Erasmus+

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)
Join Erasmus Mundus 2021–2027!

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

More than 4 million European students

Open to international dimension through academic exchanges worldwide with more funding

Increased International dimension: HE, VET, Youth & Sport
Erasmus Mundus Masters at a glance...

- 535 Master programmes
- 610 HEIs from 33 Programme countries
- 24,500 students worldwide
- Total budget of 1.7 billion €

EMMC (2004-2013)
EMJMD (2014-2020)
EMJM/EMDM (2021-2027)

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Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027

New programme 2021-2027

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EMJMD ➔ EMJM ➔
EMJM new strategic priorities

- Increased focus on institutional cooperation
- More internationalisation opportunities
- Simplification and more flexibility
- Increased leverage effect of the EMJM scheme
- More attractiveness and excellence
- More sustainability (e.g. Erasmus Mundus label)
- More inclusiveness
✓ A high-level integrated & transnational study programme at MA level

✓ A Master programme of excellence open to all disciplines

✓ Delivered by an international partnership of HEIs from different countries worldwide & other educational and/or non educational partners
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
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 partnership 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)

- compulsory physical mobility for all enrolled students – at least 2 study periods in two countries
EMJM – main requirements (2)

- 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 vs EMJMD - main messages

• **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)
New concept:

- to increase visibility and reputation of EMJMs, HEIs, enrolled students and alumni

- to certify the quality standards of the master programmes:
  - fulfil the EMJM requirements
  - in-depth qualitative evaluation at application stage
  - regularly monitored by EACEA during funding period

- automatically awarded to all EMJMs selected under Erasmus 2021-2027
possibility for any EM funded master ending in the period 2021-2027 to benefit from the EM Label for a **maximum of 3 editions**:

- after assessment of the final report by EACEA (min. score of 75/100)
- Under the **following conditions**:
  - Respect of objectives, scope, impact, admissibility and eligibility criteria of the EMJM
  - **Continuity** with the previously funded Master programme
  - **Activity report** at the end of period concerned
• 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 (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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EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

More flexibility for EMJM consortia:

• Formal concept of **preparatory year and intake** abandoned – now rather preparatory activities/editions

• **More continuity and sustainability** thanks to the Erasmus Mundus label

• **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
- 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
- Associated partners
- Non-academic 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 EMJMns 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 beneficiaries

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

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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
EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM
120 ECTS masters, million €, by scholarship holder / non-scholarship holder
At student level:
- **Full Scholarship** to cover subsistence, installation and travel
- **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
Special needs

At student level:

- Contribution based on actual 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 Instrument NDICI

- For students from partner countries

- Contribution for up to 20 additional scholarships (including the corresponding institutional costs) for the entire duration of the EMJM programme

  => max. amount provided: 1,032,000 Euros per grant
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 the special needs)
EMJM call for proposals 2021

✓ Publication of Call: February 2021
✓ Deadline: 13 April 2021 – 17:00 CET
✓ Budget: ~100m € + ~20m € for Heading 6
✓ Nr. of projects: ~25
✓ Nr of scholarships: max. 60 + max. 20 for targeted regions
✓ Award decision: by July 2021
## EMJM call for proposals 2021
### Selection roadmap*

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<td>July 2021</td>
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<td>Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site</td>
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<td>Preparation and signature of grant agreements</td>
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<td>Start of projects</td>
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* Dates to be confirmed
How to apply - eForm

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
To be completed!
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 “Quality of the project design and implementation”
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<td>✓ strategy to foster excellence and innovation</td>
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<th>Quality of the project design and implementation (max 30 points)</th>
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## Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)

- Partnership composition, complementarities of the partners, added value and benefits
- Innovative character of the partnership, 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 and dissemination (max 20 points)

- Projections in terms of enrolled students, mobilisation of other funding, measures to ensure geographical balance of students
- Mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy beyond EU funding
- Promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide, use of EM Label
- Dissemination and exploitation strategy
- Impact at system level, institutional level and individual level
Information about the programme (to be completed)

- Erasmus+ Programme guide

- EMJM call for proposals 2021
  - Funding & tender opportunities portal
    - https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

- EMJMD website (new website available as of mid-January 2021)
Other information sources

✓ 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

✓ Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus” (free of charge e-brochure)
Thank you!
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