



# **ERASMUS+**

**Key Action 1**

**Erasmus Mundus  
Joint Master Degrees  
EMJMDs**



# OUTLINE

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)  
General overview

Results of the Erasmus+ EMJMD calls for proposals 2014-2018

How to participate as an Organisation / Individual  
Funding possibilities – EMJMD call for proposals 2019

EMJMD – Information sources



# A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

A single integrated programme



**EMJMD**

*Specific activities:*

- Jean Monnet
- Sport



## Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

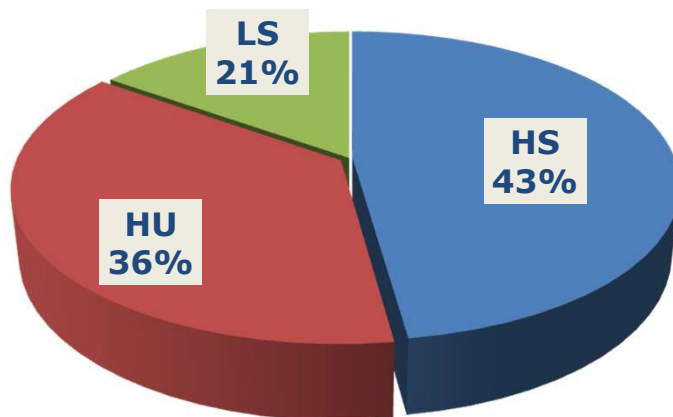
### ...in brief:

- ✓ Highly integrated Master study programmes delivered by international HEI consortium
- ✓ No restriction in disciplines
- ✓ Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits)
- ✓ **4** consecutive student intakes
- ✓ Mandatory study period in at least two (2) different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
- ✓ Award of a joint or multiple Master degree
- ✓ Full scholarships for students - 75% for students from Partner Countries

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

- Increased budget for the 7-years-period
  - around **1 billion €**
  - allowing to support **≈ 300 EMJMDs** and
  - **≈ 28.000 scholarship holders** - 75% for students from Partner Countries
- ❖ **Selection results 2014 - 2018 (by academic discipline)**

**Eligible proposals: 451**

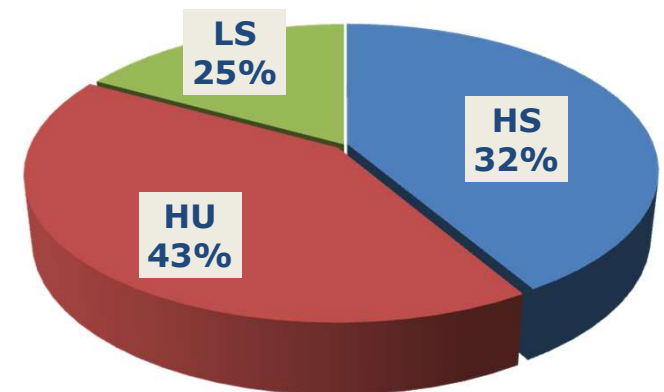


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Hard Sciences

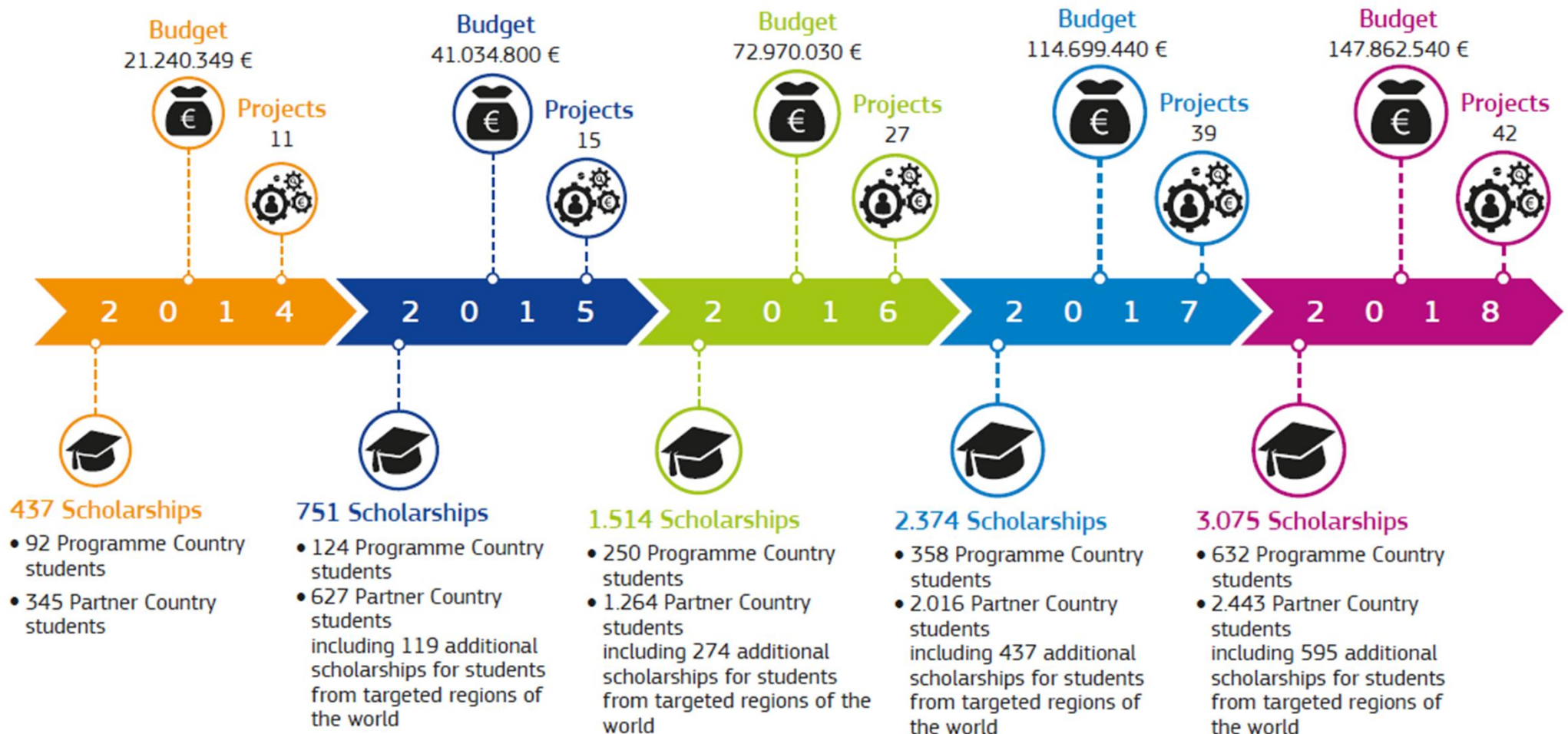
HU =  
Humanities

LS =  
Life Sciences

**Funded projects: 134**  
**=> 30% success rate**



## Five EMJMD selections at a glance



## International cooperation

### Programme Countries



***EU Member States***

**+**

***Other Programme Countries:***

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,  
Former Yugoslav Republic of  
Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey

**+**

### Partner Countries

**All other countries  
throughout the world**





## 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**



## 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 %** - *Heading 1 and Heading 4/EDF Windows scholarships together*)
- **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 HEIs 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 HEIs 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 & specialisation options

Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree

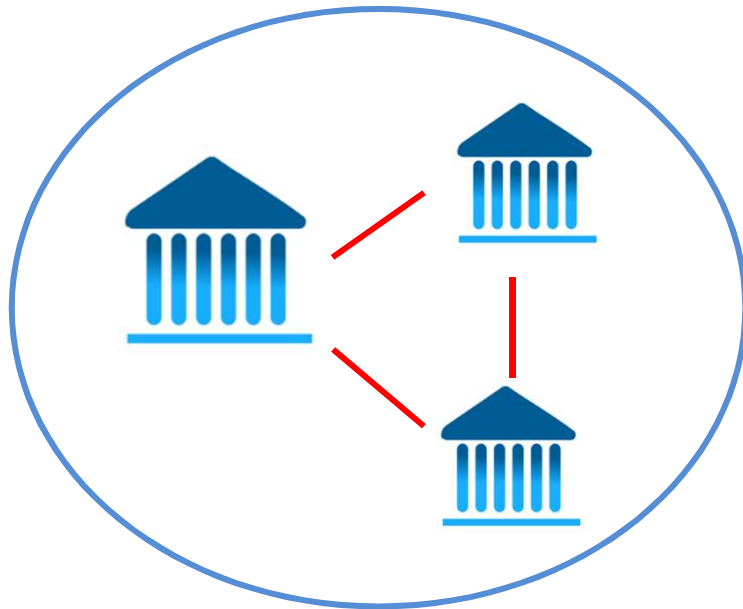
Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope

High employability thanks to key skills developed


Support by consortium partners and EMA

*EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association*

## Taking part as an Organisation



+ Public and private organisations  
in Programme & Partner countries

- ❖ Programme country HEIs:  
Accreditation/Evaluation 
- ❖ Non academic partners
- ❖ Associated partners

**Minimum consortium:**  
3 HEIs - 3 different  
Programme countries



# 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*



## 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)

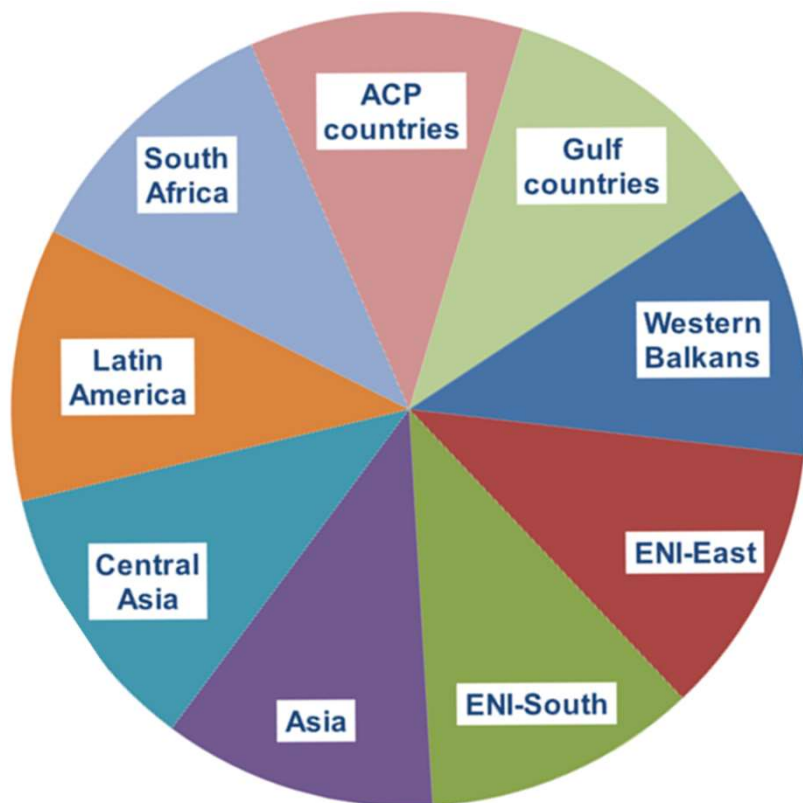
- ✓ *development and sustainability strategy, mobilisation of other funding sources for scholarships and self-funded students*
- ✓ *institutional impact and internationalisation strategy*
- ✓ *entrepreneurship, involvement of employers and employability of graduates*
- ✓ *promotion, dissemination and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



## 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 9 targeted regions



- ✓ Financed through EU external funding instruments
- ✓ Consortia may receive up to **28 additional scholarships**

### ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION

- Assessment of the criterion: "Yes"/"No" – pertinence



## Specific priorities for three regions

### ✓ Asia (Region 6):

- 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Least Developed Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal)
- no additional scholarships for students from China and India

### ✓ Central Asia (Region 7):

- 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Low or Lower Middle Income Countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

### ✓ Latin America (Region 8):

- 25% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Lower Middle Income Countries (Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay)
- 35% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Brazil and Mexico together

# Award Criterion for additional scholarships

## 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

## EMJMD funding rules

EMJMD EU grant  
~ 3-4 million €

**HEIs**



- 50.000 € per student intake (i.e. 20.000 € in total)
  - 20.000 € for optional preparatory year
- = 220.000 € max.

**Students** 

- 25.000 € max. per scholarship per academic year
- includes:*
- ✓ *participation costs*
  - ✓ *travel & installation costs*
  - ✓ *subsistence allowance*



## EMJMD students scholarships grants

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



\* 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:**  
[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/guidelines\\_for\\_consortium\\_agreement-final\\_0.pdf](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/guidelines_for_consortium_agreement-final_0.pdf)



# Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2019

## EMJMD

- ✓ Deadline: 14 February 2019 – 12:00 CET (Brussels time)
- ✓ Budget: ~ 130 M€ + ~40 M€ for targeted regions
- ✓ N° of projects: ~ 46 EMJMDs
- ✓ Grant Award Decision: by July 2019



## EMJMD - Japan

- ✓ Deadline: 1 April 2019 – 12:00 CET (Brussels time)
- ✓ Budget: ~3,4 M€ (max. per project), no scholarships for targeted regions
- ✓ N° of projects: ~3-4 EMJMD-JPN
- ✓ Grant Award Decision: by July 2019



## Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2019 Selection roadmap\*

Milestones	Dates EMJMDs	Dates EMJMD-Japan
Publication of the call for proposals	October 2018	October 2018
Deadline for submission of applications	14 February 2019 – 12:00 CET	01 April 2019 - 12:00 CET
Expert assessment	March – May 2019	April – May 2019
Accreditation check of Masters	March – May 2019	April – May 2019
Award Decision	July 2019	July 2019
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	July 2019	July 2019
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	July – Sept. 2019	July – Sept. 2019
Start of projects	August – Oct. 2019	August – Oct. 2019

\* *Dates to be confirmed*



## How to apply - eForm

- **More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form:**  
[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees_en)

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

Catalogue with ongoing EMJMDs offering scholarships:  
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships>

### ❖ EMJMD scholarship holders:

- **first higher education degree** or equivalent
- must **not have received** an Erasmus Mundus Master Course, Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree scholarship and/or Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate fellowship
- **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 Joint Diploma Supplement)
- **Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association:**  
<http://www.em-a.eu/>

## New elements in the 2019 EMJMD Call (1)

- ❖ **Serbia** joined the Erasmus+ Programme as **Programme country**
- ❖ **Western Balkans** (*Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro*) - new targeted region for additional scholarships
- ❖ **Chile and Uruguay** were moved from the region "Latin America" to "**Other industrialised countries**"
- ❖ **up to 7 additional scholarships** (*Heading4 / EDF*) per intake for targeted regions of the world (total **28** scholarships)





## New elements in the 2019 EMJMD Call (2)

- ❖ **New Partnership** between **EMJMD** and the **Inter-University Exchange Project (IUEP)** of the **Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT)**
- ❖ Co-funding of 3-4 projects
- ❖ Consortia consisting of:
  - at least 3 HEIs from Erasmus+ Programme Countries &
  - at least 1 HEI from Japan
- ❖ Japanese partner HEI designated coordinator for the JPN side
- ❖ max 32 scholarships funded by EU (+ 32 scholarships by MEXT)
- ❖ 2 student mobility periods:
  - in a Japanese HEI and
  - in a Programme Country HEI





## Example of EMJMD – selected under the 2018 call for proposals

### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

**Coordinator:** UNIVERSITÄT FÜR WEITERBILDUNG KREMS, AT

**Partners (5):**

- TAMPEREEN YLIOPISTO (FI)
- STIFTUNG FACHHOCHSCHULE OSNABRÜCK (DE)
- EOTVOS LORAND TUDOMANYEGYETEM (HU)
- BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY (China)
- THAPAR INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (India)

• **Associated Partners (17):**

- 12 from Programme Countries: AT, BE, FI, FR, DE, NL
- 5 from Partner Countries: Brazil, India, Mozambique, Uganda, US

• **Grant Awarded:** 3.698.000 € - 82 EMJMD scholarships for 4 intakes:

60 scholarships (16 Programme C. + 44 Partner C.) + 22 additional for targeted regions

• **Study programme:** 120 ECTS



## Lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus 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
- Develop a **tailor-made sustainability strategy**  
*"Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide"*  
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/sustainabilitysurvey2017.pdf>
- Outreach activities to **raise visibility** and **recognition** of awarded **joint degrees** among academia and business community

## Information sources (1)

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide
  - [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en)
- ✓ EMJMD call for proposals 2019
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- ✓ EMJMD website
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- ✓ EMJMD consortia selected in 2018
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2018\\_emjmd\\_selection\\_results\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2018_emjmd_selection_results_-_final.pdf)



## Information sources (2)

- ✓ Policy paper: *"EMJMDs - The story so far"*
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2.\\_policy\\_paper\\_on\\_joint\\_degrees.pdf](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>
  
- ✓ *"Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus"*  
(free of charge e-brochure)
  - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/joint-international-master-programmes-pbEC0313346/>

## Call for experts

- **EACEA is setting up a database of experts**
  - ✓ with a high level of expertise in the programmes managed by the Agency (*Erasmus+, but also Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe and EU Aid Volunteers*)
  - ✓ having a good knowledge of English and/or French and/or German
  - ✓ available for occasional, short-term assignments
  - for EMJMD there is no restriction in terms of nationality
- **Expert's tasks may include**
  - ✓ evaluating proposals received in response to calls for proposals
  - ✓ evaluating and monitoring projects
  - ✓ assisting with the implementation of actions managed by the Agency
  - ✓ assisting the Agency by providing opinions and advices in specific cases



## Call for experts – How to apply?

### ■ Call for expressions of interest N° EACEA/2013/01

- ✓ open until 30.09.2020
- ✓ list resulting from this call for expressions of interest is valid for the duration of the programmes managed by the Agency, i.e. until 31.12.2020
- ✓ further information on the call & as model contract and code of conduct for experts available on: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/working-expert\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/working-expert_en)

#### ✓ **How to apply?**

Details of how to apply can be found on the 'Experts' page of the Participant Portal for Education, Audiovisual, Culture, Citizenship and Volunteering:

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>



# Thank you!

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