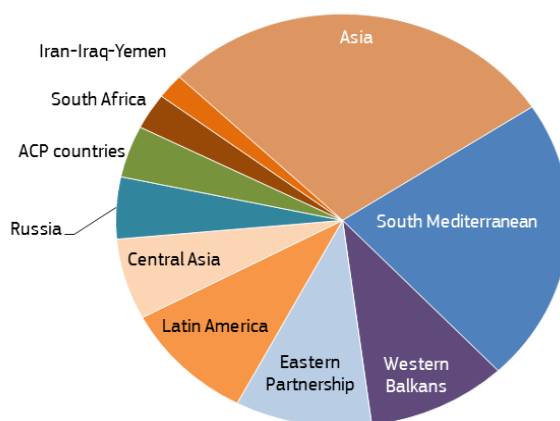
Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which lasts from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities.

Bulgaria in CBHE projects

	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received in call overall	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	149	147	138
Proposals received involving Bulgaria	78	54	36
Projects selected involving Bulgaria	12	9	9
Projects coordinated by Bulgaria	3	3	2
Instances of participation from Bulgaria	15	11	9

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.



CBHE annual budget per region (example of 2017: EUR 138.6 million)

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.

Bulgaria in Jean Monnet

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	238	270	260	212
Applications from Bulgaria	10	4	5	4
Selected projects from Bulgaria	1	1	2	3
Networks involving partners from Bulgaria	2	0	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