

### **Erasmus+**

#### **Erasmus Mundus Action**

European Education and Culture Executive Agency



#### Join Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027!



European Commission





#### International cooperation

EU Member States + Third countries associated to the Programme:

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

Third countries not associated to the Programme: All other countries throughout the world



#### What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master?

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 partners

Offering high-level scholarships to excellent students worldwide





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



#### How does an EMJM look like?

Fixed Grant Agreement of 74 months 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, 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 an EU Member State or a third country associated to the Programme)

**Geographical balance of students**: no more than 10% of total scholarships per project awarded to students of the same nationality



### Taking part as an Organisation





- Open to any public or private organisation worldwide
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible HEI worldwide
- ✓ HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: valid ECHE
- ✓ HEIs in third countries not associated to the Programme: should commit to ECHE principles in the Partnership Agreement
- ✓ HEIs from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme: completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme



#### Involvement of Croatian institutions in the EMJMD Programme 2014-2020

EMJMD Selection Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
EMJMD projects selected	11	32	27	39	44	51	46	250
Participation as full partner	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Participation as associated partner	1	0	2	3	1	2	6	15





### 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 (Up to max. 1.400 € per month)
- Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships: <u>https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/emjmd-catalogue\_en</u>







### **EMJM Award criteria and Evaluation procedure**

#### **EMJM Award Criteria:**

- Relevance (max. 30 points)
- Quality of the project design and implementation (max. 30 points)
- Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements (max. 20 points)
- Impact (max. 20 points)

 Peer review by independent external experts – 3 experts assess each proposal in a one-step evaluation procedure



#### 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



# What is the rationale behind Erasmus Mundus Design Measure?

Encouraging the development of **new**, **innovative**, **high level integrated transnational study programmes at Master level** 

Diversifying the offer of JM programmes and involve EM underrepresented EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and/or institutions from these countries, and/or thematic areas



#### What is an EMDM?

EMDM

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

Independent funding scheme from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)



### Expected outcomes of an EMDM (1)



The jointly designed master should:

- ✓ Offer a fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium (involving at least three HEIs from three different countries, of which at least two must be EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme)
- ✓ Aim at attracting excellent students worldwide
- ✓ Include **physical mobility** for all recruited students
- ✓ Lead to either a **Joint degree** or **multiple degrees**



### Expected outcomes of an EMDM (2)



#### Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master programme:

- ✓ 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)



#### Taking part as an Organisation



Applications can be submitted by any HEI in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme

For HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: valid ECHE

For HEIs in third countries not associated to the programme: ECHE not required but should adhere to its principles







### **EMDM Award Criteria and Evaluation Procedure**

#### **Evaluation procedure**

Peer review by independent external experts – **2 experts** assess each proposal in a one-step evaluation procedure

#### **EMDM Award criteria**

- Relevance of the project (max 40 points)
- Quality of the project design and implementation (max 20 points)
- Quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)
- Impact (max 20 points)



### How to apply - eForm

Funding opportunities for 2021-2027 and information on how to apply are announced on the 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



### **Application package – EMJM**

#### The application form is structured in **3 parts**

Part A - Administrative Forms

Contains general information about the project, data on the applicant organisation and contact persons

• **Part B** – Technical description & annexes

Contains the narrative part of the project, the work packages, milestones & deliverables

Part C – Administrative forms

Specificities about the EMJM (number of ECTS, accreditation, type of degrees to be awarded, etc.)

- Complete Part A & C directly on the Portal
- Prepare Part B in advance and upload it together with the mandatory annexes (and the optional ones if applicable)



### **Application package - EMDM**

Complete Part A & C directly on the Portal

The application form is structured in 3 sections:

Part A – Administrative forms

General information about the project, data on the applicant organisation and contact persons, legal declarations, etc.

Part B – Technical description & annexes

Contains the narrative part of the project, the work package and the deliverables

Part C – Administrative forms

Specificities about the EMDM (n° of ECTS, type of degrees to be awarded, etc.)



Pay particular attention to the instructions given on the Portal under **Topic conditions and documents**, in particular section **6. Application form templates**, guidance and model grant agreement (MGA)



#### **Erasmus Mundus Action- calls for proposal 2022**

- ✓ Publication of the Calls: 24 November 2021
- ✓ Deadline: 16 February 2022

- ✓ Expected date of selection results: **Summer 2022**
- ✓ Budget: 145M € (EMJM) ; 3M € (EMDM)
- ✓ Nr. of projects for EMJM: ~ 27
- ✓ Nr. of projects for EMDM: ~ 55



### Main changes compared to call 2021

#### > New terminology:

- Better definition of the award criteria
- Some clarifications in the wording
- EMJM: Duration of the Grant Agreement: now 74 months (instead of 6 academic years)
- EMJM: More top-up scholarships under Heading 6 per EMJM project: 3 under IPA III and 27 under NDICI for students from 9 target regions
- EMJM: Regional priorities under NDICI funds



### Key messages from EM Calls 2021

Overall,,,,

- 2021 was a transition year with a new programme, new action and new challenges
- Positive feedback about the new concepts (EMJMs) and the new action (EMDMs)
- Although a new action, the number of Design Measures applications confirmed the need for preparatory measures
- Improvements needed in the application package



#### **2021 EMJM Applications – Facts & Figures**





- + 864 associated partners -> 320 institutions from third countries not associated to the Programme
- \* 31 third country HEIs not associated to the Programme

Average size per project: 16 associated and full partners



### Key messages - EMDM

- ✓ Positive response to the new EMDM action -> 148 applications
- ✓ Attractive scheme at international level
  - ✓ applications from 40 different countries: 24 from EU Member States and third countries associated to the programme and 16 from other third countries
  - ▶ 41 applications from third countries not associated to the Programme (~ 28%)
  - Most represented third countries not associated to the programme: Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco
- Confirmed interest from formerly under-represented EU Member
  States and third countries associated to the programme [applications from
  PL (6), LV (4), BG (3), HR (2), RO (2), CY (1), MK (1), Serbia (1) and SK (1)]



### Key messages - EMDM

#### ✓Confirmed interest from completely new HEIs

- Out of 148 applicants, 62 brand NEW organisations (42%)
- 7 brand NEW organisations participating 2 times (KZ, LT, RU, TR, UA)

However these positive trends at application need to be confirmed in terms of results and for the second call





✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide 2022 :

Erasmus+ Programme Guide | Erasmus+ (europa.eu)

 Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2022 on Funding & tender opportunities portal <u>https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home</u>

✓<u>How to get a grant (europa.eu)</u> - General info for applicants on EACEA website





- ✓ <u>Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (2014-2020)</u>
- ✓ Statistical factsheets on Erasmus+ 2014-2020
- ✓ <u>Report 'Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme'</u>
- ✓ EMJMD catalogue
- ✓ EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and Follow-up event 2019 "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees The story so far
- ✓ Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses Best practice guide



# Thank you



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