Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees
ERASMUS+
Key Action 1
Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees
EMJMDs

Erasmus+ National Information Day
10 November 2016,
Saint Joseph University
Beirut
A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

A single integrated programme

Erasmus+

- KA1 Learning Mobility for Individuals
- KA2 Co-operation Projects
- KA3 Policy Support

Specific activities:
- Jean Monnet
- Sport
...in brief:

✓ Highly integrated Master study programmes delivered by international HEI consortium
✓ No restriction in disciplines
✓ 3 consecutive student intakes
✓ Full scholarships for students
✓ 75% of students coming from Partner Countries
✓ Award of a joint or multiple Master degree
# International cooperation: Programme Countries & Partner Countries

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<th>Partner Countries</th>
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<td>Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom</td>
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<td><strong>Other Programme Countries:</strong></td>
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<td>Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey</td>
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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 + 3 intakes (5 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
Taking part as an **Organisation (1)**

- EMJMDs are open to **public** or **private** organisations in **Programme** or **Partner** Countries
  - HEIs
  - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)

- **Applicant** must be **HEI** established in **Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium.

- **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 and other eligible participating 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

- Relevance of the project (max 40 points)
- Quality of the project design and implementation (max 20 points)
- Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)
- Impact and dissemination (max 20 points)

- 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
New elements starting 2017 EMJMD Call

- Assessment of proposals in one step evaluation procedure
- Simplified assessment of additional award criterion (Heading 4 and EDF scholarships)
- Increased and guaranteed number of EMJMD scholarships (maximum 20 scholarships per intake) and number of EMJMD projects planned to be funded (≈ 35 EMJMDs)
- Consortia can benefit from up to 8 additional scholarships per intake for targeted regions of the world
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!
EMJMD funding rules

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

**HEIs:** Contribution to the consortium management costs (incl. costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers)
- 50,000 € per student intake (= 150,000 € 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
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<th>Students from Programme Countries</th>
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<td>Contribution to travel costs*</td>
<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>Contribution to installation costs*</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
Deadline: 15 February 2018 – 12:00 CET

Budget: ~ 120 M€ + ~ 25 M€ for "targeted regions"

Nr. of projects: ≈ 35 EMJMDs

Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
- ~ 20 (around 60 per Grant Agreement)
  
  *plus*

- ~ 8 (around 24 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions

Award decision: by July 2018
Taking part as an **individual**

❖ **Students apply directly to the EMJMD consortium.**
   All on-going EMJMDs offering scholarships are included in the EMJMD catalogue available under the following link: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en)

❖ **EMJMD scholarship holders:**
  - must have a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
  - must **not have received** an Erasmus Mundus Master Course and/or Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate scholarship/fellowship in the past
  - can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes
  - must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium
Messages to Partner countries universities

• Participate in high quality Joint Master Degree Programmes as a partner
  Two Lebanese HEI participated in EMJMD last call

• Encourage your best students to apply
  Severe competition but high benefits
Information sources (1)

✓ Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2017, application procedure, etc.)

➢ https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

✓ EMJMD consortia selected in 2014, 2015 and 2016

Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes


The "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)" project: Joint Programmes from A to Z - A reference guide for practitioners

- https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz

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

Thank you for your attention!

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