



# Erasmus+ Programme

## Jean Monnet Action for higher education

### Stimulating teaching and research on the European Union and foster dialogue between academics and decision-makers in the EU and around the world

#### 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 practices between organisations in Programme Countries<sup>1</sup> and Partner Countries<sup>2</sup> throughout the world.

These global activities cover Higher Education (HE), Vocational Education and Training (VET), Youth and Sport.

#### What are Jean Monnet Actions?

The **Jean Monnet Actions** for higher education aim at **promoting excellence worldwide in teaching and research** in the **field of European Union studies**. These Actions also aim at **fostering dialogue between the academic world and policy-makers**, in particular with the aim of enhancing governance of EU policies.

'European Union studies' means **the study of Europe in its entirety**, with particular emphasis on **the EU dimension, from an internal but also from a global perspective**.

European Union studies cover the role of the EU in a globalised world and in promoting active European citizenship and dialogue between people and cultures.

Jean Monnet is expected to bring **positive and long-lasting effects to the participants** involved, to the **promoting organisations**, and to the **policy systems** within which they are framed.

#### Which Actions are supported?

##### Teaching and research activities:

**New introductory or advanced teaching programmes or courses designed to be embedded in the official curriculum of a higher education institution.**

- A **Jean Monnet Module** is a short teaching programme or course in the field of European Union Studies at a higher education institute. Each Module lasts three years with a minimum duration of 40 teaching hours per academic year. Modules may concentrate on one particular discipline in European studies or be multidisciplinary in approach.
- A **Jean Monnet Chair** is a teaching post with a specialisation in European Union Studies for university professors for duration of three years. The position is held by only one professor, who provides the

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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.

minimum of 90 teaching hours per academic year. The Chair may also have a team to support and enhance the activities of the Chair, including the provision of additional teaching hours.

- **Centre of Excellence** is a hub or focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects with project duration of three years. The Centre has a major role in reaching out to students from faculties not normally dealing with European Union issues as well as to policy makers, civil servants, organised civil society and the general public. The requirement to hold a Chair in order to set up a Centre of Excellence is removed.

### **Jean Monnet policy debate**

Large **thematic networks in Higher Education** (one network on internal EU issues and one network on foreign policy issues addressing one specific priority will be supported each year) will have as primary objective to collect, share and discuss among the partners research findings, content of courses and experiences, products (studies, articles, etc.). Each network will establish a tool allowing the partners to share their academic works and run peer review exercises, also commenting on the posted documents.

### **Who can apply and take part in Jean Monnet actions? How?**

Higher education institutions, organisations and associations around the world are eligible to apply for Jean Monnet actions. HEIs established in Programme Countries must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs in Partner Countries.

### **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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