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

EMJMD
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
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.
EMJMD - main characteristics (1)

- **Attractiveness and Excellence**: very high selectivity of EMJMDs, only excellent joint master programmes selected and funded.

- "**Jointness**" - Integration of the course design and structure, recognition/accreditation of degrees.

- Although not mandatory, **Joint Degrees are strongly encouraged** (double/multiple degrees still eligible).

- Bridging **academic** and **job-market needs** (trans-disciplinary approach), **employability** of graduates.
EMJMD - main characteristics (2)

- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide, priority on Partner country students *(minimum of 75 %)*
- **Invited scholars/guest lecturers** contribute to the teaching/training/research activities
- Worldwide **visibility**
- **Sustainability** after EU funding
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission / DG EAC
Opportunities for HEI's from Programme countries

- High degree of visibility in a programme of Excellence
- Multiannual grant agreement and personalised management support by EACEA
- Attractive EU co-funding scheme
- Select top students worldwide
Opportunities for HEI's from Partner countries

- High degree of international visibility in EU programme of Excellence
- Increased exchange of excellent students and staff from and to HEIs in Partner countries
- Exchange of good practices with other participating HEIs
- Possibility of further educational and research collaborations
Opportunities for students

- Top academic expertise and specialisation options
- Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree
- Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope
- High employability thanks to key skills developed
- Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association
Lessons learnt from EM Master Courses (EMMCs) 2004-2013

- Build up consortia of HEIs with a wide coverage of the EHEA
- Invest in internship programmes
- Participation of non-academic organisations in curriculum development and performance evaluation
- Develop complementary competences for EM students
- Business and marketing plans for financial sustainability
- Outreach activities to raise visibility and recognition of awarded joint degrees among academia and business community
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 widespread across EHEA & HEIs and other eligible 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 (1)

❖ Relevance of the project (max 40 points)
  ✓ "jointness"/integration, design and structure
  ✓ integration in the partners' degree catalogues
  ✓ identification of needs in the academic field
  ✓ academic programme and learning outcomes
  ✓ HEI internationalisation: benefits of student and staff mobility

❖ Quality of the project design and implementation (max 20 points)
  ✓ academic programme and learning outcomes, excellent academic content
  ✓ evaluation methods to monitor, upgrade and improve quality
  ✓ student mobility and involvement of scholars/guest lecturers
  ✓ services to students and academic staff
  ✓ course rules, student rights and obligations (academic, administrative, financial)
  ✓ integration/networking of students within socio-cultural and professional environment
  ✓ Interaction with non-educational actors
Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)

- expertise of the involved partners/staff
- institutional commitment of partners; governing bodies and management tools
- joint criteria for student application, selection and admission requirements, examination and performance evaluation
- financial outline of the EMJMD, including complementary funding

Impact and dissemination (max 20 points)

- development and sustainability strategy, mobilisation of other funding sources for scholarships and self-funded students
- institutional impact and internationalisation strategy
- entrepreneurship, involvement of employers and employability of graduates
- promotion, dissemination and awareness raising strategy, excellent students
- promotion of course materials and media through open licences (if relevant)
EMJMD Evaluation procedure

- 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

- In case of *ex aequo*, priority will be given to projects scoring highest under the criterion "Relevance"
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
Award Criterion for additional scholarships (1)

Indicatively, consortia may receive **around 8 additional student scholarships per intake** - per EMJMD edition (3 intakes/editions per contract $\rightarrow \approx 24$ scholarships)

**ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION**

Only projects that have passed the **minimum threshold under the award criterion "Relevance"** and obtain a total of **at least 70 points** will be assessed against the additional criterion for targeted regions.
Award Criterion for additional scholarships (2)

Relevance of the project in the targeted regions

- The proposal describes the **methods** used to **attract highly talented students from the targeted region(s)**.

- The proposal encourages **cooperation with HEIs** and/or other eligible participating organisation from **Partner Countries in the targeted region(s)**. The **added value** of such cooperation to the EMJMD is clearly explained.

- Assessment of the criterion: "Yes"/"No" – pertinence
New elements in the 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
**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
### EMJMD students scholarships grants

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<th>Contribution to participation costs</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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* Scholarship amounts for travel/installation depend on the place of residence at the time of scholarship application
EMJMD Consortium Agreement

- Institutional commitment of all organisations participating in the EMJMD consortium. In line with the principles of the European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), it must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the EMJMD.

  ➔ Definition of the roles and duties of the consortium partners and of the joint governing bodies of the EMJMD consortium
  ➔ Description of the academic programme, design of the programme/semester structure and establishment of the mobility paths
  ➔ Financial Management: definition of student participation costs and the establishment of a multi-annual budget
  ➔ Definition of a development and sustainability plan
  ➔ Clear roles concerning the joint promotion/awareness-raising activities and the marketing aspects

- Consortium Agreement guidelines:
Deadline: 16 February 2017 – 12:00 CET

Budget: ~ 90 M€ + ~ 22,7 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 2017
How to apply - eForm

- More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form:  

- Applications to be submitted using an eForm with attachments
  1. Register the partnership's organisations in the Participant Portal and receive a Participant Identification Code (PIC)
  2. Create your electronic application form using your PICs
  3. Fill in the eForm
  4. Attach completed versions of the attachments within the eForm
     - Description of the project (if applicable Targeted regions), Grant request table, Declaration on honour and Partners' Mandates, Other relevant annexes
  5. Submit the eForm on-line
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

- 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
Erasmus+ EMJMD 2016 - Statistics on applications
Participation of Programme Country institutions (Coordinators & Partners)
Selected EMJMDs 2016: Partner Country Institutions

N° of partner organisations
NR of PA-ASC

Argentina
Australia
Brazil
Bhutan
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Egypt
Georgia
Guinea
Indonesia
Israel
India
Jordan
Japan
Kenya
Kyrgyzstan
St.-Kitts & Nevis
South Korea
Morocco
Madagascar
Mexico
Nigeria
Peru
Philippines
Puerto Rico
Palestine
Serbia
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Sudan
Singapore
Thailand
Tunisia
Taiwan
Uganda
United States
Uruguay
Vietnam

South Africa
Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2017)

- [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

Practical details on "How to prepare a competitive EMJMD proposal"


EMJMD consortia selected in 2014, 2015 and 2016

Information sources (2)

Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"

Reference guide for practitioners: "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)"
- https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz

Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes

Erasmus+ e-tutorial on how to prepare a competitive proposal
Information sources (3)

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


Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals "Come to study or teach in Europe" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese


Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions "Work together with European higher education institutions" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese

Thank you for your attention!

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