



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 Countries¹ and Partner Countries² 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:

¹ EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme.

² 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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