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Key Action 1
Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees
EMJMDs

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Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)
General overview

How to participate as an Organisation / Individual
Funding possibilities – EMJMD call for proposals 2018

Results of the Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2017

EMJMD – Information sources
A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

A single integrated programme

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KA1
Learning Mobility for Individuals

KA2
Co-operation Projects

KA3
Policy Support

Specific activities:
- Jean Monnet
- Sport
...в кратце:

✓ Highly integrated Master study programmes delivered by international HEI consortium
✓ No restriction in disciplines
✓ 4 consecutive student intakes
✓ Full scholarships for students - 75% for students from Partner Countries
  *(Heading 1 and Heading 4/EDF Windows scholarships together)*
✓ Award of a joint or multiple Master degree
International cooperation

Programme Countries

EU Member States

+ Other Programme Countries:
  Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

Partner Countries

All other countries throughout the world
EMJMD - structure

• Integrated international Master programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
• Developed and delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme Countries & Partner Countries (if relevant)
• Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits), optional preparatory year + 4 intakes (6 years maximum) – covered by one Grant Agreement
• Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
• Fully recognised and accredited joint / multiple Master degrees
EMJMD - main aims

- Quality improvements, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs
- **Increase quality** and **attractiveness** of the EHEA (e.g. *Yerevan communiqué*) – supporting **EU External Action** in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master students worldwide
- **Improve competences, skills, employability** of Master graduates
- **Improve relevance** for the labour market through an increased **involvement of employers**
EMJMD - main characteristics (1)

- **Attractiveness** and **Excellence**: very high selectivity of EMJMDs, only excellent joint master programmes selected and funded.

- **"Jointness"** - Integration of the course design and structure, recognition/accreditation of degrees.

- Although not mandatory, **Joint Degrees are strongly encouraged** (double/multiple degrees still eligible).

- Bridging **academic** and **job-market needs** (trans-disciplinary approach), **employability** of graduates.
EMJMD - main characteristics (2)

- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide, priority on Partner country students (minimum of 75% - Heading 1 and Heading 4/EDF Windows scholarships together)
- **Invited scholars/guest lecturers** contribute to the teaching/training/research activities
- **Worldwide visibility**
- **Sustainability** after EU funding
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission / DG EAC
Opportunities for HEI's from Programme countries

- High degree of visibility in a programme of Excellence
- Multiannual grant agreement and personalised management support by EACEA
- Attractive EU co-funding scheme
- Select top students worldwide
Opportunities for HEI's from Partner countries

- High degree of international visibility in EU programme of Excellence
- Increased exchange of excellent students and staff from and to HEIs in Partner countries
- Exchange of good practices with other participating HEIs
- Possibility of further educational and research collaborations
Opportunities for students

- Top academic expertise & specialisation options
- Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree
- Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope
- High employability thanks to key skills developed
- Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association
Lessons learnt from EM Master Courses (EMMCs) 2004-2013

- Build up consortia of HEIs with a wide coverage of the EHEA
- Invest in internship programmes
- Participation of non-academic organisations in curriculum development and performance evaluation
- Develop complementary competences for EM students
- Develop a tailor-made sustainability strategy
  "Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide"
- Outreach activities to raise visibility and recognition of awarded joint degrees among academia and business community
New elements in the 2018 EMJMD Call

- **4 student intakes** per EMJMD (maximum duration **6 years**)
- **15 EMJMD scholarships per intake** (total number of **60** EMJMD scholarships per Grant Agreement)
- Consortia can benefit from **up to 12 additional scholarships** per intake for **targeted regions of the world**
- **Programme Country scholarships** offered to the consortia increase (75% of the Partner Country scholarships take into account those offered under Heading 1 and Heading 4/EDF budgets together)
Taking part as an **Organisation** (1)

- **Public** or **private** organisations in **Programme** or **Partner** Countries
  - HEIs
  - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)

- **Applicant**: HEI established in **Programme Country**

- **Minimum** EMJMD consortium composition: 3 HEIs as partners (including the coordinator) from at least 3 different **Programme Countries**
Taking part as an Organisation (2)

- **HEIs** established in a **Programme Country:**
  
  Accreditation at national level of **each** degree-awarding Master programme on the basis of which the EMJMD programme is composed – **required at application stage**

- **Cooperation** with HEIs widespread across EHEA & HEIs and other eligible organisations from **Partner Countries**
  
  Benefits: specific expertise, visibility to students and employers, promotion, etc.

- **Associated partners (optional):** specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, internships, etc.
EMJMD Award Criteria (1)

❖ Relevance of the project (max 40 points)
  ✓ "jointness"/integration, design and structure
  ✓ integration in the partners' degree catalogues
  ✓ identification of needs in the academic field
  ✓ academic programme and learning outcomes
  ✓ HEI internationalisation: benefits of student and staff mobility

❖ Quality of the project design and implementation (max 20 points)
  ✓ academic programme and learning outcomes, excellent academic content
  ✓ evaluation methods to monitor, upgrade and improve quality
  ✓ student mobility and involvement of scholars/guest lecturers
  ✓ services to students and academic staff
  ✓ course rules, student rights and obligations (academic, administrative, financial)
  ✓ integration/networking of students within socio-cultural and professional environment
  ✓ Interaction with non-educational actors
EMJMD Award Criteria (2)

Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements *(max 20 points)*

- expertise of the involved partners/staff
- institutional commitment of partners; governing bodies and management tools
- joint criteria for student application, selection and admission requirements, examination and performance evaluation
- financial outline of the EMJMD, including complementary funding

Impact and dissemination *(max 20 points)*

- development and sustainability strategy, mobilisation of other funding sources for scholarships and self-funded students
- institutional impact and internationalisation strategy
- entrepreneurship, involvement of employers and employability of graduates
- promotion, dissemination and awareness raising strategy, excellent students
- promotion of course materials and media through open licences (if relevant)
EMJMD Evaluation procedure

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

- 2 thresholds:
  - 75% (30 points) of the maximum allocated points for "Relevance"
  - Proposals must score at least 70 points overall

- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects scoring highest under the criterion "Relevance"
Additional scholarships for 8 targeted regions

 applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/countries of the world (12 geographical windows)

 African, Caribbean, Pacific countries (ACP), Asia, Central Asia, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbouring countries, Gulf countries

 Financed through the EU external funding instruments

 For Asia, Central Asia and Latin America regions specific priorities apply!
Specific priorities for three regions

✓ Asia (Region 6):
  ▪ 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Least Developed Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal)
  ▪ no additional scholarships for students from China and India

✓ Central Asia (Region 7):
  ▪ 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Low or Lower Middle Income Countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

✓ Latin America (Region 8):
  ▪ 25% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Lower Middle Income Countries (Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay)
  ▪ 35% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Brazil and Mexico together
Award Criterion for additional scholarships (1)

Indicatively, consortia may receive around 12 additional student scholarships per intake - per EMJMD edition (4 intakes/editions per contract → ≈ 48 scholarships)

Only projects that have passed the minimum threshold under the award criterion "Relevance" and obtain a total of at least 70 points will be assessed against the additional criterion for targeted regions.
Relevance of the project in the targeted regions

- The proposal describes the methods used to attract highly talented students from the targeted region(s).

- The proposal encourages cooperation with HEIs and/or other eligible participating organisation from Partner Countries in the targeted region(s). The added value of such cooperation to the EMJMD is clearly explained.

- Assessment of the criterion: "Yes"/"No" – pertinence
EMJMD funding rules

The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ 3-4 million €

**HEIs**: Contribution to the consortium management costs (incl. costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers)
- 50.000 € per student intake (= 200.000 € in total) + 20.000 € for optional preparatory year

**Students**: max 25.000 € per academic year and per scholarship
Actual amount varies according to:
- EMJMD's length of studies (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits)
- Student's country of residence
- EMJMD level of participation costs
# EMJMD students scholarships grants

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<td>2,000 € per year if residence is less than 4,000 km from EMJMD coordinator</td>
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<td>3,000 € per year if residence is 4,000 km or more from EMJMD coordinator</td>
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<td>Living allowance (max 24 months)</td>
<td>1,000 € per month (not when in country of residence, and max 3 months in any Partner Country)</td>
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* Scholarship amounts for travel/installation depend on the place of residence at the time of scholarship application
EMJMD Consortium Agreement

- Institutional commitment of all organisations participating in the EMJMD consortium. In line with the principles of the European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), it must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the EMJMD.

→ Definition of the roles and duties of the consortium partners and of the joint governing bodies of the EMJMD consortium

→ Description of the academic programme, design of the programme/semester structure and establishment of the mobility paths

→ Financial Management: definition of student participation costs and the establishment of a multi-annual budget

→ Definition of a development and sustainability plan

→ Clear roles concerning the joint promotion/awareness-raising activities and the marketing aspects

- Consortium Agreement guidelines:
How to apply
Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2018

- Publication of Call: ~ October 2017*
- Deadline: 15 February 2018 – 12:00 CET*
- Budget: ~ 120 M€ + ~ 25 M€ for "targeted regions"*
- Nr. of projects: ≈ 42 EMJMDs*
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project*: 
  - ~ 15 (around 60 per Grant Agreement)
  - plus
  - ~ 12 (around 48 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- Award decision: by July 2018*

* Information to be confirmed
## Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2018
### Selection roadmap*

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<td>Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site</td>
<td>July 2018</td>
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<td>Preparation and signature of grant agreements</td>
<td>August - September 2018</td>
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*Dates to be confirmed*
How to apply - eForm


Applications to be submitted using an **eForm with attachments**

1. Register the partnership's organisations in the Participant Portal and receive a Participant Identification Code (PIC)
2. Create your electronic application form using your PICs
3. Fill in the eForm
4. Attach completed versions of the attachments within the eForm
   - *Description of the project (if applicable Targeted regions), Grant request table, Declaration on honour and Partners' Mandates, Other relevant annexes*
5. Submit the eForm on-line
Students apply directly to the EMJMD consortium

Catalogue with ongoing EMJMDs offering scholarships:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en

EMJMD scholarship holders:
- first higher education degree or equivalent
- must not have received an Erasmus Mundus Master Course, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree scholarship and/or Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate fellowship
- scholarship application to maximum three EMJMD programmes
- student agreement with the EMJMD consortium
Advantages for EMJMD Students

- **Full scholarship** covering *participation costs, travel and living costs*
- Health and accident **insurance**
- **Study** (perform research, undergo a placement) in at least **two different Programme Countries** of the EMJMD consortium (min. 30 ECTS credits each study period)
- Fully **recognised** and **accredited joint or multiple degree** (comprising a **Joint Diploma Supplement**)
- **Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association:** [http://www.em-a.eu/](http://www.em-a.eu/)
Erasmus+ selection results 2017 – EMJMDs by academic field

- HS = Hard Sciences
- HU = Humanities
- LS = Life Sciences

Submitted eligible proposals: #118

- HS: #48 41%
- HU: #40 34%
- LS: #30 25%

Selected projects: #38

- HS: #11 29%
- HU: #16 42%
- LS: #11 29%
Erasmus+ EMJMD 2017 - Statistics on applications

N° of Coordinators / different Programme Countries (#118 / 21)
N° of Partners / different Programme Countries (#385 / 28)
Selected EMJMDs 2017: Programme Country organisations

- Coordinators #38
- Partners #131
- Associated partners #360

Countries:
- France
- Spain
- Netherlands
- Portugal
- Italy
- Norway
- Estonia
- Sweden
- Czech Republic
- Poland
- Malta
- Iceland

Counts:
- France: 47
- Spain: 41
- Netherlands: 23
- Portugal: 25
- Italy: 30
- Norway: 29
- Estonia: 16
- Sweden: 18
- Czech Republic: 15
- Poland: 11
- Malta: 8
- Iceland: 7

Coordinators:
- France: 11
- Spain: 16
- Netherlands: 14
- Portugal: 14
- Italy: 10
- Norway: 10
- Estonia: 10
- Sweden: 10
- Czech Republic: 10
- Poland: 10

Partners:
- France: 8
- Spain: 5
- Netherlands: 4
- Portugal: 4
- Italy: 3
- Norway: 4
- Estonia: 2
- Sweden: 2
- Czech Republic: 2
- Poland: 1

Associated partners:
- France: 1
- Spain: 1
- Netherlands: 1
- Portugal: 1
- Italy: 1
- Norway: 1
- Estonia: 1
- Sweden: 1
- Czech Republic: 1
- Poland: 1
Selected EMJMDs 2017: Partner Country organisations

- **Partners #18**
- **Associated partners #224**
Example of EMJMD – selected under the 2017 call for proposals

**EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY**

**Coordinator:** UNIVERZITA KARLOVA, CZ

- **Partners (5):**
  - UNIVERSITEIT LEIDEN - (NL)
  - UNIWERSYTET JAGIELLONSKI - (PL)
  - UNIVERSIDAD POMPEU FABRA - (ES)

- **Associated Partners (23):**
  - 17 from Programme Countries: Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom
  - 6 from Partner Countries: Armenia, Chile, Georgia, Mexico

- **Grant Awarded:** 2.968.000 € - 62 EMJMD scholarships for 3 intakes:
  54 scholarships (8 Programme C. + 46 Partner C.) + 8 additional for targeted regions

- **Study programme:** 120 ECTS
Information sources (1)

- Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2018, application procedure, etc.)
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

- Practical details on "How to prepare a competitive EMJMD proposal"

- EMJMD consortia selected in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017
Information sources (2)

✓ Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"

✓ Reference guide for practitioners: "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)"
  ➢ https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz

✓ Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes

✓ Erasmus+ e-tutorials on the international dimension in Higher Education

✓ Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide
Information sources (3)

✓ "Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus" (free of charge e-brochure)

✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals "Come to study or teach in Europe" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese

✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions "Work together with European higher education institutions" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese
Call for experts

- EACEA is setting up a database of experts
  - with a high level of expertise in the programmes managed by the Agency (Erasmus+, but also Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe and EU Aid Volunteers)
  - having a good knowledge of English and/or French and/or German
  - available for occasional, short-term assignments
  - for EMJMD there is no restriction in terms of nationality

- Expert's tasks may include
  - evaluating proposals received in response to calls for proposals
  - evaluating and monitoring projects
  - assisting with the implementation of actions managed by the Agency
  - assisting the Agency by providing opinions and advices in specific cases
Call for experts – How to apply?

- Call for expressions of interest N° EACEA/2013/01
  - open until 30.09.2020
  - list resulting from this call for expressions of interest is valid for the duration of the programmes managed by the Agency, i.e. until 31.12.2020
  - further information on the call & as model contract and code of conduct for experts available on: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/working-expert_en
  - How to apply?
    Details of how to apply can be found on the 'Experts' page of the Participant Portal for Education, Audiovisual, Culture, Citizenship and Volunteering: http://ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html
Thank you!