



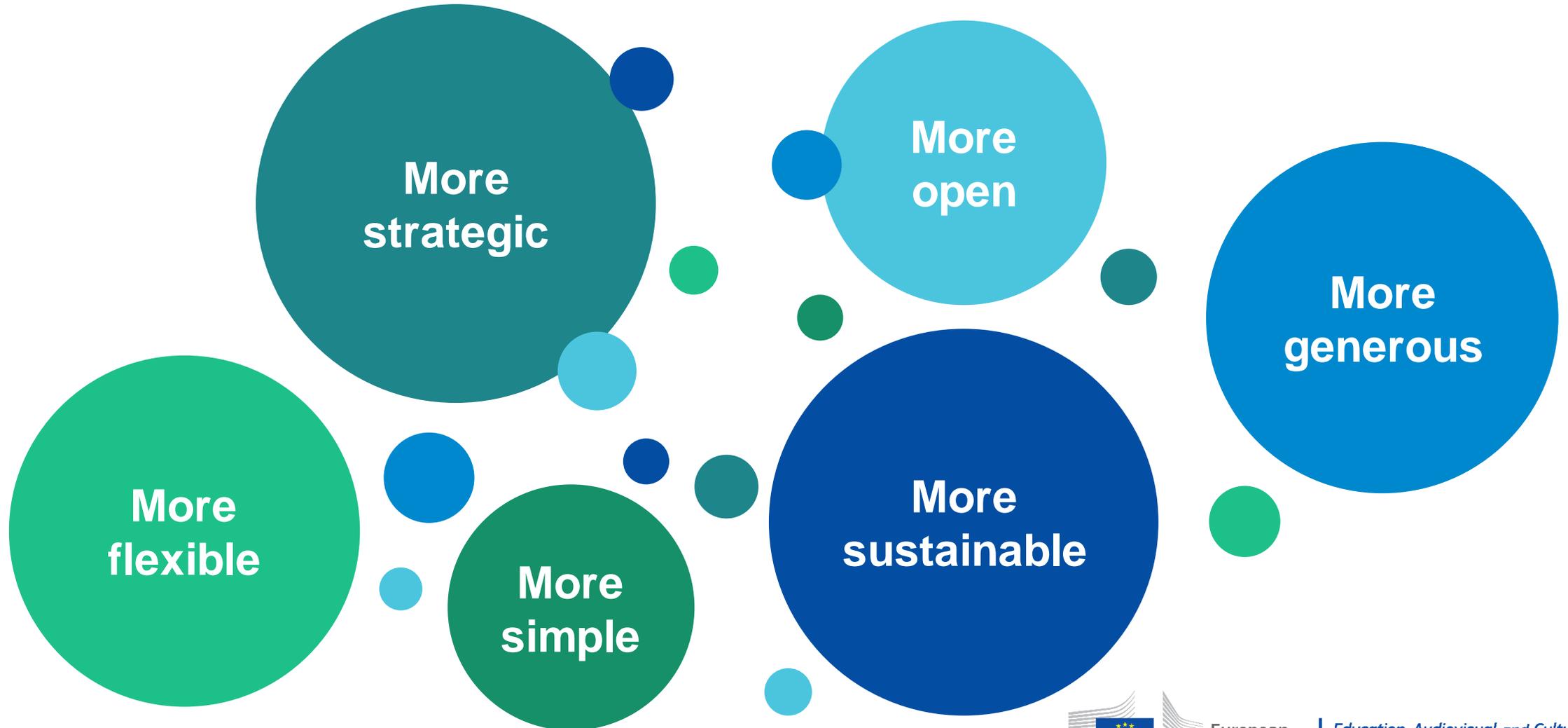
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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

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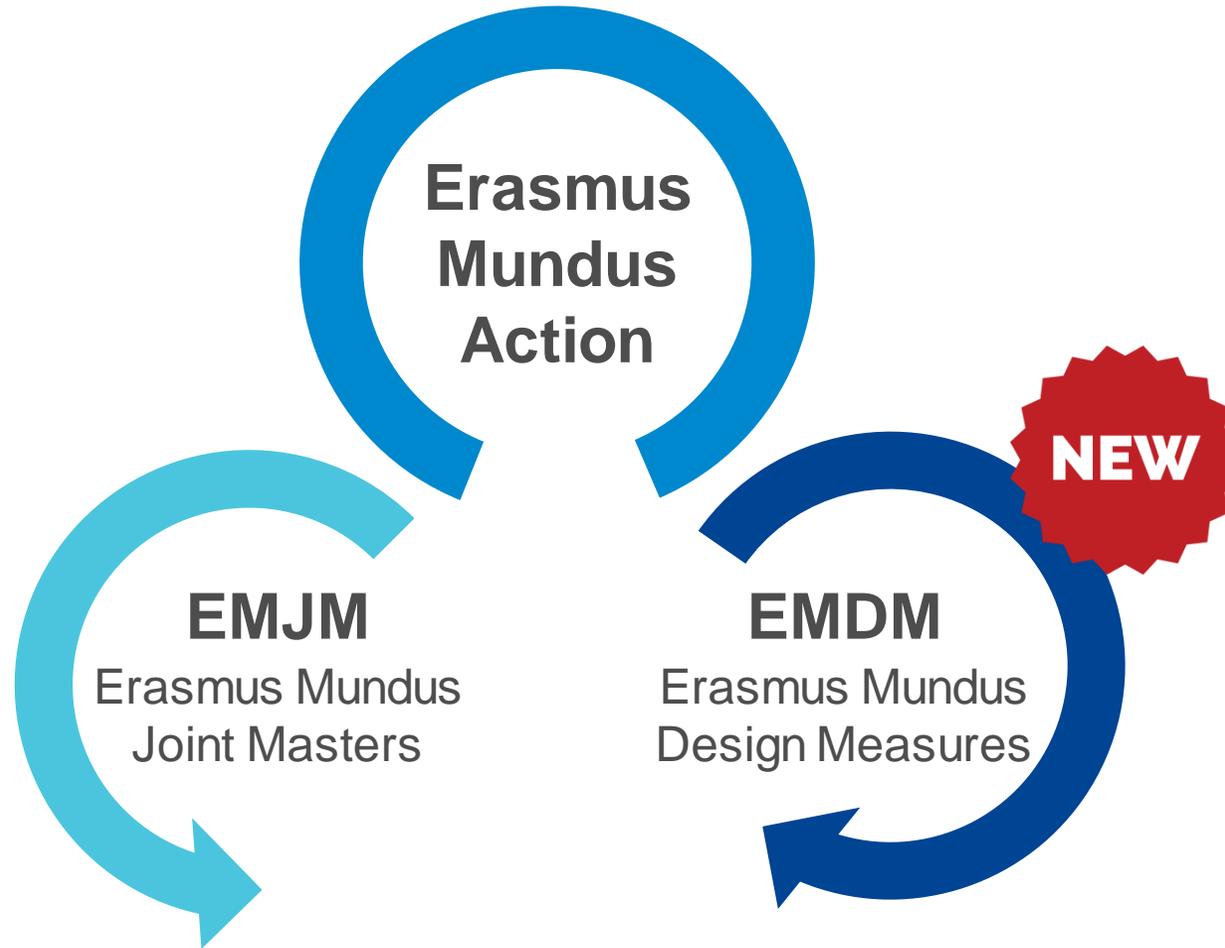
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Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027



New programme 2021-2027

KA1

Learning
Mobility
for
Individuals

KA2

Cooperation
for Innovation
& Good
practices

KA3

Support
for
Policy
reform



EMJMD



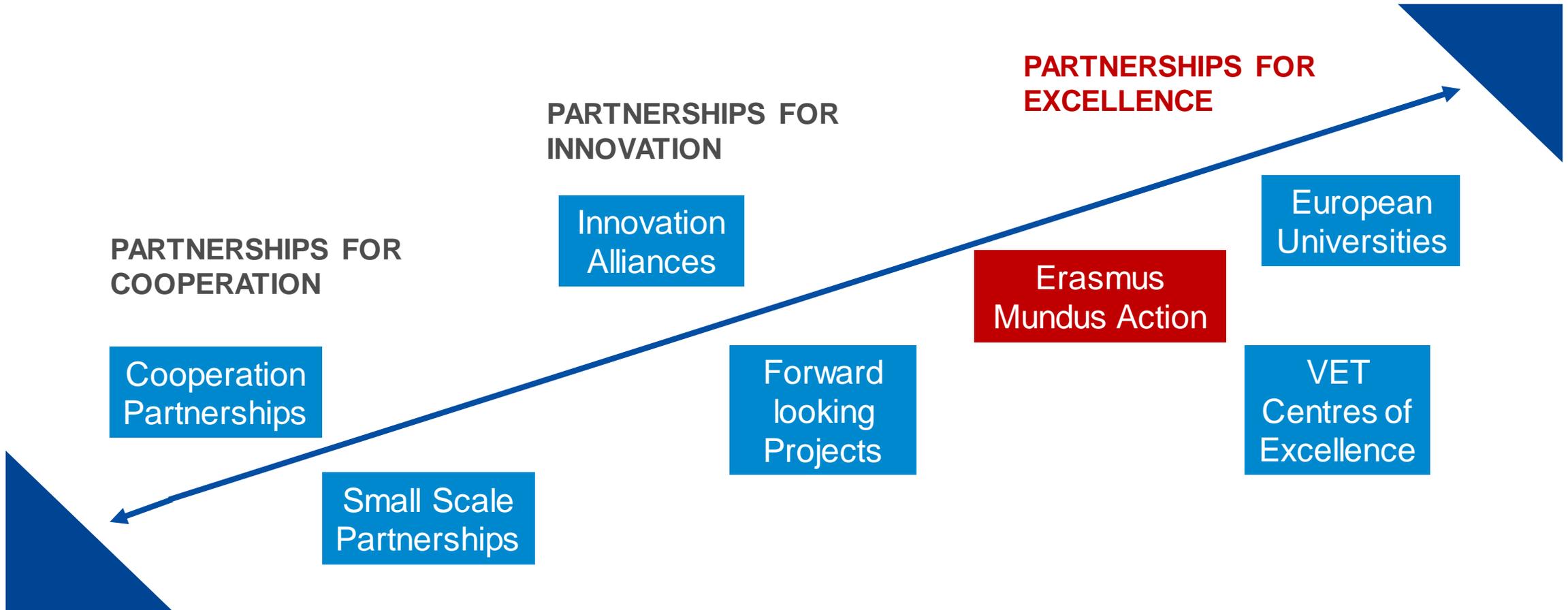
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Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models



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EMJM in brief...

- ✓ 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 educational and/or non educational partners
- ✓ Offering **high-level scholarships** to excellent students worldwide



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EMJM new strategic priorities



- Increased focus on institutional cooperation
- More internationalisation opportunities
- Simplification and more flexibility
- Increased impact of the EMJM scheme
- More attractiveness and excellence
- More sustainability
- More inclusiveness



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International cooperation

Programme Countries



EU Member States

+

**Non-EU
Programme
Countries:**

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

+

Partner Countries

**All other
countries
throughout the
world**



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EMJM – main requirements (1)

- a **jointly designed fully integrated curriculum** and **common implementation** procedures based on the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA (e.g. joint selection, promotion, common services, joint administrative and financial management, etc.)
- be delivered by a **consortium of at least three HEIs** from three different countries of which at least two must be Programme Countries
- **international outreach to attract and enrol excellent students worldwide** (part of which may benefit from an EMJM scholarship)

EMJM – main requirements (2)

- **compulsory physical mobility** for all enrolled students – at least 2 study periods in two countries with a minimum duration of one academic semester each (different from the country of residence of students)
- **contribution of scholars/guest lecturers** to teaching, training and research activities
- delivery of a **joint degree or multiple degrees** (joint degrees are highly recommended where national legislation allows it)

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



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EMJM Set-up (1)

- **Fixed Grant Agreement of 6 academic years** 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 or 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 a Programme Country and both different from the country of residence of students)
- **Geographical balance of students:** no more than 10% of total scholarships per project awarded to students of the same nationality (does not apply to additional scholarships for targeted regions)

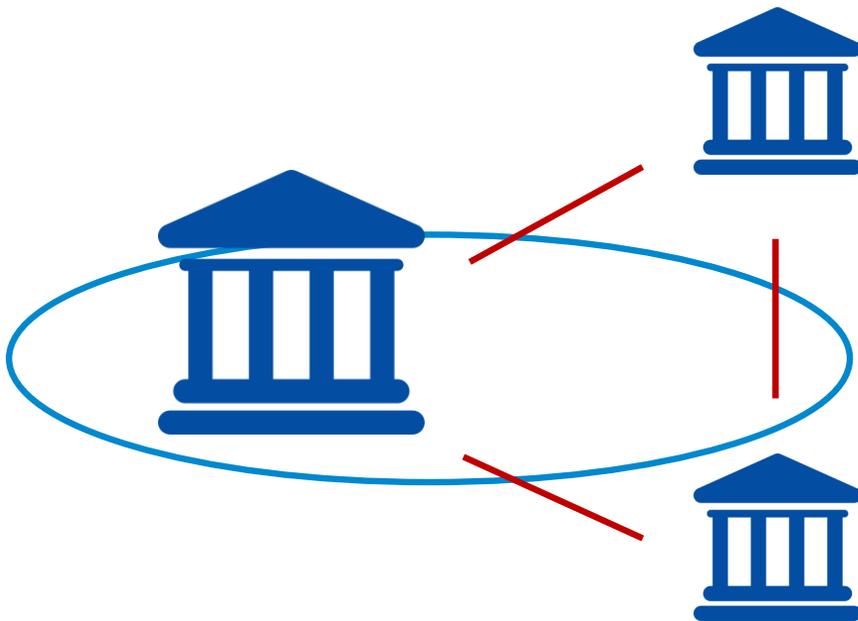
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Taking part as an Organisation



- Open to any public and private organisations in Programme & Partner countries
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI
- ✓ Programme country HEIs: **valid ECHE**
- ✓ Partner country HEIs: **should commit to ECHE principles** in the Partnership Agreement
- ✓ Programme and partner country HEIs: **completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme** 

Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be Programme countries
+ optional

Other full academic or non-academic partners

Associated partners

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
- **Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium**
Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships:
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships>



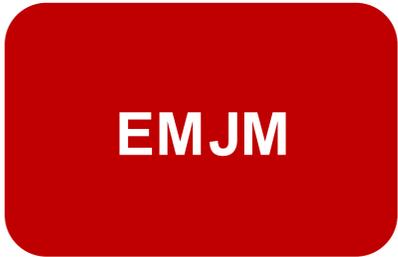
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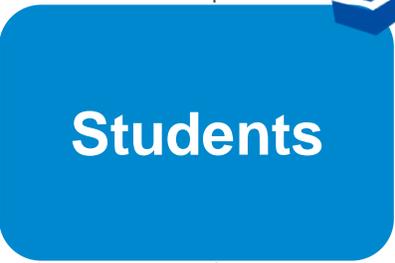
EMJM FUNDING RULES



1 simplified EU GRANT



2 main targets



3 components
=
3 unit cost



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Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

	EMJMD (€)			EMJM (€)		
		Partner country student (>4000km)	Partner Country student (<4000km)	Programme Country student	Scholarship holders	Non-scholarship holders
Scholarship part	<i>Installation costs</i>	1000	1000	0	1400 / month	NA
	<i>Travel Costs</i>	3000 / year	2000 / year	1000 / year		
	<i>Subsistence costs</i>	1000 / month	1000 / month	1000 / month		
	Total / month (120 ECTS)	1.300,00 €	1.200,00 €	1.100,00 €		
Institutional part	Participation costs	4500 / semester	4500 / semester	2250 / semester	750 / month	
	Management lump sum	20.000 / preparatory year				
		50.000 / intake				
Special Needs	NA			3.000 to 60.000		



Student scholarship

At student level:

- **Full Scholarship** to cover subsistence, installation and travel + fee waiver
- **A single unit cost per scholarship holder**
How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months 
(min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)
=> max. amount per student: 33 600 Euros

At project level:

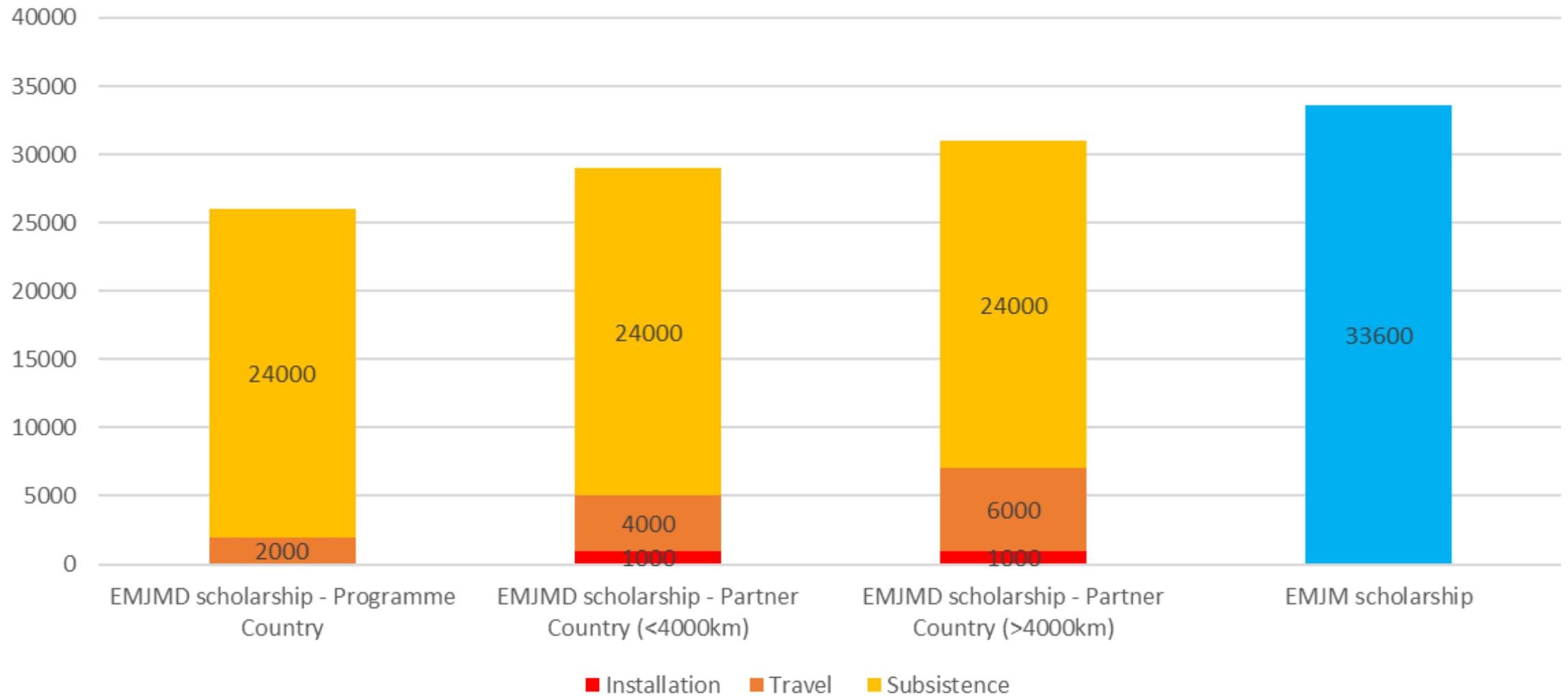
How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months x number of students
(cap of 60 students per EMJM project)

=> max. amount per project: 2,016,000 Euros per grant

=> Same unit cost for programme and partner country students



EMJMD vs. EMJM - student scholarship 120 ECTS



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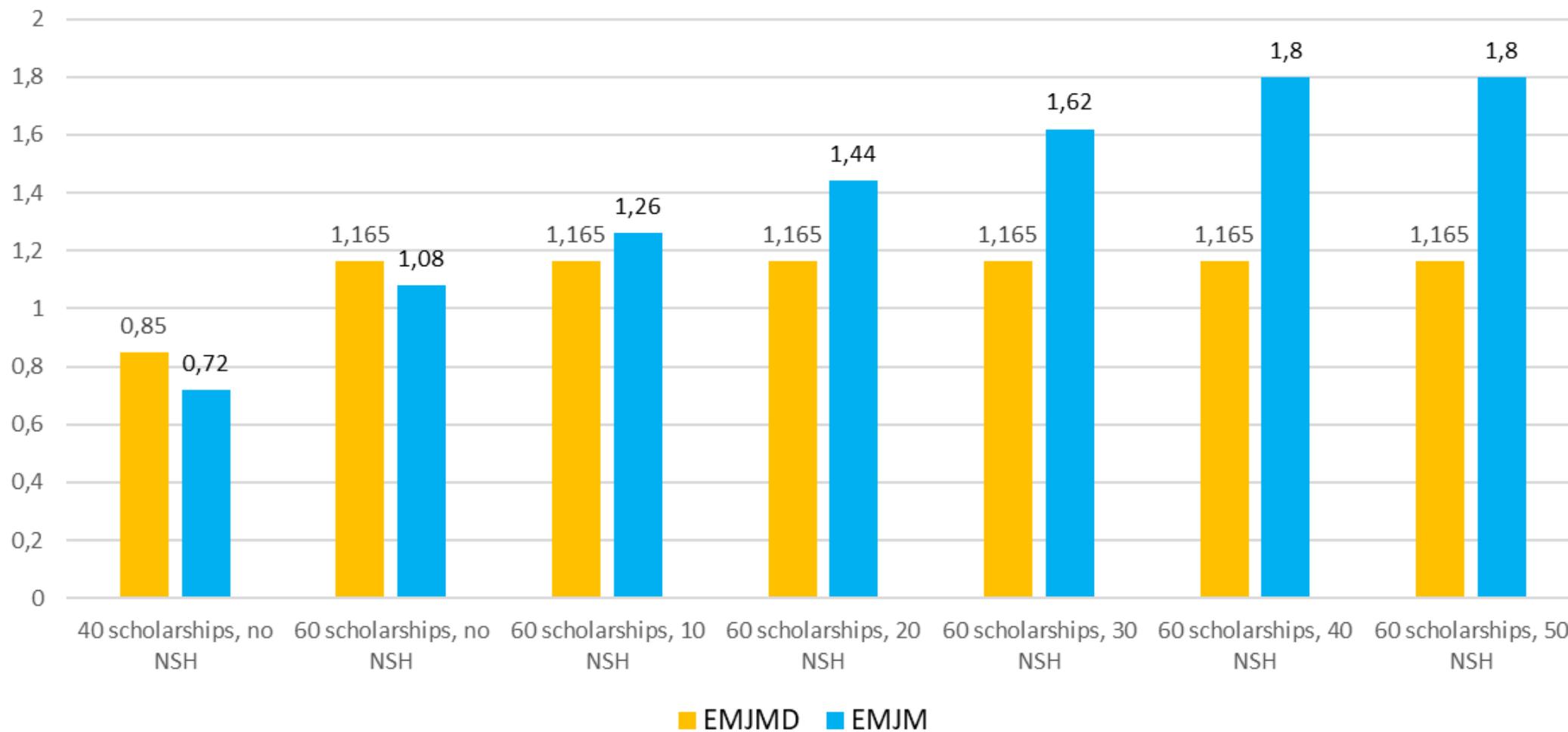
Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of 750€ /month 
How to calculate: € 750 x n° of months x n° of enrolled students (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)
=> max. amount per project: 1.800.000 €
- **Same unit cost for scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders**
- **Same unit cost for programme and partner country students**



EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM

120 ECTS masters, million €, by scholarship holder / non-scholarship holder (NSH)



Individual needs

At student level:

- Contribution based on individual needs of students:
10 different unit costs varying between € 3.000 – € 60.000
=> if below € 3000: to be covered by institutional costs

At project level:

Awarded at **contracting stage**:

0, 1 or 2 units costs of € 60 000

=> max. amount per project: € 120 000

=> For all enrolled students (scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders)



Additional funds (partner country students)

- Response to the EU External priorities (H6)
 - > EU financial Instruments IPA III (**tbc**) and NDICI for students **from partner countries**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for **the entire duration of the EMJM programme: approx. 24 scholarships**

=> max. amount provided: 1,238,400 Euros per grant



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EMJM call for proposals 2021

- ✓ Publication of Call: **tbc**
- ✓ Deadline: **tbc**
- ✓ Budget: ~ **98m € + ~ 24m € for Heading 6**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **25**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships: **max. 60 + approx. 24 for additional scholarships per project**



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How to apply - eForm

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

To be completed!



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EMJM Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – **3 experts** assess each proposal in a **one-step** evaluation procedure
 - 2 thresholds:
 - ✓ **22/30 points** for "Relevance"
 - ✓ Proposals must score **at least 70 points** overall
- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for "**Relevance of the project**", then "**Impact**" and then "**Quality**"



EMJM Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points)

- ✓ overall aims and objectives of the project and relevance to the EMJM
- ✓ project rationale and how it responds to identified societal and labour market needs
- ✓ strategy to foster excellence and innovation
- ✓ strategy to increase the attractiveness, integration and internationalisation of the EHEA

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 30 points)

- ✓ jointness/integration of the EMJM (e.g. design, implementation, quality assurance)
- ✓ contribution of mobile staff and invited scholars to teaching, training, research
- ✓ specific support for facilitating access to participants with individual needs
- ✓ strategy for risk assessment and mitigating measures



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EMJM Award Criteria (2)

❖ Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)

- ✓ consortium composition, complementarities of the partners, added value and benefits
- ✓ innovative character of the consortium, experience of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
- ✓ institutional commitment, roles and tasks of partners and cooperation arrangements
- ✓ funding distribution and budget plan; mobilisation and management of complementary funding

❖ Impact (max 20 points)

- ✓ projections in terms of enrolled students, mobilisation of other funding, measures to ensure geographical balance of students
- ✓ promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
- ✓ dissemination and exploitation strategy
- ✓ impact at system level, institutional level and individual level
- ✓ mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy



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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



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Rationale behind EMDM lot

- ✓ Filling the gap of the Erasmus Mundus Action by supporting the **development** of new master programmes
- ✓ Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving **under-represented** Erasmus+ Programme Countries, institutions, and/or thematic areas

What is an EMDM project?



- ✓ 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 (aiming at an EMJM consortium)
- ✓ **Independent funding scheme** from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)



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Expected outcomes of an EMDM

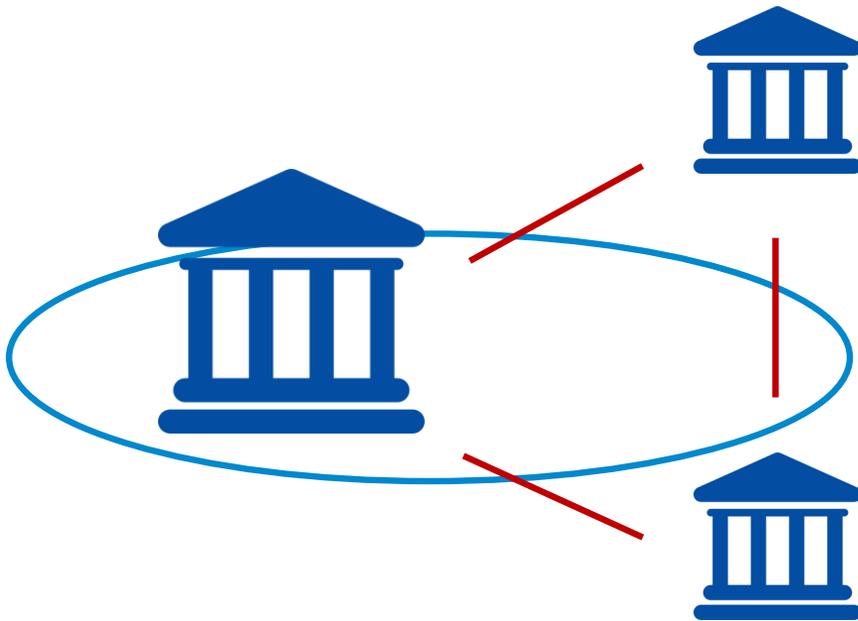
- ✓ Joint **programme design** and joint procedures
 - ✓ Joint **administrative** and financial management
 - ✓ Common **services** offered to students
 - ✓ Joint **promotion** and **dissemination**
 - ✓ A draft joint **Partnership** and **Student Agreement**
 - ✓ A joint **degree policy** and launch of **accreditation process**
- + explore opportunities offered by the **European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes** (if national legislation allows)



EMDM Set-up

- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (aiming at an EMJM consortium)
- ✓ **Fixed duration of 15 months**
- ✓ EU Grant: single **lump sum contribution of 55.000 Euros** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)

Taking part as an Organisation



- Applications can be submitted by **any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI**
- Open to **any public and private organisations** in Programme & Partner countries
- HEIs established in a Programme country must hold a valid **Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)**

EMDM call for proposals 2021 at a glance

- ✓ Publication of Call: **tbc**
- ✓ Deadline: **tbc**
- ✓ Budget: **approx. 2m Euro**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: **approx. 36**



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EMDM Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 40 points)

- ✓ Aims and specific objectives of the project and their relevance
- ✓ Strategy proposed
- ✓ Project ambition
- ✓ New consortia and potential to involve under-represented Programme Countries/institutions/thematic areas

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 20 points)

- ✓ Planning of the activities to achieve the objectives and outcomes
- ✓ Operational resources
- ✓ Steps foreseen to launch an accreditation/evaluation process



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EMDM Award Criteria (2)

❖ **Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 points)

- ✓ Definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team
- ✓ Expected involvement of other educational/non-educational actors and their contribution to the design of the programme.
- ✓ Rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ Expected impact
- ✓ Promotion and dissemination
- ✓ Sustainability and identification of possible sources of funding



Information about the programme (to be completed)

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2021
 - Funding & tender opportunities portal
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus website (new version available soon)
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees_en
current EMJMD website





Other information sources

- ✓ Statistical factsheets on Erasmus Mundus 2014-2020 achievements: *coming soon*
- ✓ Report “Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme”
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/resources/implementing-joint-degrees-in-erasmus-mundus-action-erasmus-programme_en
- ✓ EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and follow-up event "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs":
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees-06-2019_en
- ✓ Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"
 - 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>
- ✓ The Erasmus Mundus Catalogue
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/emjmd-catalogue_en
- ✓ The Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA
 - <https://www.eqar.eu/kb/joint-programmes/agreed-standards/>



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