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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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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

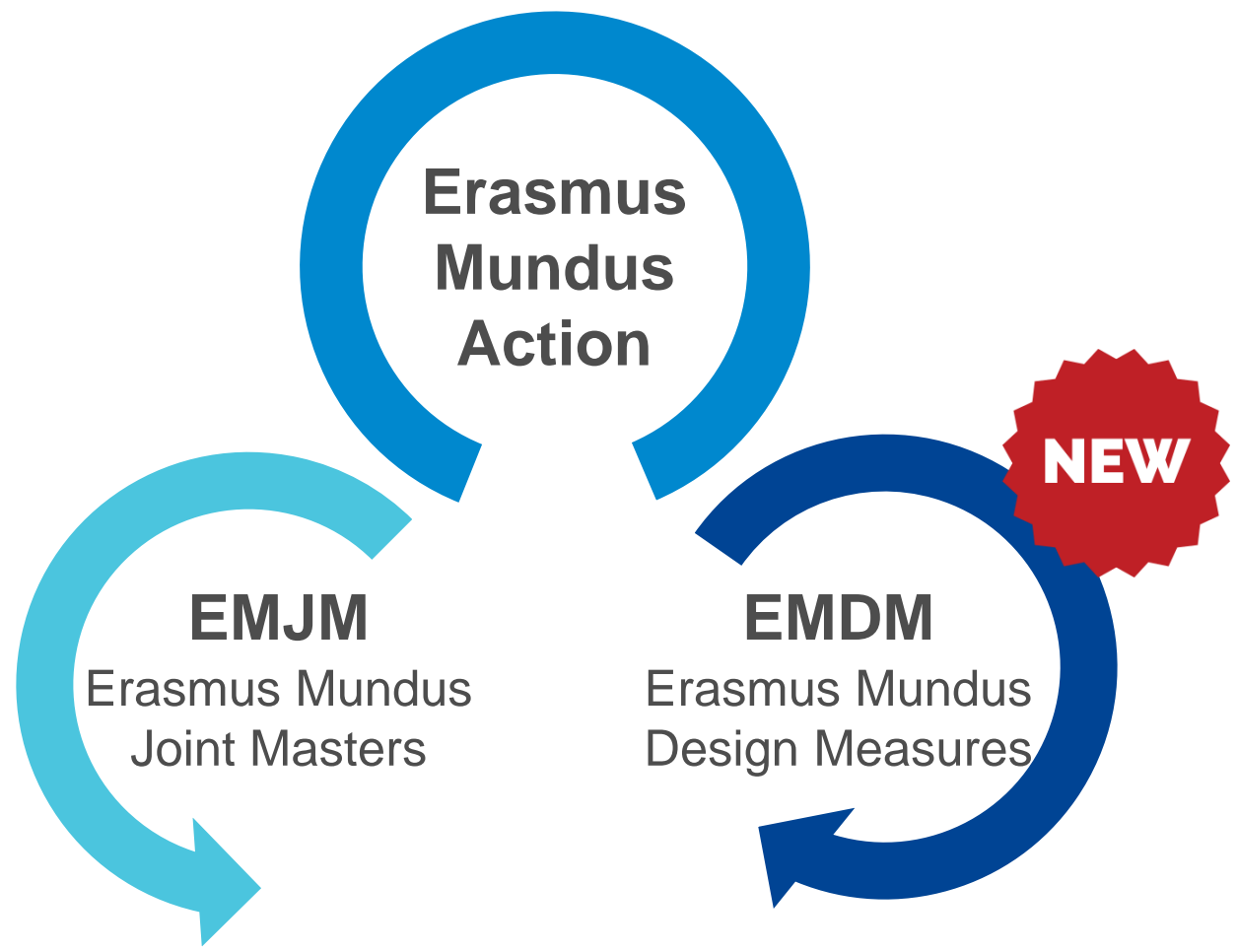
Erasmus Mundus Masters at a glance...



- 535 Master programmes
- 610 different HEIs from 33 Programme countries
- 24,500 students worldwide
- Total budget of 1,7 billion €

TBC

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**



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

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**Non-EU
Programme
Countries:**

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,
Republic of North Macedonia,
Serbia, Turkey

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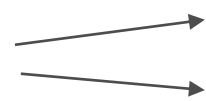


Partner Countries

**All other
countries
throughout the
world**





Erasmus Mundus Action – New terminology

- **New name** : EMJMD becomes EMJM – Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Erasmus Mundus Action: **2 independent lots** 
 - EM Joint Masters
 - EM Design Measures
- **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)

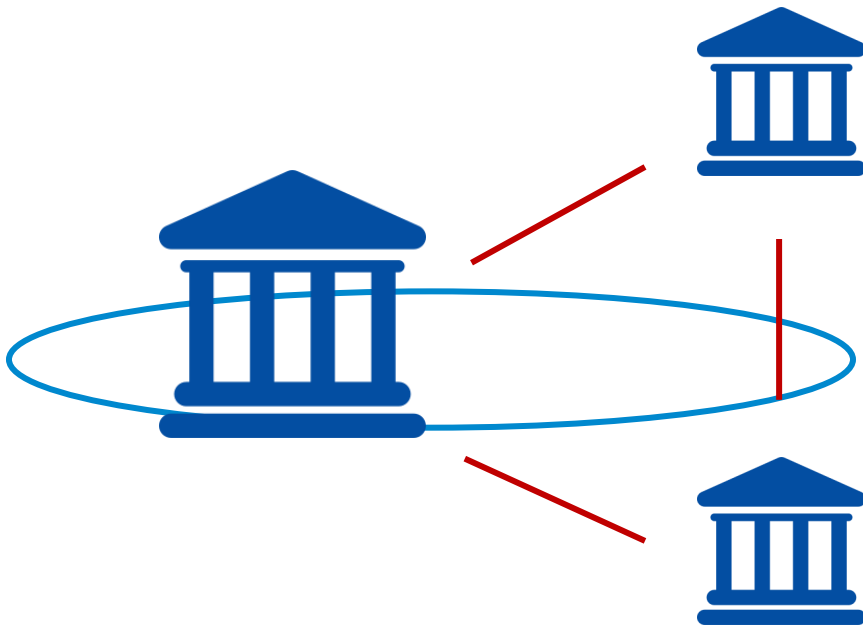
- **Continuity**, no major changes to the overall concept of joint masters
- Emphasis put on **all enrolled students** - with the aim to recruit more non-scholarship holders
- Increased international cooperation - **more opportunities for partner country HEIs**
- **Simplification of rules for scholars**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

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)

NEW

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**

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

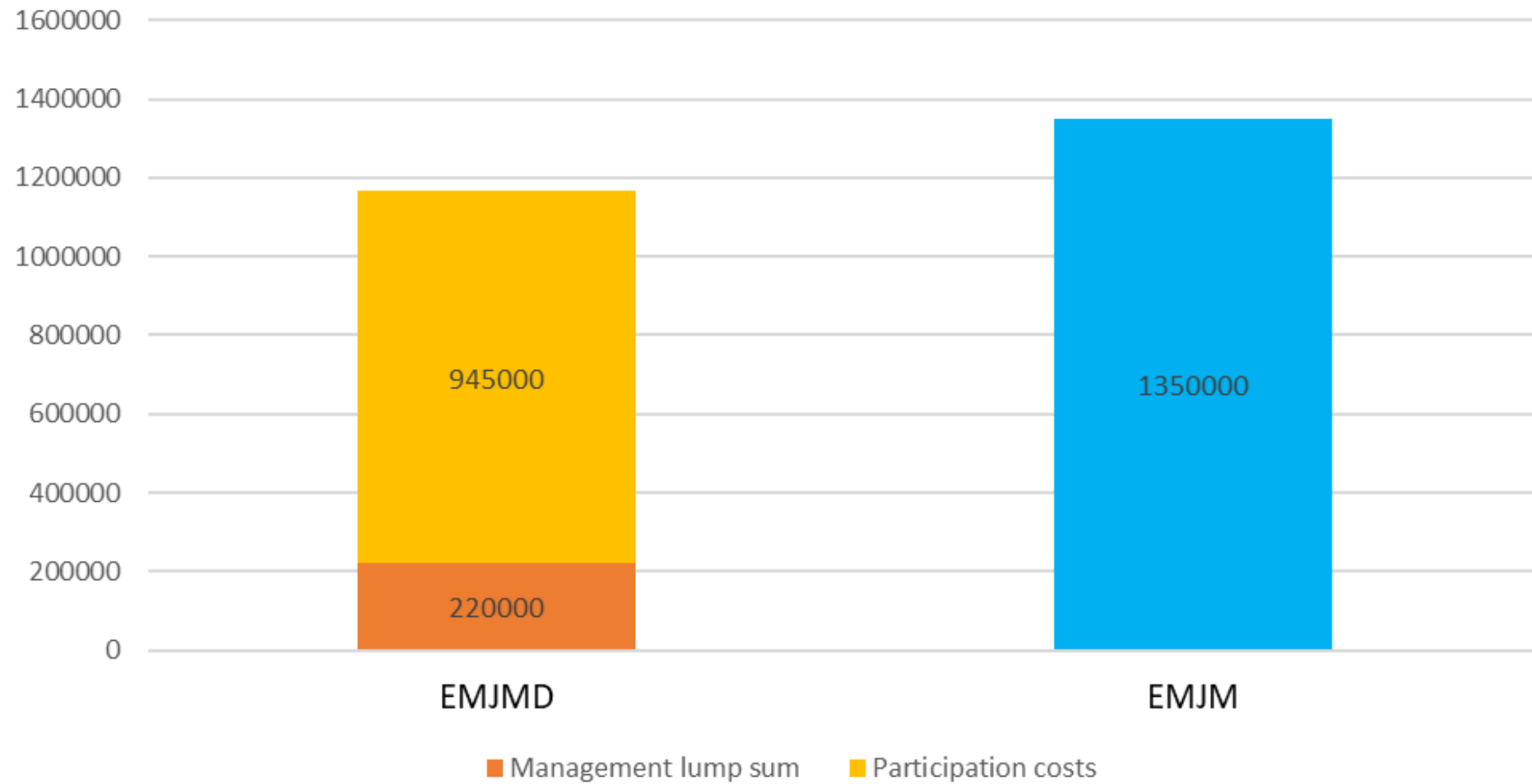


Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

	EMJMD (€)			EMJM (€)		
		Partner country student (>4000km)	Partner Country student (<4000km)	Programme Country student	Scholarship holders	Non-scholarship holders
Scholarship part	<i>Installation costs</i>	1000	1000	0	1400 / month	NA
	<i>Travel Costs</i>	3000 / year	2000 / year	1000 / year		
	<i>Subsistence costs</i>	1000 / month	1000 / month	1000 / month		
	Total / month (120 ECTS)	1.300,00 €	1.200,00 €	1.100,00 €		
Institutional part	Participation costs	4500 / semester	4500 / semester	2250 / semester	750 / month	
	Management lump sum	20.000 / preparatory year				
		50.000 / intake				
Special Needs	NA			3.000 to 60.000		

EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

120 ECTS, 60 scholarship holders, 15 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



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)
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees_en
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”
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/resources/implementing-joint-degrees-in-erasmus-mundus-action-erasmus-programme_en
- ✓ 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":
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees-06-2019_en
- ✓ Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2_policy_paper_on_joint_degrees.pdf
- ✓ Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide
 - <https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/sustainabilitysurvey2017.pdf>



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