



# 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 Programme countries and Partner countries<sup>1</sup> 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 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*.
- It is delivered by a **partnership of minimum 3 full partner HEIs from three different countries**, of which at least two must be EU Member States or associated third countries.
- **Duration** of an EMJM project: **6 academic years** covering **at least 4 editions** of the master programme, each lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits).

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<sup>1</sup> Programme countries comprise all EU Member States plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, and Turkey. Partner countries are all other countries worldwide.

- The EMJM curriculum must include at least **2 study periods in 2 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 (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers) 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.
  - 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 an individual:

- EMJMs are open to students from all over the world.
- Among the recruited students, the best ones can 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 for the entire study period: 1400 Euros/month x DS (duration in months of the study period needed to complete the master course) which corresponds to a maximum scholarship amount of 33 600 Euros.
- An additional financial support is available for students with special 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](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue_en)

## More information

### **Deadline for the 2021 call for proposals?**

Applicants have to submit their grant application **by 26 May at 17.00** (CET).

Detailed information on the criteria and funding rules applying to the EMJM action: [2021 Erasmus+ Programme guide](#)

