



ERASMUS MUNDUS JOINT MASTER DEGREES

PROGRAMME PRESENTATION
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Context and objectives

Joint Master Degree = continuation of the Erasmus Mundus Action 1 success

- ✓ **Based on the Erasmus Mundus Master success (2004-2012):**
 - Consortium composed of European Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and when relevant non European HEIs ;
 - Scholarships for the best students of the world ;
 - Scholarships for invited academics contributing to the research activities, teaching and training ;
 - Joint diplomas are advised but not mandatory

Objectives

Attractiveness of the European Higher Education Area
Demonstrate the excellence and the high level of integration of the
European joint programmes



PROGRAMME COUNTRIES / PARTNER COUNTRIES

Programme countries	Partner countries
28 UE members	Non EU countries splited into 13 regions
Iceland Norway Turkey Macedonia Liechtenstein	



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)

The programme:

- Increased budget for the 7-year-period (2014-2020) :
 - around 1 billion euros
 - allowing to support around 350 EMJMD
 - around 30 000 scholarship holders – 75% for students from Partner Countries
- **1 call for application per year** till 2020
- Centrally managed in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission
- Worldwide visibility with the Erasmus Mundus brand name
- **Very high selectivity of EMJMSs**, only excellent joint Master programmes selected (around 20% of success rate)



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)

Two important aspects in Erasmus+:

- **Mobility** → EMJMD is included in the « *Key Action 1 – Mobility* » of the Erasmus+ Programme

The relevance and the quality of the mobility periods are key aspects of the EMJMD programme under Erasmus+

- Bridging academic and job-market needs (trans-disciplinary approach),
Entrepreneurship / Employability of graduates

It is strongly encouraged to include an internship period within the EMJMD programme



What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree?

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→ **Fully integrated international study programme** with 60, 90 or **120 ECTS** (1 or 2 years). The programme is coordinated by an international consortium of HEIs.

→ **At least 2 Master diplomas** (from 2 European HEIs) are delivered and fully recognized by the national authorities of 2 HEIs participating in the consortium (from 2 Programme countries).



What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree?

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Diploma delivered : double diploma, multiple degrees or Joint diploma (only one document).

2 mandatory study periods in at least two Programme Countries

A mobility Period must at least **deliver 20 ECTS (for 60 ECTS programme) or 30 ECTS (for 90 or 120 ECTS programme)**

Project duration from 4 to 5 years according to the Master Degree duration (1 or 2 years) : 1 preparatory year + 3 student intakes



What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree?

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Why « Joint » Master Degree ?

Jointness: Integration of the course design and structure, recognition/accreditation of degrees

Joint diploma is not mandatory (double/multi diploma are allowed) even if it is strongly encouraged*

*A note published by the EACEA gives an overview of the legal framework of the *joint degrees* in the EU members states



Which modalities for the participation?

Consortium structuration :

- ✓ At least 3 Higher Education Institutions from 3 Programme countries ;
- ✓ Coordinator/applicant : European Higher Education Institution ;
- ✓ Full Partner: European or non-European public or private organisation ;
- ✓ Associated partner : does not belong to the consortium.

The HEIs participating in the project has to be holder of the Erasmus + Charter

Applications sent to the EACEA in Brussels



Accreditation of the Master Degree

- The accreditation at national level of each degree-awarding Master programme is **required at application stage**
- There are 2 cases:

EMJMD based in existing Master programme within the partner HEIs

New curriculum not associated to any existing Master programme

Accreditation of each existing training programme in the partner HEI's is enough

Accreditation of the new Training « Erasmus Mundus » in each partner HEI's

- The Master programme has to be operational at the moment of the application
- The proof of accreditation by **all the full partners organisation** must be attached to the application file



Example of calendar for a JMD starting in September 2017 (120 ects):

- **September 2017 → Septembre 2018**: preparatory year
- **September 2018 → September 2019**: 1st cohort starting
- **September 2019 → September 2020**: 2nd cohort starting + end of the 1st cohort
- **September 2020 → September 2021**: end of the 2nd cohort + starting of the 3rd cohort
- **September 2021 → September 2022**: end of the 3rd cohort (end of the programme)



Example of mobility scheme:

EM3E Erasmus Mundus Master coordinated by Université de Montpellier:

Semester 1 : *Université de Montpellier or Université Paul Sabatier Toulouse*

Semester 2 : *Institute of chemical Technology of Prague*

Semester 3 : *Universidad de Zaragoza or* Universidade Nova de Lisboa or University of Twente*

Semester 4 : *Internship in industry or in Research laboratory*

** according to the specialization chosen*



Which funding ?

Only 1 funding contract (Grant Agreement) for the preparatory year + 3 students cohorts

2 items for the funding:

- ✓ Contribution for the management fees and the costs linked to the academics hosting :
20 000€ pour the preparatory year / 50 000€ per student cohorts
- ✓ Scholarships for the best students of the world : global number of scholarships agreed by the EACEA to be used for the 3 cohorts



Management fees + Invited scholars budget

170 000 euros:

- Preparatory year: 20 000 euros
- 1st student cohort : 50 000 euros
- 2nd student cohort : 50 000 euros
- 3rd student cohort : 50 000 euros

Transnational meetings / manager recruitment

→ These fees also include the costs for invited scholars and guests lecturers (**at least 4 per student cohort**) around 2000 euros per invited



Invited scholars – Guests lecturers

- At least 4 invited scholars must be involved in the Master programme per student intake (at least 12 for the whole programme)
- The mobility duration for all the scholars invited per cohort is at least 8 weeks
- It is strongly encouraged to involve lecturers/scholars from outside Europe / HEIs / Companies / Research Centers



The student scholarship 1/2

- ✓ Priority for non EU students (**minimum 75% of the Erasmus Mundus grantees**)
- ✓ The global number of student scholarship for the whole project is 45 (**around 15 scholarships per intake**)
- ✓ Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for students from specific (sub-) regions:
 - Asia, Central Asia, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern/Southern neighbours, Middle East, Gulf countries (these geographical areas could change for the next call for proposals)
 - The consortia may receive up to 4 additional student scholarships per intake (max 12 in total)



The student scholarship 2/2

Scholarship composition:

Participation Costs (maximum amount)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 9000€/year for a grantee coming from a Partner country (non EU) ➤ 4500€/year for a grantee coming from a Country Programme (EU+5) 		
Contribution for :	Programme country	Partner country < 4000km	Partner country > 4000km
Travel Costs	1000€/year	2000€/year	3000€/year
Installation Costs		1000€/year	1000€/year
Costs of Stay	1000€/month		



Participation Costs

- The amount of the participation costs is decided by the consortium at the project application stage ;
- The programme allows a maximum amount of 4500 euros for students from the Programme countries and 9000 euros for students from the Partner countries ;
- The calculation of the Participation costs has to be done taking into consideration that these costs include:
 - Registrations fees
 - Insurance
 - Languages courses
 - Reception of students
 - Library fees
 - etc...



Selection criteria*

Relevance (30 points)

Quality of project structure and implementation (25 points)

Quality of the partnership and mechanism of cooperation (20 points)

Impact and dissemination (25 points)

The Relevance part is evaluated in a first stage and only projects reaching 75% of the 30 points will be fully evaluated

In order to be selected, projects have to reach at least 70 points with:

- At least 75% for the part « Relevance », so 22,5 points
- At least 60% of the points for each of the other parts

*Information from the call for proposal EAC/A04/2015



More information ?

Webpage of the EACEA: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en

Erasmus + Programme Guide: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm

Catalog of running EMJMD:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_action_1_master_courses_en.php

The next call for proposal should be published by the EACEA by the end of 2016

