



## Erasmus+ Programme

### Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

#### What is Erasmus+?

For over 30 years, Europe has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over four million European students to study, train, and gain experience abroad.

Erasmus+ recognises the importance of opening up these opportunities, funding exchange of students, academics, ideas and good practice between organisations in Programme Countries<sup>1</sup> and Partner Countries<sup>2</sup> throughout the world.

In the framework of the new programme 2021-2027, the international activities will cover Higher Education (HE), Vocational Education and Training (VET), Youth and Sport.

#### What is the new Erasmus Mundus Action 2021-2027?

The new Erasmus Mundus action comprises **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)** and **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**. They are autonomous funding schemes with independent calls for proposals. EMJMs support the implementation of existing joint master programmes whereas EMDMs support the design of new joint master programmes.

#### What is an EMDM project?

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures are projects which support the **design of high-level study programmes at master level**, jointly delivered by an international consortium of HEIs from different countries worldwide and, where relevant, other educational and/or non-educational partners with specific expertise and interest in the concerned study areas/professional domains.

#### What does an EMDM project do?

The main objective of the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures is to encourage **the development of new, innovative and highly integrated master programmes** with the ambition of facilitating the setting-up of **new partnerships** involving (a) Programme Countries (b) institutions, and/or (c) thematic areas **that are under-represented in Erasmus Mundus**.

By joining the action, beneficiaries will commit to initiate contact and collaboration activities in view of setting up a master programme in line with the definition set under the EMJM Action:

- Offer a fully integrated curriculum delivered by a partnership of HEIs
- Aim at recruiting excellent students worldwide
- Include compulsory physical mobility for all recruited students
- Lead to either a joint degree or multiple degrees

Expected outcome of an EMDM: the project is expected to have designed the following joint mechanisms for the master programme under development:

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<sup>1</sup> EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme.

<sup>2</sup> Third countries not associated to the 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)

## Structure of an EMDM project

- **Mono-beneficiary grant agreement: one beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (aiming at setting up a consortium)
- **Duration** of an EMDM project: **15 months**
- **EU Grant** for an EMDM project: a **lump sum contribution of 55 000 Euros** (for costs directly linked to the activities necessary to set up the new master programme and other expenditure in so far as relevant for the implementation of the action)

## Who can apply and take part in EMDM? How?

- **Any eligible HEI established in a Programme Country or Partner Country** can submit an application

## More information

Detailed information on the **criteria and funding rules**: [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

**Information on how to apply to annual calls for proposals** is provided on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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