Erasmus+

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

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Join Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027!

- More strategic
- More open
- More generous
- More flexible
- More simple
- More sustainable
Erasmus Mundus Action 2021-2027

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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

- PARTNERSHIPS FOR COOPERATION
  - Cooperation Partnerships
  - Small Scale Partnerships

- PARTNERSHIPS FOR INNOVATION
  - Innovation Alliances
  - Forward looking Projects

- PARTNERSHIPS FOR EXCELLENCE
  - Erasmus Mundus Action
  - European Universities
  - VET Centres of Excellence
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 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
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
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 Set-up (1)

- 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)
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
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
EMJM FUNDING RULES

1 simplified EU GRANT

2 main targets

3 components = 3 unit cost

HEIs

Students

Institutional cost

Individual needs

Scholarships
## Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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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**: 24000 (2000 Installation, 1000 Travel, 22000 Subsistence)
- **EMJMD scholarship - Partner Country (<4000km)**: 24000 (4000 Installation, 1000 Travel, 22000 Subsistence)
- **EMJMD scholarship - Partner Country (>4000km)**: 24000 (6000 Installation, 1000 Travel, 22000 Subsistence)
- **EMJM scholarship**: 33600

Legend:
- Red: Installation
- Orange: Travel
- Yellow: Subsistence
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
EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM
120 ECTS masters, million €, by scholarship holder / non-scholarship holder (NSH)
**Individual needs**

At student level:

- Contribution based on individual needs of students:
  - 10 different unit costs varying between €3,000 – €60,000
  - => if below €3,000: 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 (tbc) and NDICI for students from partner countries

- Contribution for additional scholarships (including the corresponding institutional costs) for the entire duration of the EMJM programme: approx. 24 scholarships

  => max. amount provided: 1,238,400 Euros per grant
EMJM call for proposals 2021

✓ Publication of Call: tbc
✓ Deadline: tbc
✓ Budget: ~ 98m € + ~ 24m € for Heading 6
✓ Nr. of projects: ~ 25
✓ Nr of scholarships: max. 60 + approx. 24 for additional scholarships per project
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!
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“, then “Impact” and then “Quality”
## 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
Interested in Erasmus Mundus but not yet ready for an EMJM?

Start with an Erasmus Mundus Design Measure and launch the basis for a joint programme
Rationale behind EMDM lot

✓ Filling the gap of the Erasmus Mundus Action by supporting the development of new master programmes

✓ Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving under-represented Erasmus+ Programme Countries, institutions, and/or thematic areas
What is an EMDM project?

 ✓ Short duration **grant to support institutions** in the set-up of a new joint master programme in Europe (and beyond)

 ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (aiming at an EMJM consortium)

 ✓ **Independent funding scheme** from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)
Expected outcomes of an EMDM

- Joint *programme design* and joint procedures
- Joint *administrative* and financial management
- Common *services* offered to students
- Joint *promotion* and *dissemination*
- A draft joint *Partnership* and *Student Agreement*
- A joint *degree policy* and launch of *accreditation process*

+ explore opportunities offered by the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (if national legislation allows)
EMDM Set-up

✓ One beneficiary mobilising a group of other HEIs (aiming at an EMJM consortium)

✓ Fixed duration of 15 months

✓ EU Grant: single **lump sum contribution of 55,000 Euros** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)
Taking part as an Organisation

- Applications can be submitted by any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI.
- Open to any public and private organisations in Programme & Partner countries.
- HEIs established in a Programme country must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).
EMDM call for proposals 2021 at a glance

- Publication of Call: tbc
- Deadline: tbc
- Budget: approx. 2m Euro
- Nr. of projects: approx. 36
EMDM Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – 2 experts assess each proposal in a one-step evaluation procedure
- One threshold: proposals must score at least **60 points** overall
- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for "Relevance of the project“, then “Impact” and then “Quality”
EEMDM Award Criteria (1)

- **Relevance of the project** (max 40 points)
  - Aims and specific objectives of the project and their relevance
  - Strategy proposed
  - Project ambition
  - New consortia and potential to involve under-represented Programme Countries/institutions/thematic areas

- **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 20 points)
  - Planning of the activities to achieve the objectives and outcomes
  - Operational resources
  - Steps foreseen to launch an accreditation/evaluation process
EMDM Award Criteria (2)

- **Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 points)
  - Definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team
  - Expected involvement of other educational/non-educational actors and their contribution to the design of the programme.
  - Rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity

- **Impact** (max 20 points)
  - Expected impact
  - Promotion and dissemination
  - Sustainability and identification of possible sources of funding
Information about the programme (to be completed)

- Erasmus+ Programme guide
- Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2021
  - Funding & tender opportunities portal
    https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home
- Erasmus Mundus website (new version available soon)
  - current EMJMD website
Other information sources

- Statistical factsheets on Erasmus Mundus 2014-2020 achievements: coming soon
- 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
- The Erasmus Mundus Catalogue
- The Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA
Thank you

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