Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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

More strategic
More open
More generous
More sustainable
More flexible
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 2021-2027

- **Erasmus Mundus Action**
- **EMJM** Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- **EMDM** Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
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
What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme?

- Generously scholarships to excellent students worldwide
- Jointly designed, fully integrated transnational master programme
- Master of excellence open to all disciplines
- Delivery of a joint or multiple degree
- Compulsory physical mobility for all enrolled students
- Delivered by a consortium of at least 3 HEIs from 3 different countries
Erasmus Mundus – Main objectives

Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs through **academic cooperation** within the EHEA and beyond

Increase **quality and attractiveness** of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)

Support **EU External Action** in higher education

Increase synergies between higher education, innovation and research

Improve **competences, skills and employability** of Master graduates

Respond to **societal and labour market needs**
Geographical scope of Erasmus Mundus

EU Member States

3rd countries associated to the programme

Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye

3rd countries not associated to the programme

All other countries throughout the world
## EMJM – Main requirements

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 EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme

**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 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 encouraged where national legislation allows it)

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*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)

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 HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- **Simplification of rules for scholars** – no official requirements anymore (e.g. minimum number of scholars or scholar weeks)
EMJM Set-up (1)

- Grant Agreement of 74 months 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)
- At least 2 study periods in 2 countries (of which at least one in an EU MS or a 3rd country associated to the Programme, both different from the country of residence of students)
- Start of the 1st edition no later than the academic year following the year of project selection
- Geographical balance of students: ≤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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Taking part as an Organisation

Applicants (coordinator & full partners) must be HEIs (legal entities) established in any country worldwide. Any public or private organization worldwide may also participate but not as coordinator.

For HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: valid ECHE.

For HEIs in third countries not associated to the Programme: should commit to ECHE principles in the Partnership Agreement.

For HEIs applying as coordinator and full partners: completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme.

Minimum consortium: 3 HEIs from 3 different countries of which at least 2 must be an EU MS or third country associated to the Programme. Optional: other full academic or non-academic partners and 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 applicants worldwide
- Applicants must:
  - hold a first higher education degree or equivalent
  - 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 of running Master courses: Erasmus Mundus Catalogue (europa.eu)
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
- HEIs
- Students

3 components: 3 unit costs
- Institutional Cost
- Individual Needs
- Scholarships
EMJM Funding Rules

INSTITUTIONAL COSTS

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme

- **Unit cost** per enrolled student of EUR 750/month
  - How to calculate: EUR 750 x nº of months x nº of enrolled students (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)
  - Max. amount per project: **EUR 1,800,000**

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

- Same unit cost for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme
EMJM Funding Rules

**AT STUDENT LEVEL**

Contribution *based on individual needs* of students
- 10 different unit costs varying between **EUR 3,000 – 60,000**
- **If < EUR 3,000: to be covered by institutional costs**

**AT PROJECT LEVEL**

Awarded at *contracting stage*: 0 or 1 or 2 units costs of **EUR 60,000**
- Max. amount per project: **EUR 120,000**
- For all enrolled students (scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders)
EMJM Funding Rules

**INSTITUTIONAL COSTS**

**INDIVIDUAL NEEDS**

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

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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: EUR 1,400 x n° of months (min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)
  - Max. amount per student: **EUR 33,600**

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**AT PROJECT LEVEL**

- How to calculate: EUR 1,400 x n° of months x n° of students (cap of 60 students per EMJM project)
- Max. amount per project: **EUR 2,016,000 per grant**
- Same unit cost for students from EU MS, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme
EMJM Funding Rules

- For students from **9 target regions**
- Response to the EU External priorities
  - EU financial Instruments IPA III and NDICI for students **from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for the entire duration of the EMJM programme: **2 under IPA III and 18 under NDICI**
- Max. amount provided: **EUR 1,032,000 per grant**
Main changes compared to call 2023

1. Number of top-up scholarships under Heading 6 per EMJM project:
   - 2 under IPA III; and
   - 18 under NDICI for students from 9 target regions

2. Changes in the evaluation procedure:
   - Introduction of minimum thresholds for all 4 award criteria
   - In case of ex aequo: the priority order will be “Relevance of the project”, “Quality of the project design and implementation” and “Impact”

3. Some minor changes in wording
EMJM call for proposals 2024

✓ Publication of the Call: **November 2023** (date tbc)

✓ Deadline: **15 February 2024 at 17:00** (Brussels time)

✓ Budget: ~ **127m €**

✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **32**

✓ Nr of scholarships per project: **max. 60 + max. 20 additional scholarships for students from 9 target regions**
Erasmus+ EMJM call for proposals 2024

Selection Roadmap

01 Publication of the call for proposals
   November 2023

02 Deadline for submission of applications
   15 February 2024

03 Evaluation period
   February-May 2024

04 Notification to applicants & publications of results
   July 2024

05 Preparation & signature of grant agreements
   August-October 2024

06 Start of projects
   Autumn 2024
EMJM Evaluation procedure

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

In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for: “Relevance of the project”, then “Quality of the project design and implementation”, and then “Impact”.

**THRESHOLDS**

- **Relevance of the project**
  - Minimum overall score: 0
  - Maximum overall score: 30
  - Threshold: 22

- **Quality of the project design & implementation**
  - Minimum overall score: 0
  - Maximum overall score: 30
  - Threshold: 15

- **Quality of the partnership & cooperation arrangements**
  - Minimum overall score: 0
  - Maximum overall score: 20
  - Threshold: 10

- **Impact**
  - Minimum overall score: 0
  - Maximum overall score: 20
  - Threshold: 10

- **Minimum overall score**
  - Minimum overall score: 0
  - Maximum overall score: 100
  - Threshold: 70
EMJM Award Criteria (1)

**RELEVANCE OF THE PROJECT**

*(max 30 points – threshold 22 points)*

- **Background and general objectives**: e.g. overall aims and general objectives of your project and their relevance in relation to the EMJM

- **EU values**: respect and promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination

- **Needs analysis and specific objectives**: e.g. project rationale and needs analysis on which the proposal is built; issues/challenges/gaps and specific objectives that the project aims to address in academic terms, and with regard to societal and labour market needs

- **Complementarity with other actions and innovation**: e.g., strategy to foster excellence and innovation; support to modernisation and internationalisation strategy; project uniqueness and added value; strategy to increase attractiveness and contribute to the policy objectives of the EHEA
EMJM Award Criteria (2)

QUALITY OF THE PROJECT DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

(max 30 points – threshold 15 points)

✅ Concept and methodology: e.g. jointness/integration of the EMJM

✅ Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation strategy: e.g. the internal and external QA measures; extent to which the jointly designed and fully integrated curriculum adheres to the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA; joint degree/the degrees to be delivered

✅ Project teams, staff and experts: e.g. how they will work together to implement the project

✅ Cost effectiveness and financial management: e.g. management of EU funding, mobilisation of complementary funding, and budget plan

✅ Risk management: e.g. identification of risks in the project implementation, and planning of adequate mitigating measures
EMJM Award Criteria (3)

QUALITY OF THE PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT

(max 20 points – threshold 10 points)

**Consortium set-up**: e.g. rationale for the consortium composition, innovative character of the consortium and inclusion of partners with different levels of experience, definition of roles and tasks of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors

**Consortium management and decision-making**: e.g. cooperation arrangements, governing bodies and management tools, institutional commitment of the partners
EMJM Award Criteria (4)

**IMPACT**

(max 20 points – threshold 10 points)

- **Impact & ambition**: e.g. impact at system level, institutional level and individual level, projections in terms of enrolled students, measures to ensure country balance of students

- **Communication, dissemination and visibility**: e.g. promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide

- **Sustainability and continuation**: e.g. mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy beyond EU funding, mobilization of other funding sources
Application package

The application form is structured in three parts:

- **Part A – Administrative Forms**
  Contains general information about the project, data on the applicant organisation and contact persons

- **Part B – Technical description & annexes**
  Contains the narrative part of the project, the work packages, milestones and deliverables

- **Part C – Administrative forms**
  Specificities about the EMJM (n° of ECTS, accreditation, type of degrees to be awarded, etc.)

Complete Part A & C directly on the Portal. Prepare Part B in advance and upload it together with the annexes.
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
Comparison

EMJMD 2014-2020

VS.

EMJM 2021-2027
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 – Global Europe Instrument)
- Heading 1 budget ➔ **Heading 2** (Erasmus+ Programme)
- Heading 4 budget ➔ **Heading 6** (External Action: IPA III + NDICI)
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)
## Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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What is new in the funding rules?

**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 students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme
- **More inclusive** (particular support for students with **individual needs**)
EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution
120 ECTS, 60 scholarship holders, 15 non-scholarship holders

EMJMD
- Management lump sum: 220,000
- Participation costs: 945,000

EMJM
- Participation costs: 1,350,000
EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM
120 ECTS masters, million €, by scholarship holder / non-scholarship holder (NSH)
Information about the programme

✓ Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2024 (to be published soon)

✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2024 on Funding & tender opportunities portal
  https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

✓ How to get a grant (europa.eu) - General info for applicants on EACEA website
Other information sources

- Erasmus Mundus, analysis of the results of the second 2021-2027 call (joint masters and design measures)
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- Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (2014-2020)
- Erasmus+ Factsheets
- Report 'Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme'
- Erasmus Mundus Catalogue (europa.eu)
- EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes
  and Follow-up event 2019 "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs"
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees - The story so far
- Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide
- Erasmus+ Project result platform
Thank you

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