

## ERASMUS+

Key Action 1 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees EMJMDs



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Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) General overview

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#### A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

#### A single integrated programme





## **Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees**

#### ...in brief:

- Highly integrated Master study programmes delivered by international HEI consortium
- ✓ No restriction in disciplines
- ✓ 3 consecutive student intakes
- ✓ Award of a joint or multiple Master degree
- Increased budget for the 7-year-period
  - > around 1 billion €
  - > allowing to support ~350 EMJMDs and
  - ~30.000 scholarship holders 75% for students from Partner Countries



#### International cooperation: Programme Countries & Partner Countries

Programme Countries	Partner Countries
<b>EU Member States:</b> Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom	All other countries throughout the world
Other Programme Countries:	

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey



## **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



#### **Opportunities for HEI's**

High degree of visibility in a programme of Excellence

Attractive EU co-funding scheme

Multiannual grant agreement and personalised management support by EACEA

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Select top

students

worldwide



## **Opportunities for students**

Top academic expertise and specialisation options

Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree

Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope

Support by consortium partners and EMA

*EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association* 



# Lessons learnt from EM Master Courses (EMMCs) 2004-2013

- 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



## New elements in the 2016 EMJMD Call

- Preparatory year is no longer mandatory
- Streamlined award criteria including different weighting
  - Additional scholarships for <u>9 targeted regions (14 geographical windows)</u>, financed by EU external funding instruments (including ACP countries EDF budget)
- Simplified application and assessment for award of additional scholarships for targeted regions of the world



 Increased and guaranteed number of EMJMD scholarships (15 scholarships per intake, plus possibility for additional scholarships for targeted regions) and number of EMJMD projects planned to be funded (27 EMJMDs)



#### **EMJMD Award Criteria (1)**

- Relevance of the project (<u>max 40 points</u>)
  - ✓ "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)
  - ✓ excellent academic content
  - ✓ 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



## **EMJMD Award Criteria (2)**

- 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)



## **Specific priorities for four regions (1)**

#### ✓ Asia (Region 6):

- not from China and India
- at least 65% of the students must come from Least Developed Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal)
- the remaining students should come from the rest of the region

#### ✓ Central Asia (Region 7):

- if there are sufficient eligible candidates, at least 65% of the students must come from Low or Lower Middle Income Countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)
- the remaining students should come from the rest of the region



## **Specific priorities for four regions (2)**

- ✓ Latin America (Region 8):
  - at least 25% of the students must come from Lower Middle Income Countries (Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay)
  - a maximum of 35% of students from Brazil and Mexico together
  - 40% should come from the rest of the region
- ✓ *Middle East (Region 9):* 
  - Regional Window (Iran, Iraq, Yemen)
  - Specific Window for Iran



### Award Criterion for additional scholarships (2)

Relevance of the project in the targeted regions (max 5 points)

- 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.
- To be considered for funding the proposal must score at least 2,5 points under this criterion



## **EMJMD** funding rules

#### The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ 3 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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	Students from Partner Countries	Students from Programme Countries
Contribution to participation costs	up to <u>9.000 € per year</u>	up to <u>4.500 € per year</u>
Contribution to travel costs	2.000 € per year if residence is less than 4.000 km from EMJMD coordinator 3.000 € per year if residence is 4.000 km or more from EMJMD coordinator	<u>1.000 € per year</u>
Contribution to installation costs	<u>1.000 €</u>	-
Living allowance (max 24 months)	<u>1.000 € per month</u> ( <u>not</u> when in country of residence, and max 3 months in any Partner Country)	<u>1.000 € per month</u> ( <u>not</u> when in country of residence)



#### How to apply Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016

- Deadline: 18 February 2016 12:00 CET
- Budget: ~ 57 M€ + ~ 19 M€ for "targeted regions"
- > Nr. of projects: ~27 EMJMDs
- *Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:* 
  - ~15 (around 45 per Grant Agreement)

<u>plus</u>

- ~4 (around 12 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- > Award decision: by July 2016



#### Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016 Selection roadmap

Milestones	Dates
Publication of the call for proposals	October 2015
Deadline for submission of applications	18 February 2016 – 12:00 CET
Expert assessment	April – May 2016
Accreditation check of Masters	June 2016
Award Decision	July 2016
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	July - August 2016
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August - September 2016
Start of projects	August - October 2016



### How to apply - eForm

 More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form: <u>https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees\_en</u>

#### Applications to be submitted using an <u>eForm with attachments</u>

- 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 (Step 1, Step 2, 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-mobilityindividuals/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



## **Advantages for EMJMD Students**



- Full scholarship covering participation costs, travel and living costs
- Health and accident insurance
- **Study** (perform research, undergo a placement) in at least **two different Programme Countries** of the EMJMD consortium (min. 30 ECTS credits each study period)
- Fully recognised and accredited joint or multiple degree (comprising a <u>Joint</u> Diploma Supplement)
  - Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association: <a href="http://www.em-a.eu/">http://www.em-a.eu/</a>



#### Example of EMJMD – selected under the 2015 call for proposals

Title: EMMC MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING (EU4M)

**Coordinator:** UNIVERSIDAD DE OVIEDO - ES

#### Partners (4):

- HOCHSCHULE KARLSRUHE-TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT (DE)
- ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DE MECANIQUE ET DES MICROTECHNIQUES (FR)
- NILE UNIVERSITY (Egypt)
- IVANOVO STATE POWER ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY (Russia)
- Associated Partners (8):
  - Six from Programme Countries => 2 (DE), 3 (ES), 1 (FR)
  - Two from Partner Countries => 1 (Cuba), 1 (Egypt)

**Grant Awarded :** <u>2.641.000 € - 53 EMJMD scholarships for 3 intakes</u>:

43 scholarships (9 Programme C. + 34 Partner C.) + 10 additional for targeted regions

Duration: 60 months (5 years)



# Information sources (1)

- ✓ Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2016, application procedure, etc.)
  - http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index en.htm
  - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus\_en
  - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding\_en
- EMJMD consortia selected in 2014 and 2015
  - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea->site/files/selection results en 25112014.pdf
  - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/e 2015 emjmd selected for funding 2015.07.28 ats.pd



# *i*Information sources (2)

- Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes
  - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\_mundus/tools/good\_practices\_ \_\_en.php
- ✓ 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)
  - http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/joint-international-masterprogrammes-pbEC0313346/



# *i* Information sources (3)

- Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals "Come to study or teach in Europe" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese
  - http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/come-to-study-or-teach-ineurope-pbNC0313339/
- Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions "Work together with European higher education institutions" in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese
  - http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/work-together-with-europeanhigher-education-institutions-pbNC0213245/



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