



Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

What is Erasmus+?

For over 30 years, Europe has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over four million European students to study, train, and gain experience abroad.

Erasmus+ recognises the importance of opening up these opportunities, funding exchange of students, academics, ideas and good practice between organisations in Programme Countries¹ and Partner Countries² throughout the world.

In the framework of the new programme 2021-2027, the international activities will cover Higher Education (HE), Vocational Education and Training (VET), Youth and Sport.

What is the new Erasmus Mundus Action 2021-2027?

The Erasmus Mundus action comprises **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)** and **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**. They are autonomous funding schemes with independent calls for proposals. EMJMs support the implementation of existing joint master programmes whereas EMDMs support the design of new joint master programmes.

What is an EMJM project?

An Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) is a **high-level integrated transnational study programme** at master level, delivered by an international partnership of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from different countries worldwide and, where relevant, other educational and/or non-educational partners with specific expertise and interest in the concerned study areas/professional domains.

What does an EMJM project do?

EMJMs are master **programmes of excellence** aiming at enhancing the attractiveness and excellence of European higher education in the world and attract talent to Europe, through a combination of:

- institutional academic cooperation to showcase European excellence in higher education, and
- individual mobility for all students taking part in the action, with high-level EU-funded scholarships for the best students applying.

EMJMs contribute to the integration and internationalisation of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). The specificity of EMJMs lies in the **high degree of jointness/integration** among the participating institutions and the excellence of their academic content leading to either a joint degree or multiple degrees.

Structure of an EMJM project

- An EMJM is a **jointly designed and fully integrated curriculum** subscribing to the *Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the European Higher Education Area*.

¹ EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme..

² Third countries not associated to the Programme.

- It is delivered by a **partnership of minimum three full partner HEIs from three different countries**, of which at least two must be Programme Countries.
- **Duration** of an EMJM project: **six academic years** covering **at least four editions** of the master programme, each lasting one to two academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits).
- The EMJM curriculum must include at least **two study periods in two countries** (different from the country of residence of students) of which at least one must be a Programme Country.
- **Composition** of the **EU Grant** for an EMJM project:
 - Contribution to the **institutional costs** for the implementation of the EMJM: unit cost per enrolled student of 750 Euros/month of study with a max. contribution of 1 800 000 Euros per grant.
 - **Full Scholarships** for max. 60 students per EMJM project: unit cost per enrolled student of 1400 Euros/month of study (max. 24 months) with a max. amount of 2 016 000 Euros per grant.
 - In addition, consortia may apply for **additional scholarships for targeted regions** worldwide.
 - Contribution to cover **special needs** of the students: max. 120 000 Euro per project.
- **Type of degree** awarded: either a **joint degree** (recommended) **or multiple degrees**.

Who can apply and take part in EMJM? How?

Taking part as an organisation:

- EMJMs are open to any public or private organisation located in a Programme Country or Partner Country:
 - Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
 - Any eligible HEI established in a Programme Country or Partner Country can submit an application
 - Associated partners (optional): contribute indirectly to the implementation of specific tasks/activities. For contractual management issues, they are not considered as part of the partners of the EMJM partnership.
- **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>**

Taking part as a student:

- EMJMs are open to students from all over the world.
 - Among the recruited students, the highest-ranked applicants benefit from a scholarship depending on the number of scholarships available.
 - The scholarship is awarded for a minimum of 12 months and up to 24 months depending on the master programme duration (60/90/120 ECTS credits).
 - The scholarship covers travel, visa, installation and subsistence costs and is calculated on the basis of a monthly unit cost of 1400 Euros/month which corresponds to a maximum scholarship amount of 33 600 Euros (24 months).
 - Additional financial support is available for students with individual needs depending on the level of disability/support needed with a maximum contribution of 60 000 Euros.
- **Applications have to be submitted directly to the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Programmes which can be found in the EMJM catalogue: https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en**

More information

Detailed information on the **criteria and funding rules**: [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

Information on how to apply to annual calls for proposals is provided on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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