Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

European Education and Culture Executive Agency
Join Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027!

- More strategic
- More open
- More generous
- More flexible
- More simple
- More sustainable
30 Years of achievements of Erasmus

Erasmus Programme
More than 4 million European students

Erasmus+ Programme 2014-2020
Open to international dimension through academic exchanges worldwide with more funding

New Programme 2021-2027
Increased International dimension: HE, VET, Youth & Sport

Erasmus Programme
Erasmus+ Programme 2014-2020
New Programme 2021-2027

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Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027

Erasmus Mundus Action

EMJM
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

EMDM
Erasmus Mundus Design Measures

NEW
Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027

New programme 2021-2027

KA1
Learning Mobility for Individuals

KA2
Cooperation for Innovation & Good practices

KA3
Support for Policy reform

EMJMD
Erasmus Mundus Action
Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models

- Cooperation Partnerships
- Small Scale Partnerships
- Innovation Alliances
- Forward looking Projects
- Erasmus Mundus Action
- European Universities
- VET Centres of Excellence

PARTNERSHIPS FOR COOPERATION

PARTNERSHIPS FOR INNOVATION

PARTNERSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE
EMJM new strategic priorities

- Increased focus on institutional cooperation
- More internationalisation opportunities
- Simplification and more flexibility
- Increased impact of the EMJM scheme
- More attractiveness and excellence
- More sustainability
- More inclusiveness
EMJM in brief…

✓ A high-level integrated & transnational study programme at MA level
✓ A Master programme of excellence open to all disciplines
✓ Delivered by an international consortium of HEIs from different countries worldwide & other educational and/or non educational partners
✓ Offering high-level scholarships to excellent students worldwide
EMJM – main objectives

- Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs through academic cooperation within the EHEA and beyond
- Increase quality and attractiveness of the EHEA
- Support EU External Action in higher education
- Increase synergies between HE, innovation and research
- Improve competences, skills, employability of Master graduates
- Respond to societal and labour market needs
International cooperation

Programme Countries

EU Member States
+ Non-EU Programme Countries:
Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey

Partner Countries

All other countries throughout the world
Eramus Mundus Action – New terminology

- **New name**: EMJMD becomes EMJM – Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Erasmus Mundus Action: **2 independent lots**
- **Enrolled students**: both scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders
- **Edition** replaces intake (full master programme cycle of either 120, 90 or 60 ECTS)
- **New financial instrument for external action NDICI** (Neighbourhood, Development and International cooperation Instrument)
- Heading 1 budget ☢️ **Heading 2** (Erasmus+ Programme)
- Heading 4 budget ☢️ **Heading 6** (External Action)
EMJM – main requirements (1)

• a jointly designed fully integrated curriculum and common implementation procedures based on the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA (e.g. joint selection, promotion, common services, joint administrative and financial management, etc.)

• be delivered by a consortium of at least three HEIs from three different countries of which at least two must be Programme Countries

• international outreach to attract and enrol excellent students worldwide (part of which may benefit from an EMJM scholarship)
EMJM – main requirements (2)

- **compulsory physical mobility** for all enrolled students – at least 2 study periods in two countries with a minimum duration of one academic semester each (different from the country of residence of students)
- **contribution of scholars/guest lecturers** to teaching, training and research activities
- delivery of a **joint degree or multiple degrees** (joint degrees are highly recommended where national legislation allows it)

At application stage EMJM proposals must present fully developed joint study programmes, ready to run and to be advertised worldwide after their selection.
EMJM – main requirements (3)

- **Continuity**, no major changes to the overall concept of joint masters
- Emphasis put on **all enrolled students** - with the aim to recruit more non-scholarship holders
- Increased international cooperation - **more opportunities for partner country HEIs**
- **Simplification of rules for scholars** – no official requirements anymore (e.g. minimum number of scholars or scholar weeks)
• **Fixed Grant Agreement of 6 academic years** independently from the length of the master

• **Commitment to enrol a certain number of students** per project

• **At least 4 master editions** lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)

• **Start of the 1st edition** no later than the academic year following the year of project selection

• **At least 2 study periods in 2 countries** (of which at least one in a Programme Country and both different from the country of residence of students)

• **Geographical balance of students**: no more than 10% of total scholarships per project awarded to students of the same nationality (does not apply to additional scholarships for targeted regions)
## EMJM Set-up (2)

### Overview of editions

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<th>2 Year Master course 120 ECTS</th>
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<td>1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; edition</td>
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<td>2027 (end of contract)</td>
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More flexibility for EMJM consortia:

- Formal concept of preparatory year and intake abandoned – now rather preparatory activities/editions
- More continuity and sustainability after the EU funding
- Simplified rule for geographical balance (rule of max. 3 scholarship-holders of the same nationality per intake does not apply any longer)
Taking part as an Organisation

- Open to any public and private organisations in Programme & Partner countries
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI
  - Programme country HEIs: valid ECHE
  - Partner country HEIs: should commit to ECHE principles in the Partnership Agreement
  - Programme and partner country HEIs: completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme

Minimum consortium: 3 HEIs from 3 different countries of which at least 2 must be Programme countries
+ optional
Other full academic or non-academic partners
Associated partners
Opportunities for HEIs

- High visibility in an international programme of excellence
- Structured and sustainable academic cooperation worldwide
- Attractive simplified EU funding scheme
- Selection of the most talented students worldwide
Taking part as an individual

• Open to students worldwide

• Applicants:
  ✓ must hold a first higher education degree or equivalent
  ✓ must not have benefited previously from an EMJM scholarship

• The best ones can benefit from a scholarship depending on the number of scholarships available

• Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium
  Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships
Opportunities for Students

- High degree of expertise with a specialisation component
- A unique mobility experience recognized by joint/multiple degree
- Attractive EU scholarship for the best selected students
- High employability through key competences and soft skills
EMJM FUNDING RULES

1 simplified EU GRANT

2 main targets

3 components = 3 unit cost
## Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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<td><strong>Total / month (120 ECTS)</strong></td>
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<td>50.000 / intake</td>
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<td><strong>Special Needs</strong></td>
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Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme

- **Unit cost** per enrolled student of 750€ /month

  How to calculate: €750 x n° of months x n° of enrolled students (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)

  => max. amount per project: 1.800.000 €

- **Same unit cost for scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders**

- **Same unit cost for programme and partner country students**
EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution
120 ECTS, 60 scholarship holders, 15 non-scholarship holders

EMJMD
- Management lump sum: 220000
- Participation costs: 945000

EMJM
- Participation costs: 1350000
EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM

120 ECTS masters, million €, by scholarship holder / non-scholarship holder (NSH)
**Student scholarship**

**At student level:**
- **Full Scholarship** to cover subsistence, installation and travel + fee waiver
- A **single unit cost per scholarship holder**
  How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months
  (min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)
  => **max. amount per student: 33 600 Euros**

**At project level:**
- How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months x number of students
  (cap of 60 students per EMJM project)
  => **max. amount per project: 2,016,000 Euros per grant**

=> Same unit cost for programme and partner country students
EMJMD vs. EMJM - student scholarship 120 ECTS

**EMJMD scholarship - Programme Country**
- Installation: 2000
- Travel: 4000
- Subsistence: 16000

**EMJMD scholarship - Partner Country (<4000km)**
- Installation: 6000
- Travel: 4000
- Subsistence: 6000

**EMJMD scholarship - Partner Country (>4000km)**
- Installation: 3000
- Travel: 7000
- Subsistence: 2000

**EMJM scholarship**
- Installation: 33600
- Travel: 0
- Subsistence: 0

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Individual needs

At student level:

- Contribution based on individual needs of students:
  - 10 different unit costs varying between € 3,000 – € 60,000
  - => if below € 3000: to be covered by institutional costs

At project level:

- Awarded at contracting stage:
  - 0, 1 or 2 units costs of € 60,000
  - => max. amount per project: € 120,000

  => For all enrolled students (scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders)
Additional funds (partner country students)

- Response to the EU External priorities (H6)
  -> EU financial Instruments IPA III and NDICI for students from partner countries

- Contribution for additional scholarships (including the corresponding institutional costs) for the entire duration of the EMJM programme: 6 for IPA III and 18 for NDICI

=> max. amount provided: 1,238,400 Euros per grant
Grant Composition EMJM
by number of scholarship holders & non-scholarship holders, 120 ECTS masters (million €)
What is NEW?

EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

**Simplification of funding mechanism:**

- Only 3 types of unit costs
- Previous costs for travel and/or installation now fully integrated in the scholarship unit cost
- Previous participation cost now fully integrated in the institutional unit cost *(only for scholarship holders)*

=> **Simplified management mechanism and more flexibility for HEIs**

- **Scholarships** are also paid for study periods in the **country of residence** of students
- **Increased budget** for HEIs and for students (especially programme country students)
- Incentive to enrol **more students (sustainability)**
- **Same scholarship** for programme and partner countries students
- **More inclusive** (particular support for students with **individual needs**)

**What is NEW?**

**EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages**
EMJM call for proposals 2021

- Opening of the Call: **30 April 2021**
- New Deadline: **17 June 2021 at 17.00** (Brussels time)
- Budget: ~ **98m € + ~ 24m € for Heading 6**
- Nr. of projects: ~ **25**
- Nr of scholarships: **max. 60 + approx. 24 for additional scholarships per project**
# EMJM call for proposals 2021

## Selection roadmap

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<td>Award Decision</td>
<td>October 2021</td>
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<td>Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site</td>
<td>October 2021</td>
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<td>Preparation and signature of grant agreements</td>
<td>November/December 2021</td>
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<td>Start of projects</td>
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How to apply - eForm

Funding opportunities for 2021-2027 and information on how to apply are announced on the European Commission’s Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

Applications to be submitted using an eForm with attachments
EMJM Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – 3 experts assess each proposal in a one-step evaluation procedure

  2 thresholds:

  ✓ 22/30 points for "Relevance"

  ✓ Proposals must score at least 70 points overall

- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for "Relevance of the project“ and then “Impact”
EMJM Award Criteria (1)

- **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points)
  - overall aims and objectives of the project and relevance to the EMJM
  - project rationale and how it responds to identified societal and labour market needs
  - strategy to foster excellence and innovation
  - strategy to increase the attractiveness, integration and internationalisation of the EHEA

- **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 30 points)
  - jointness/integration of the EMJM (e.g. design, implementation, quality assurance)
  - contribution of mobile staff and invited scholars to teaching, training, research
  - specific support for facilitating access to participants with individual needs
  - strategy for risk assessment and mitigating measures
EMJM Award Criteria (2)

- **Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 points)
  - consortium composition, complementarities of the partners, added value and benefits
  - innovative character of the consortium, experience of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
  - institutional commitment, roles and tasks of partners and cooperation arrangements
  - funding distribution and budget plan; mobilisation and management of complementary funding

- **Impact** (max 20 points)
  - projections in terms of enrolled students, mobilisation of other funding, measures to ensure geographical balance of students
  - promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
  - dissemination and exploitation strategy
  - impact at system level, institutional level and individual level
  - mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy
Information about the programme

✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en

✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2021 on Funding & tender opportunities portal https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

• How to get a grant - General info for applicants on EACEA website: https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/how-get-grant_nl
Other information sources

Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (2014-2020):

Statistical factsheets on Erasmus+ 2014-2020
- https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about/factsheets_en#worldwide

Report “Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme”

EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and follow-up event "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs":

Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"

Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide
Thank you

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