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

3rd countries not associated to the programme

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

All other countries throughout the world
Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027

Erasmus Mundus Action

EMJM
Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

EMDM
Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme?

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

What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme?
Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master programme

- Joint programme design
- Joint administrative & financial management
- Joint promotion & dissemination
- A joint degree policy
- Joint selection & monitoring procedures
- Common services offered to students
- A draft joint Partnership & Student Agreement
EMJM Set-up

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 country 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)
Taking part as an Organisation

Applicant/Coordinator must be HEI (legal entity) established in any country worldwide. Any public or private organizations worldwide may also participate as full partners (academic or non-academic) or associated partners.

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.
EMJM Funding Rules

1 simplified EU grant

2 main targets

3 components: 3 unit costs

Institutional Cost

Individual Needs

Scholarships
EMJM Funding Rules

- Implementation costs of the study programme

- **Unit cost per enrolled student** of EUR 750/month
  - How to calculate: EUR 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: **EUR 1 800 000**
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

AT STUDENT LEVEL

• Full Scholarship to cover subsistence, installation and travel + fee waiver
• A single unit cost per scholarship holder
  o How to calculate: EUR 1 400 x n° of months (min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)
  o Max. amount per student: EUR 33 600

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 all scholarship holders
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 **20 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**
Award criteria

- Quality of Project Design & Implementation
- Impact
- Quality of the Partnership and Cooperation Arrangements
- Relevance
EMJM Evaluation procedure

**EVALUATION**

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
  - Threshold: 22
  - Maximum: 30

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

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

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

- **Minimum overall score**
  - Minimum overall score: 0
  - Threshold: 70
  - Maximum: 100
EMJM call for proposals 2024

✓ Publication of the Call: November 2023
✓ 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 Mundus 2021-2027

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EMDM
Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
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
Support the development of new joint master programmes in the EHEA

Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving Erasmus Mundus under-represented EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and/or institutions from these countries, and/or thematic areas.
What is an EMDM project?

- **Short duration** grant of 15 months 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 (mono-beneficiary grant)

- **EU Grant**: fixed **lump sum contribution of EUR 60,000*** for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme

* tbc - please check the Erasmus+ Programme Guide

*Independent funding scheme from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)*
Expected outcomes of an EMDM (1)

- Offer a **fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium** (involving at least three HEIs from three different countries, of which at least two must be EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme)
- Aim at **attracting excellent students** worldwide
- Include compulsory **physical mobility** for all recruited students
- Lead to either a **Joint degree** or **multiple degrees**
Expected outcomes of an EMDM (2)

- Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master programme

- Joint programme design
- Joint administrative & financial management
- Joint promotion & dissemination
- A joint degree policy
- Joint selection & monitoring procedures
- Common services offered to students
- A draft joint Partnership & Student Agreement
Taking part as an Organisation

Applications can be submitted by any eligible HEI worldwide

HEIs should be able to deliver a minimum level of education corresponding to ISCED 7 (master level)

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
EMDM Evaluation procedure

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**EVALUATION**

**THRESHOLDS**

- **Relevance of the project**
  - 0
  - Minimum score: 20
  - Maximum score: 40

- **Quality of the project design & implementation**
  - 0
  - Minimum score: 10
  - Maximum score: 20

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

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

- **Minimum overall score**
  - 0
  - Minimum score: 60
  - Maximum score: 100
EMDM call for proposals 2024 at a glance

✓ Publication of the Call:  November 2023
✓ Deadline:  15 February 2024 at 17:00 (Brussels time)
✓ Budget:  ~ 3m €
✓ Nr. of projects:  approx. 50
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

(search for “EMJM”)
Key information about the programme

✓ The Erasmus+ Programme Guide | Erasmus+ (europa.eu)

✓ Erasmus Mundus Catalogue (europa.eu)

✓ Online info session: Erasmus Mundus Action 2024 (europa.eu)

✓ EMDM overview of the 2023 selection results

✓ 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)
✓ Erasmus Mundus, analysis of the results of the first 2021-2027 call (joint masters and design measures)
✓ 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'
✓ 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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