Erasmus+  
Key Action 1  
Erasmus Mundus Joint  
Master Degrees  
EMJMDs  
Information Day  
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Outline of the presentation

- EMJMD Aims and Structure
- New elements of EMJMD 2014-2020
- EMJMD Selection Process
- Financial Support
- How to apply
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Policy

- Policy documents
- Programme definition
- Priorities
- Committees
- Impact analysis
- Management of decentralised actions via National Agencies

Programme implementation

- Management of centralised actions
- Calls, selection, contracts
- Monitoring, acceptance, payments
- Clustering & dissemination
- Results & feedback

EACEA
Education, Audiovisual & Culture
Executive Agency

European Commission

Directorate General for Education and Culture (EAC)
Policy and Programmes

- Centre for Programme management
- ~400 staff
- Based in Brussels
- Managed by EC officials
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The whole project lifecycle:
What are Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees EMJMDs?

- Highly integrated international master programmes of excellent quality
- Delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme countries + Partner country (if relevant)
- Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS)
- Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme countries
- **Offer full scholarships** for the best master students
- Support to **invited scholars/guest lecturers**
- Fully recognized joint or multiple degrees
- **Continuation of EM Masters Courses** (2009-2013)
EMJMDs main aims

- Foster **Quality** improvements, **Innovation, Excellence, Internationalisation** in HEIs
- Increase **Quality & Attractiveness** of the EHEA
- Improve the level of **Competences** and **Skills** of Master Graduates, in particular their relevance for the **Labour Market**
EMJMD new elements

- **Increased budget** for the 7-year-period (around 1 billion euros, allowing to support around **30,000 scholarship holders and 350 EMJMDs**)

- Higher student scholarships amounts

- Increased focus on **excellence, employability** and **sustainability**

- Strengthened selection procedure

- Strengthened "jointness" aspect
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Taking part as an organisation

- EMJMDs are open to any public or private organisation located in Programme or Partner Countries
  - Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
  - Non-academic partners (enterprises, NGOs, foundations, etc.)

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

- Minimum consortium composition: at least 3 HEIs as full partners from at least 3 different Programme Countries

- Associated partners
Erasmus+ EMJMD Call 2015

- Deadline: 04.03.2015 – 12:00 CET
- Budget: 34.6 M€ + 25.6 M€ for geographic "windows"
- Nr. of projects: 18 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
  - 13 (around 39 per Grant Agreement)
  - 4 for geographic "windows"
  - Selection decision: by end Q2/Q3
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EMJMD Award Criteria

- **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points)
- **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 25 points)
- **Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 pts)
- **Impact and dissemination** (max 25 points)

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least **70 points**

- **First step**: 75% (22.5 points) of the maximum allocated points for "relevance"
- **Second step**: 60% of the maximum allocated points for each of the remaining award criteria
Additional Scholarships

- Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/ countries of the world:

  Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbours, Gulf countries

- Funded through the EU External Action Financing Instruments (Heading 4 EU budget)

- Indicatively, consortia may receive up to 4 additional student scholarships per intake - per EMJMD edition
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Award Criterion for Additional Scholarships

Relevance of the project in the targeted region

- The proposal encourages cooperation with HEIs and/or other eligible participating organisation from Partner Countries in the targeted region.

- The proposal describes the methods used to attract highly talented students from the identified region.
Financial support

- The **management of the consortium** and the implementation of the EMJMD for 3 consecutive intakes

- Supporting the costs of **invited scholars/guest lecturers** contributing to the delivery and the excellence of the EMJMD

- **Students scholarships** awarded to the best students worldwide
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Financial support in details

EU Grant will be indicatively around 3 million EUR

1. Organisation - HEI
   - Lump sum for consortium management 170 000 EUR (20 000 EUR for the preparatory year + 50 000 EUR per intake)

2. Individuals = Students
   - maximum 25 000 EUR per academic year and per scholarship
   - actual amount of the individual scholarships will vary in accordance with
     a) the EMJMD length (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)
     b) the student country/region of residence
     c) the EMJMD participation costs
Financial support in details

**Student scholarships include:**

- a travel allowance: 1 000 to 3 000 € per academic year
- an installation allowance: 1 000 € - *Partner Country students only*
- a fixed monthly allowance: 1 000 € - all students

- participation costs/tuition fees:
  - max. 9 000 €/year - *Partner Country student*
  - max. 4 500 €/ year – *Programme Country student*
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EMJMD implementation

- **EMJMD Consortium Agreement**: institutional commitments of all organisations participating in the EMJMD consortium. It must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the EMJMD.

- **Duration of the project**: 1 preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum)

- Fixed total budget for the 3 intakes (between 13-20 students per intake → 39-60 students per grant agreement)
Taking part as an **individual**

→ Students apply directly to the consortium:
  https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en

**EMJMD scholarship applicants:**

- must have a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
- **not have received** an EM Master Course scholarship in the past
- can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes
- must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium
Students will

- Receive a **full scholarship** covering their **participation costs**, **travel** and **living costs**
- Be covered by health and accident **insurance**
- **Study** in at least **two different Programme Countries** of the EMJMD consortium
- Be awarded a fully **recognised joint or multiple degree**
- Join the **Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association**
  
How to apply - Students

➔ CATALOGUE: List of Courses/Scholarship Opportunities

- Selected under the Erasmus + programme in 2014:
- Selected under the former programme and still running:
- Selected under former EM Programme Action 2:

**ONE SINGLE CATALOGUE – ONE SINGLE WEBSITE**

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en
How to apply – Call application procedure – brief overview

- HEI in Programme Countries must have a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)
- Register in Participant Portal to get a Participant Identification Code (PIC)
- Consult the E+ Programme Guide on the EMJMD eligibility criteria and implementing rules
- Read "Instructions for Applicants" and "FAQ"
- Fill-in EMJMD e-application form and attach annexes (answers to award criteria + other)
- Submit e-form by latest 4 March 2015 (midday Brussels)
E+ selection results Call 2014 - Joint Master Degrees (per academic domain)

NB: the 2 proposals from the reserve list have finally been offered a grant from available funds, too!

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HS: Hard Science
HU: Humanities
LS: Life Science
E+ selection results Call 2014 - Joint Master Degrees (applicants per country)
E+ selection results Call 2014 - Joint Master Degrees (participation partner organisation Programme Countries)
Information sources

- Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, Call for Proposals 2015, application procedure, etc.)
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)

- EMJMD scholarship catalogue (selected beneficiaries)

- “Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus” (free of charge e-brochure)
Further questions on EMJMD?

- Write an email to the EMJMD team at EACEA in Brussels:

  EACEA-EPLUS-JMD@ec.europa.eu
Thank you for your attention!

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