



Erasmus+

**New Call for Proposals 2021
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**Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)
Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**

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30 Years of achievements of Erasmus

**Erasmus
Programme
1987**

More than 4 million
European students

**Erasmus+
Programme
2014-2020**

Open to international
dimension through
academic
exchanges
worldwide with more
funding

**New
Programme
2021-2027**

**Increased
International
dimension: HE,
VET, Youth & Sport**



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Erasmus Mundus Masters at a glance...



- 535 Master programmes
- 610 different HEIs from 33 Programme countries
- 24,500 students worldwide
- Total budget of 1,7 billion €

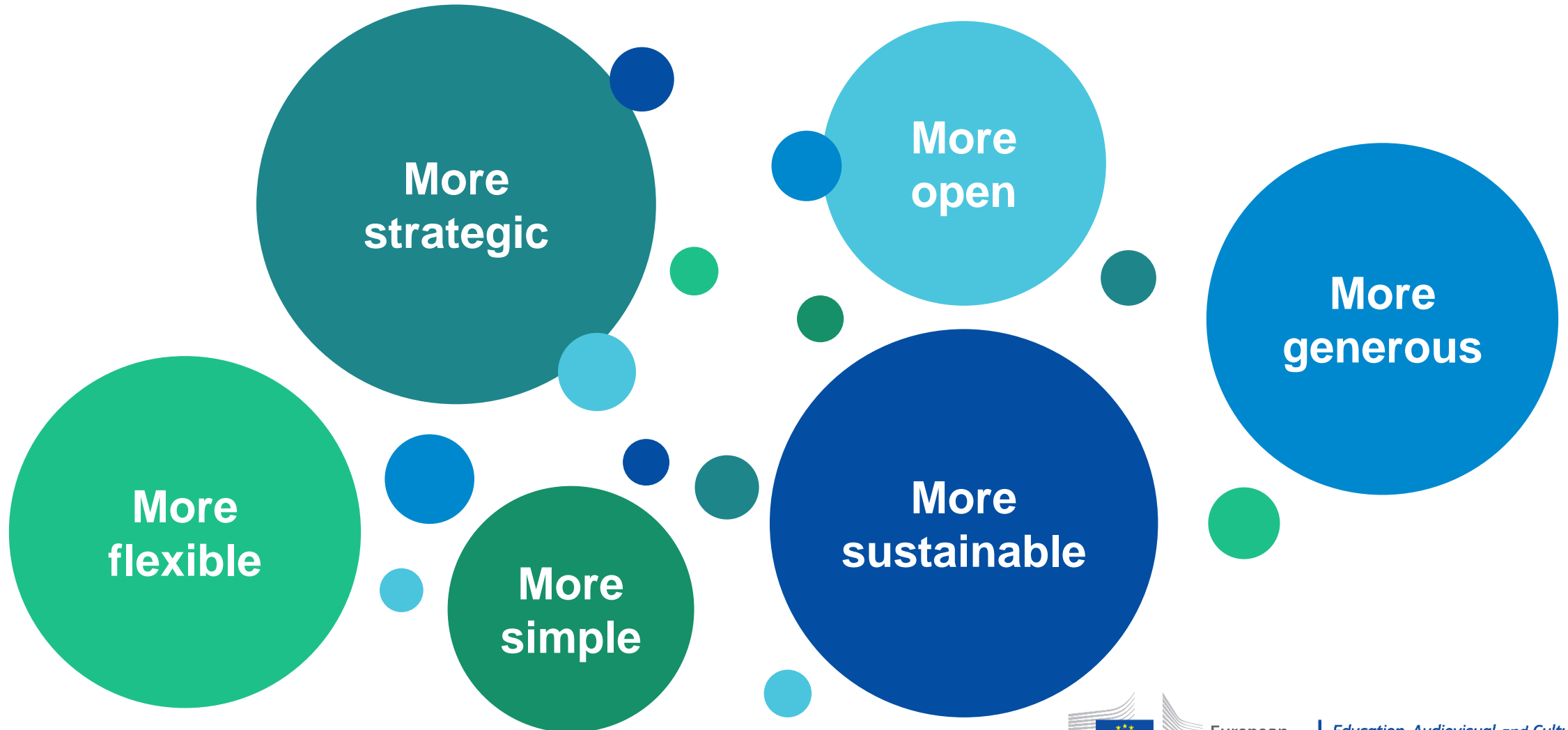
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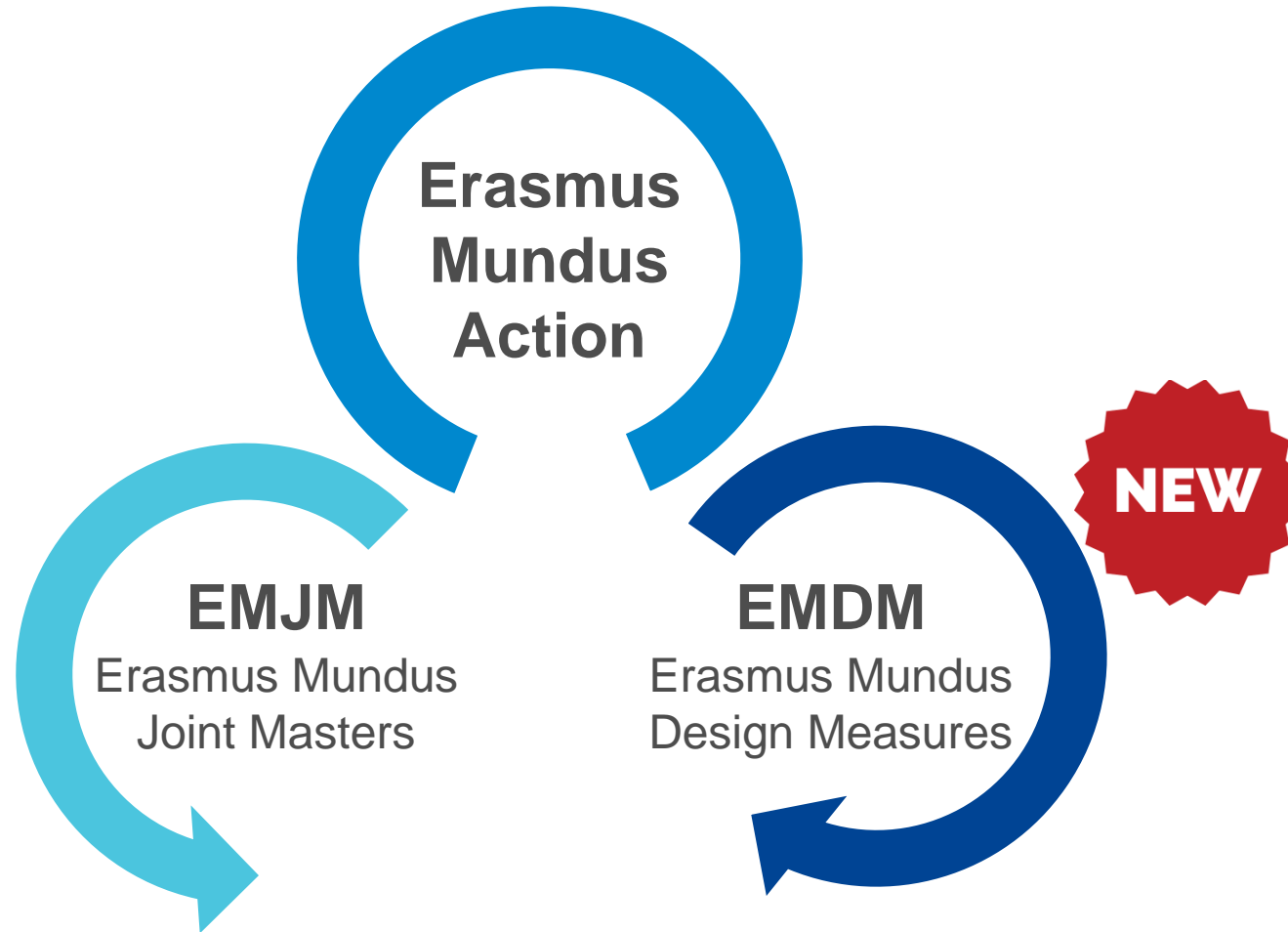
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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

(EMJM)

EMJM new strategic priorities



- Increased focus on institutional cooperation
- More internationalisation opportunities
- Simplification and more flexibility
- Increased impact of the EMJM scheme
- More attractiveness and excellence
- More sustainability
- More inclusiveness



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EMJM in brief...

- ✓ A **high-level integrated & transnational** study programme at **MA level**
- ✓ A Master programme of **excellence open to all disciplines**
- ✓ Delivered by an **international consortium** of HEIs from different countries **worldwide** & other educational and/or non educational partners
- ✓ Offering **high-level scholarships** to excellent students worldwide

EMJM – main objectives

- ✓ **Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation** of HEIs through **academic cooperation** within the EHEA and beyond
- ✓ **Increase quality** and **attractiveness** of the EHEA
- ✓ **Support EU External Action** in higher education
- ✓ **Increase synergies between HE, innovation and research**
- ✓ **Improve competences, skills, employability** of Master graduates
- ✓ **Respond to societal and labour market needs**

International cooperation

Programme Countries



EU Member States

+

**Non-EU
Programme
Countries:**

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,
Republic of North Macedonia,
Serbia, Turkey

+

Partner Countries

**All other
countries
throughout the
world**



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EMJM – main requirements (1)

- a **jointly** designed fully integrated curriculum and **common implementation** procedures based on the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA (e.g. joint selection, promotion, common services, joint administrative and financial management, etc.)
- be delivered by a **consortium of at least three HEIs** from three different countries of which at least two must be Programme Countries
- **international outreach to attract and enrol excellent students worldwide** (part of which may benefit from an EMJM scholarship)

EMJM – main requirements (2)

- **compulsory physical mobility** for all enrolled students – at least 2 study periods in two countries with a minimum duration of one academic semester each (different from the country of residence of students)
- **contribution of scholars/guest lecturers** to teaching, training and research activities
- delivery of a **joint degree or multiple degrees** (joint degrees are highly recommended where national legislation allows it)

➔ At application stage EMJM proposals must present fully developed joint study programmes, ready to run and to be advertised worldwide after their selection.

EMJM – main requirements (3)



- **Continuity**, no major changes to the overall concept of joint masters
- Emphasis put on **all enrolled students** - with the aim to recruit more non-scholarship holders
- Increased international cooperation - **more opportunities for partner country HEIs**
- **Simplification of rules for scholars** – no official requirements anymore (e.g. minimum number of scholars or scholar weeks)



EMJM Set-up (1)

- **Fixed Grant Agreement of 6 academic years** 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)
- **Start of the 1st edition** no later than the academic year following the year of project selection
- **At least 2 study periods in 2 countries** (of which at least one in a Programme Country and both different from the country of residence of students)
- **Geographical balance of students:** no more than 10% of total scholarships per project awarded to students of the same nationality (does not apply to additional scholarships for targeted regions)

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EMJM Set-up (2)



EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

More flexibility for EMJM consortia:

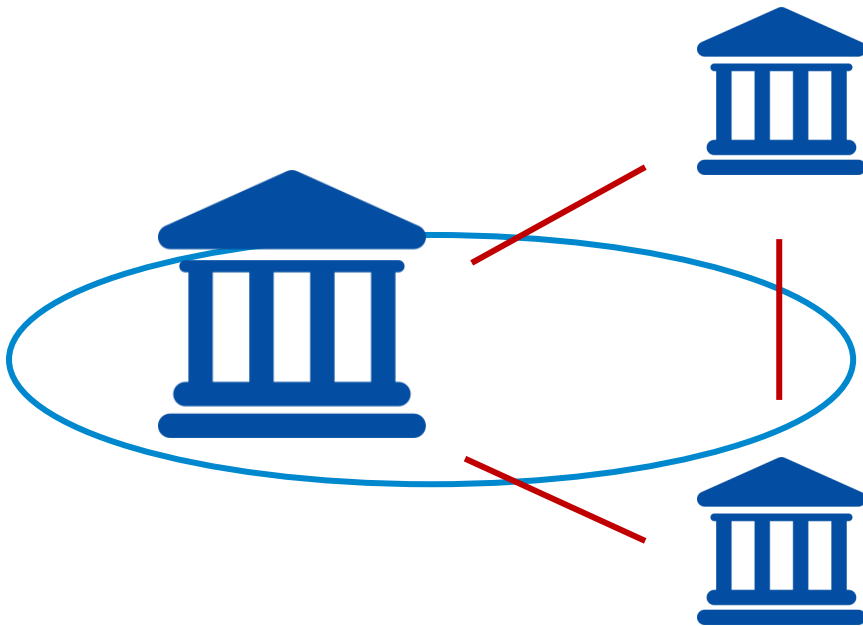
- Formal concept of **preparatory year and intake** abandoned – now rather preparatory activities/editions
- **More continuity and sustainability** after the EU funding
- **Simplified rule** for **geographical balance** (rule of max. 3 scholarship-holders of the same nationality per intake does not apply any longer)



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Taking part as an Organisation



- Open to any public and private organisation in Programme & Partner countries
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI
- ✓ Programme country HEIs: **valid ECHE**
- ✓ Partner country HEIs: **should commit to ECHE principles** in the Partnership Agreement
- ✓ Programme and partner country HEIs: **completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme** 

Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be Programme countries
+ optional

Other full academic or non-academic partners

Associated partners



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Opportunities for HEIs

**High
visibility in
an
international
programme
of
excellence**

**Structured
and
sustainable
academic
cooperation
worldwide**

**Attractive
simplified
EU funding
scheme**

**Selection of
the most
talented
students
worldwide**



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Taking part as an individual



- Open to students worldwide
- Applicants:
 - ✓ must hold a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
 - ✓ must not **have benefited previously** from an EMJM scholarship 
- **The best ones can benefit from a scholarship** depending on the number of scholarships available
- **Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium**
Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships:
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships>



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Opportunities for Students

**High degree
of expertise
with a
specialisation
component**

**A unique
mobility
experience
recognized
by joint
/multiple
degree**

**Attractive
EU
scholarship
for the best
selected
students**

**High
employability
through key
competences
and soft
skills**



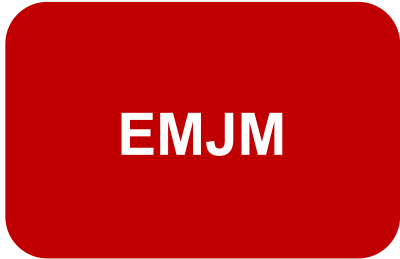
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EMJM FUNDING RULES



1 simplified EU GRANT



2 main targets



3 components
=
3 unit cost



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EMJM call for proposals 2021

- ✓ Publication of Call: **25 March 2021**
- ✓ Deadline: **26 May 2021**
- ✓ Budget: ~ **98m € + ~ 24m € for Heading 6**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **25**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships: **max. 60 + approx. 24 for additional scholarships per project**



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EMJM call for proposals 2021

Selection roadmap*

Milestones	Dates EMJMs
Publication of the call for proposals	25 March 2021
Deadline for submission of applications	26 May 2021 (6 pm)
Expert assessment	tbc
Accreditation check of Masters	tbc
Award Decision	tbc
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	tbc
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	tbc
Start of projects	autumn

* *Dates to be confirmed*

How to apply - eForm

European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Applications to be submitted using an eForm with attachments

It will be available very soon

EMJM Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – **3 experts** assess each proposal in a **one-step** evaluation procedure
 - 2 thresholds:
 - ✓ **22/30 points** for "Relevance"
 - ✓ Proposals must score **at least 70 points** overall
- In case of **ex aequo**, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for "**Relevance of the project**", then "**Impact**" and then "**Quality**"



EMJM Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points)

- ✓ overall aims and objectives of the project and relevance to the EMJM
- ✓ project rationale and how it responds to identified societal and labour market needs
- ✓ strategy to foster excellence and innovation
- ✓ strategy to increase the attractiveness, integration and internationalisation of the EHEA

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 30 points)

- ✓ jointness/integration of the EMJM (e.g. design, implementation, quality assurance)
- ✓ contribution of mobile staff and invited scholars to teaching, training, research
- ✓ specific support for facilitating access to participants with individual needs
- ✓ strategy for risk assessment and mitigating measures

EMJM Award Criteria (2)

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

- ✓ consortium composition, complementarities of the partners, added value and benefits
- ✓ innovative character of the consortium, experience of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
- ✓ institutional commitment, roles and tasks of partners and cooperation arrangements
- ✓ funding distribution and budget plan; mobilisation and management of complementary funding

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ projections in terms of enrolled students, mobilisation of other funding, measures to ensure geographical balance of students
- ✓ promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
- ✓ dissemination and exploitation strategy
- ✓ impact at system level, institutional level and individual level
- ✓ mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy



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Information about the programme (to be completed)

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2021
 - Funding & tender opportunities portal
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus website (new version available soon)
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees_en
current EMJMD website



Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)



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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



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Rationale behind EMDM lot

- ✓ Filling the gap of the Erasmus Mundus Action by supporting the **development** of new master programmes
- ✓ Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving **under-represented** Erasmus+ Programme Countries, institutions, and/or thematic areas

What is an EMDM project?



- ✓ Short duration **grant 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 (aiming at an EMJM consortium)
- ✓ **Independent funding scheme** from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)

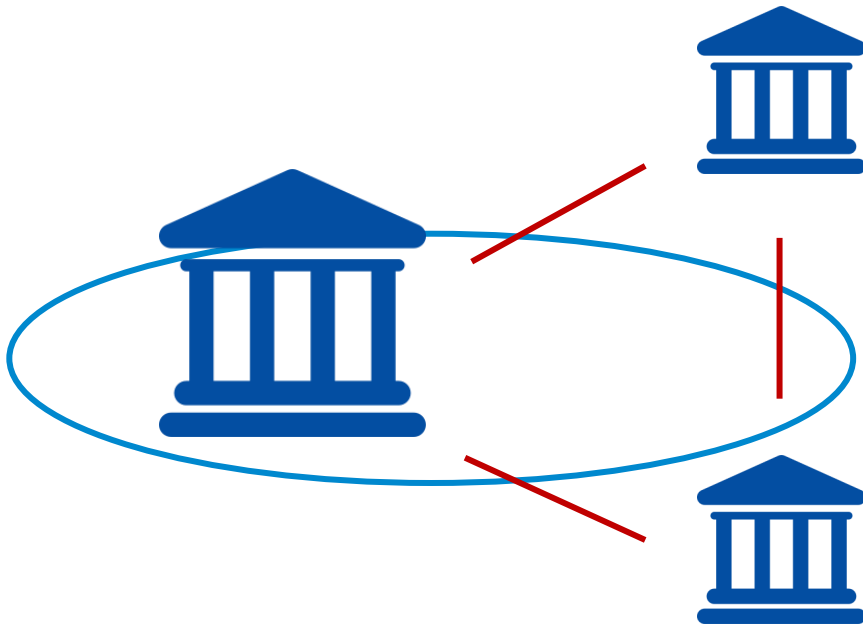
Expected outcomes of an EMDM

- ✓ Joint **programme design** and joint procedures
 - ✓ Joint **administrative** and financial management
 - ✓ Common **services** offered to students
 - ✓ Joint **promotion** and **dissemination**
 - ✓ A draft joint **Partnership** and **Student Agreement**
 - ✓ A joint **degree policy** and launch of **accreditation process**
- + explore opportunities offered by the **European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes** (if national legislation allows)

EMDM Set-up

- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (aiming at an EMJM consortium)
- ✓ **Fixed duration of 15 months**
- ✓ EU Grant: single **lump sum contribution of 55.000 Euros** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)

Taking part as an Organisation



- Applications can be submitted by **any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI**
- Open to **any public and private organisations** in Programme & Partner countries
- HEIs established in a Programme country must hold a valid **Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)**



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EMDM call for proposals 2021 at a glance

- ✓ Publication of Call: **25 March 2021**
- ✓ Deadline: **26 May 2021**
- ✓ Budget: **approx. 2m Euro**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: **approx. 36**



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EMDM Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 40 points)

- ✓ Aims and specific objectives of the project and their relevance
- ✓ Strategy proposed
- ✓ Project ambition
- ✓ New consortia and potential to involve under-represented Programme Countries/institutions/thematic areas

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 20 points)

- ✓ Planning of the activities to achieve the objectives and outcomes
- ✓ Operational resources
- ✓ Steps foreseen to launch an accreditation/evaluation process



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EMDM Award Criteria (2)

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

- ✓ Definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team
- ✓ Expected involvement of other educational/non-educational actors and their contribution to the design of the programme.
- ✓ Rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ Expected impact
- ✓ Promotion and dissemination
- ✓ Sustainability and identification of possible sources of funding



Other information sources

- ✓ Statistical factsheets on Erasmus Mundus 2014-2020 achievements: *coming soon*
- ✓ Report “Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme”
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/resources/implementing-joint-degrees-in-erasmus-mundus-action-erasmus-programme_en
- ✓ EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and follow-up event "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs":
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees-06-2019_en
- ✓ Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2_policy_paper_on_joint_degrees.pdf
- ✓ Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide
 - <https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/sustainabilitysurvey2017.pdf>



Thank you



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