

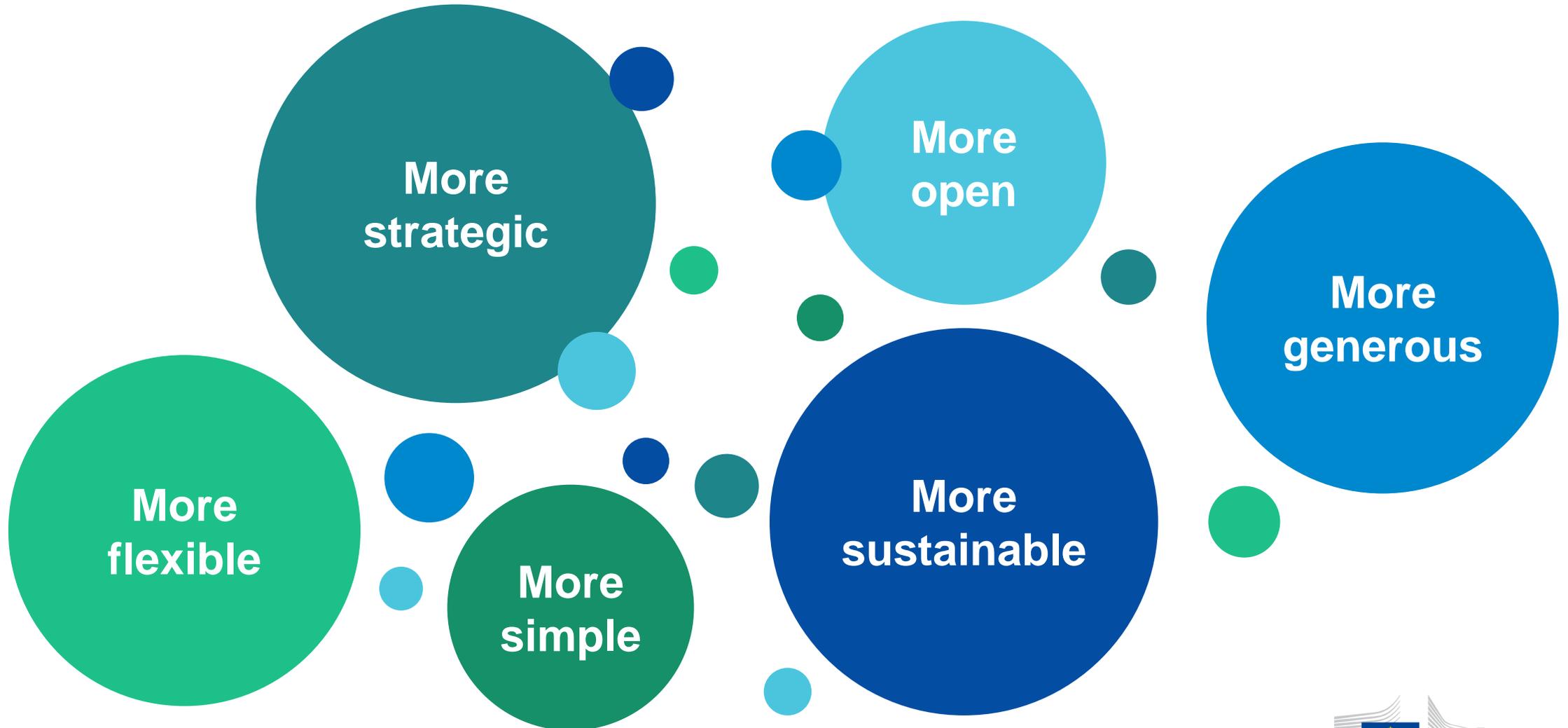


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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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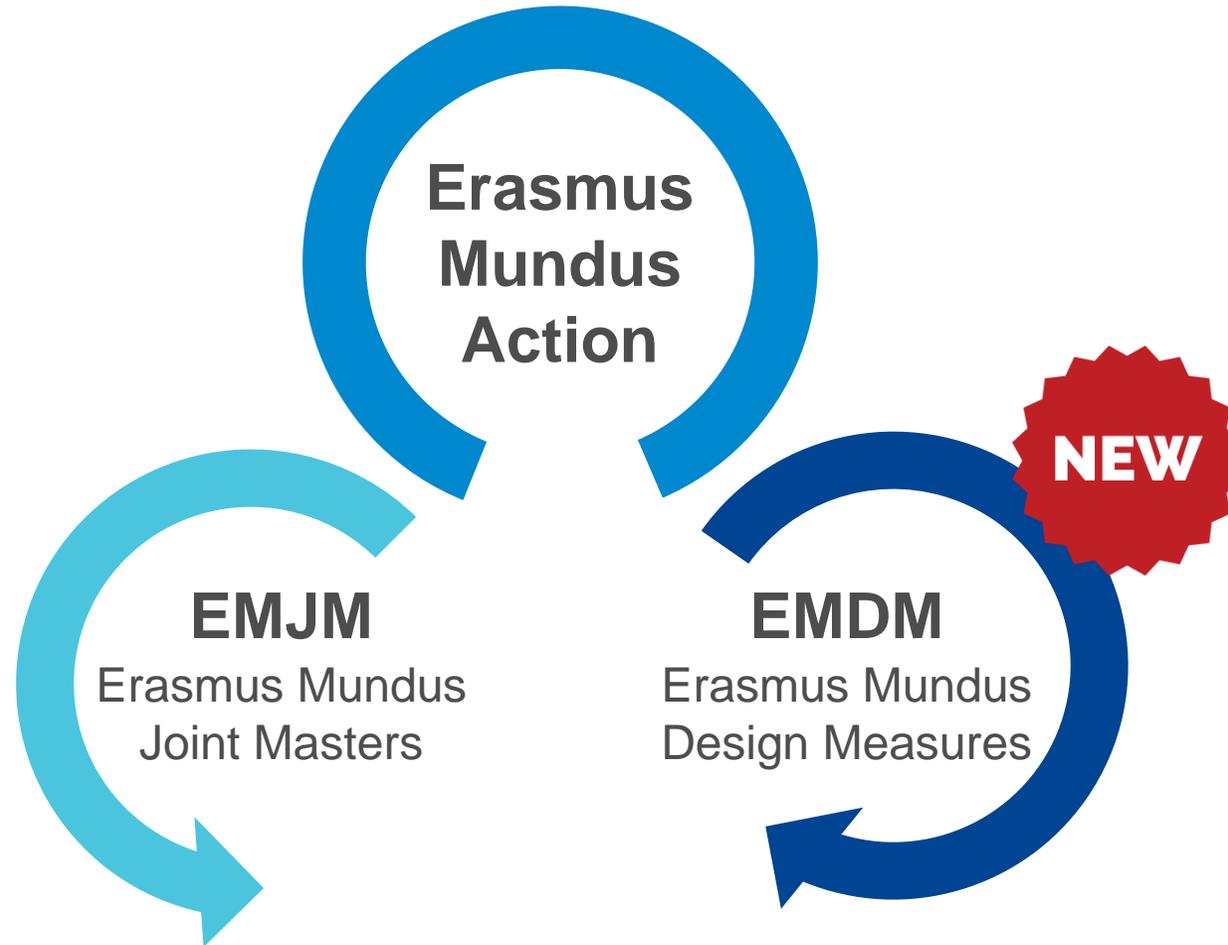


More than 4 million
European students

Open to international
dimension through
academic
exchanges
worldwide with more
funding

**Increased
International
dimension: HE,
VET, Youth & Sport**

Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027



Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027



New programme 2021-2027

KA1

Learning
Mobility
for
Individuals

KA2

Cooperation
for Innovation
& Good
practices

KA3

Support
for
Policy
reform

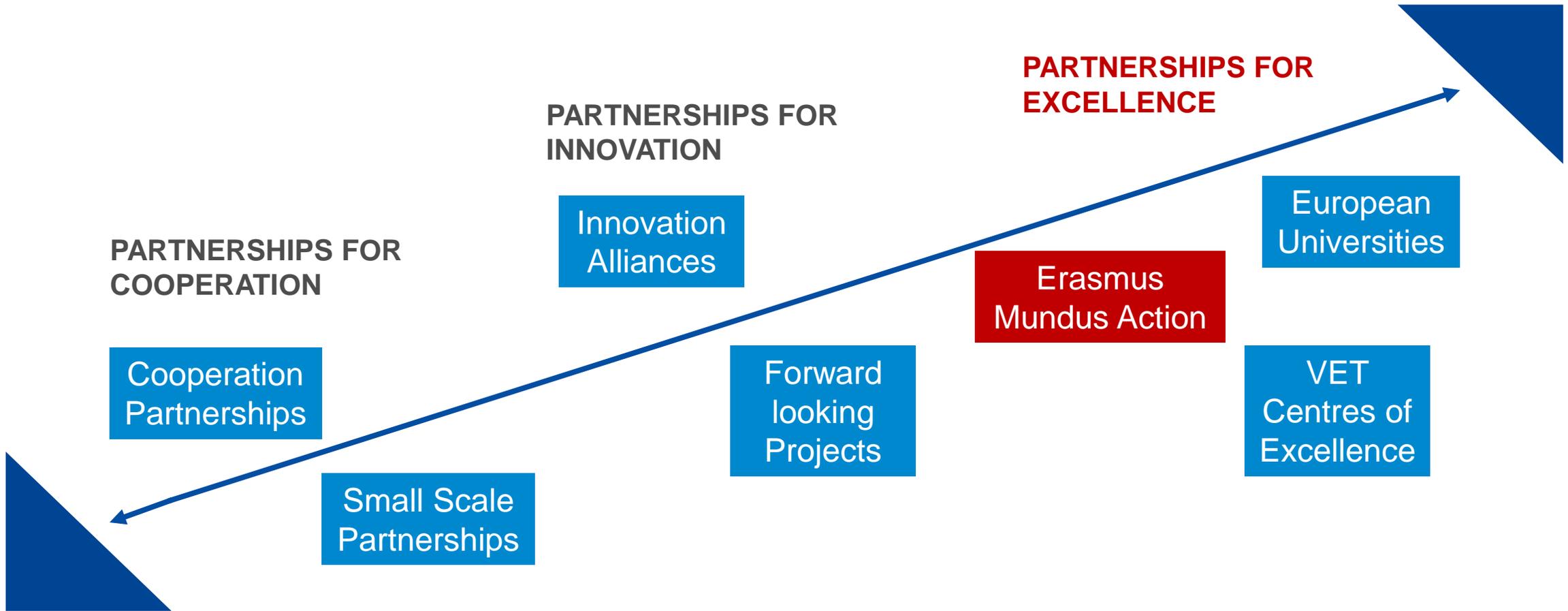


EMJMD



**Erasmus Mundus
Action**

Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models



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

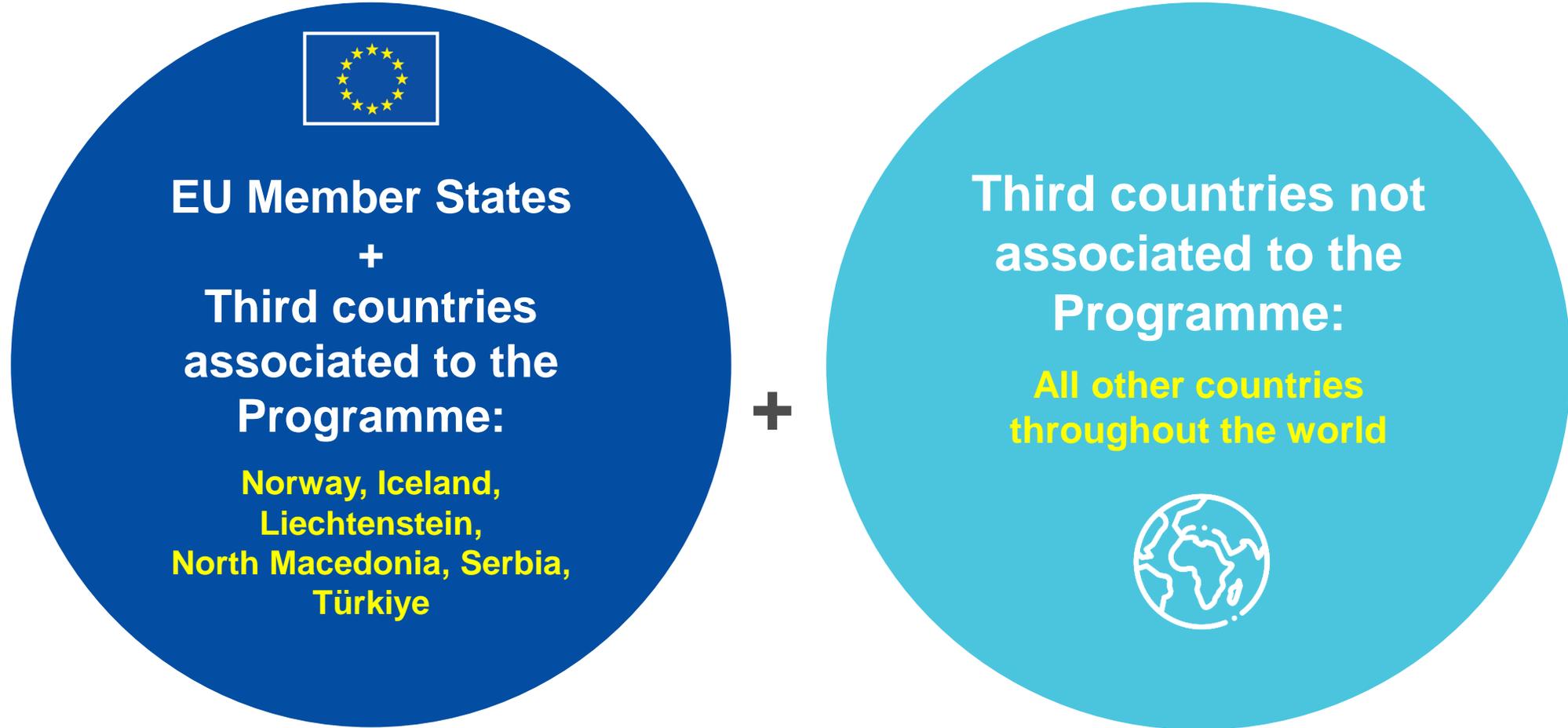
EMJM in brief...

- ✓ 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

EMJM – main objectives

- ✓ **Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation** of HEIs through **academic cooperation** within the EHEA and beyond
- ✓ **Increase quality** and **attractiveness** of the EHEA
- ✓ **Support EU External Action** in higher education
- ✓ **Increase synergies between HE, innovation and research**
- ✓ **Improve competences, skills, employability** of Master graduates
- ✓ **Respond to societal and labour market needs**

International cooperation



Eramus Mundus Action – New terminology



- **New name** : EMJMD becomes EMJM – Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Erasmus Mundus Action: **2 independent lots** 
 - EM Joint Masters
 - EM Design Measures
- **Enrolled students**: both scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders
- **Edition** replaces intake (full master programme cycle of either 120, 90 or 60 ECTS)
- **New financial instrument for external action NDICI** (Neighbourhood, Development and International cooperation – Global Europe Instrument)
- Heading 1 budget  **Heading 2** (Erasmus+ Programme)
- Heading 4 budget  **Heading 6** (External Action: IPA III + NDICI)

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 EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme
- **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.

EMJM – main requirements (3)



EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

- **Continuity**, no major changes to the overall concept of joint masters
- Emphasis put on **all enrolled students** - with the aim to recruit more non-scholarship holders
- Increased international cooperation - **more opportunities for HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- **Simplification of rules for scholars** – no official requirements anymore (e.g. minimum number of scholars or scholar weeks)

EMJM Set-up (1)

- **Grant Agreement of 74 months** independently from the length of the master
- **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
- **Commitment to enrol a certain number of students** per project
- **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 Erasmus+ Programme 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)

EMJM Set-up (2)

Overview of editions

| Academic year | 1 Year Master course 60 ECTS | | 2 Year Master course 120 ECTS | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2023 (year of selection – signature of Grant Agreement) | 1 st edition | Preparatory activities | 1 st edition | Preparatory activities |
| 2024 | 2 nd edition | 1 st edition | 2 nd edition | 1 st edition |
| 2025 | 3 rd edition | 2 nd edition | 3 rd edition | 2 nd edition |
| 2026 | 4 th edition | 3 rd edition | 4 th edition | 3 rd edition |
| 2027 | 5 th edition | 4 th edition | 5th edition | 4th edition |
| 2028 | 6th edition | 5th edition | | |
| 2029 (end of contract) | | | | |

EMJM Set-up (3)

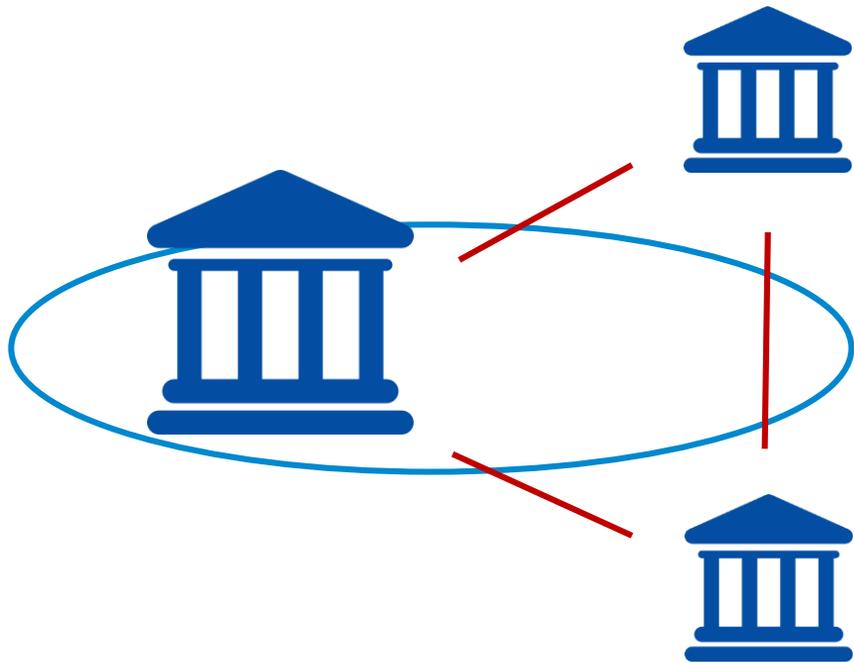


EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

More flexibility for EMJM consortia:

- Formal concept of **preparatory year and intake** abandoned – now rather preparatory activities/editions
- **More continuity and sustainability** after the EU funding
- **Simplified rule** for **geographical balance** (rule of max. 3 scholarship-holders of the same nationality per intake does not apply any longer)

Taking part as an Organisation



- Applicants (coordinator and full partners) must be legal entities: HEIs established in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or an eligible third country not associated to the Programme
- Association or organisation of HEIs, public or private organisations established in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or eligible third country not associated to the Programme may also participate but not as coordinator
- ✓ 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** 

Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme

+ optional

Other full academic or non-academic partners

Associated partners

Opportunities for HEIs

**High
visibility in
an
international
programme
of
excellence**

**Structured
and
sustainable
academic
cooperation
worldwide**

**Attractive
simplified
EU funding
scheme**

**Selection of
the most
talented
students
worldwide**

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 of running Master courses :
[Erasmus Mundus Catalogue \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/erasmus-mundus-catalogue)

Opportunities for Students

**High degree
of expertise
with a
specialisation
component**

**A unique
mobility
experience
recognized
by joint
/multiple
degree**

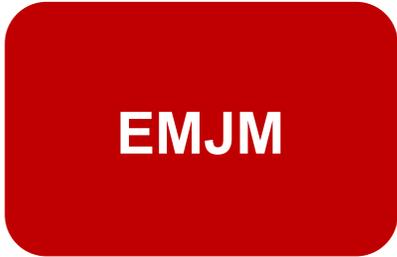
**Attractive
EU
scholarship
for the best
selected
students**

**High
employability
through key
competences
and soft
skills**

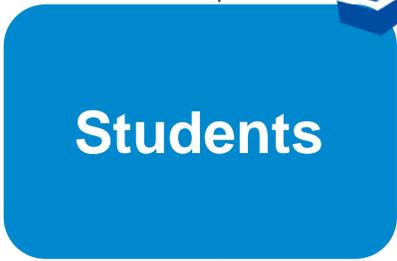
EMJM FUNDING RULES



1 simplified EU GRANT



2 main targets



3 components
=
3 unit cost



Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

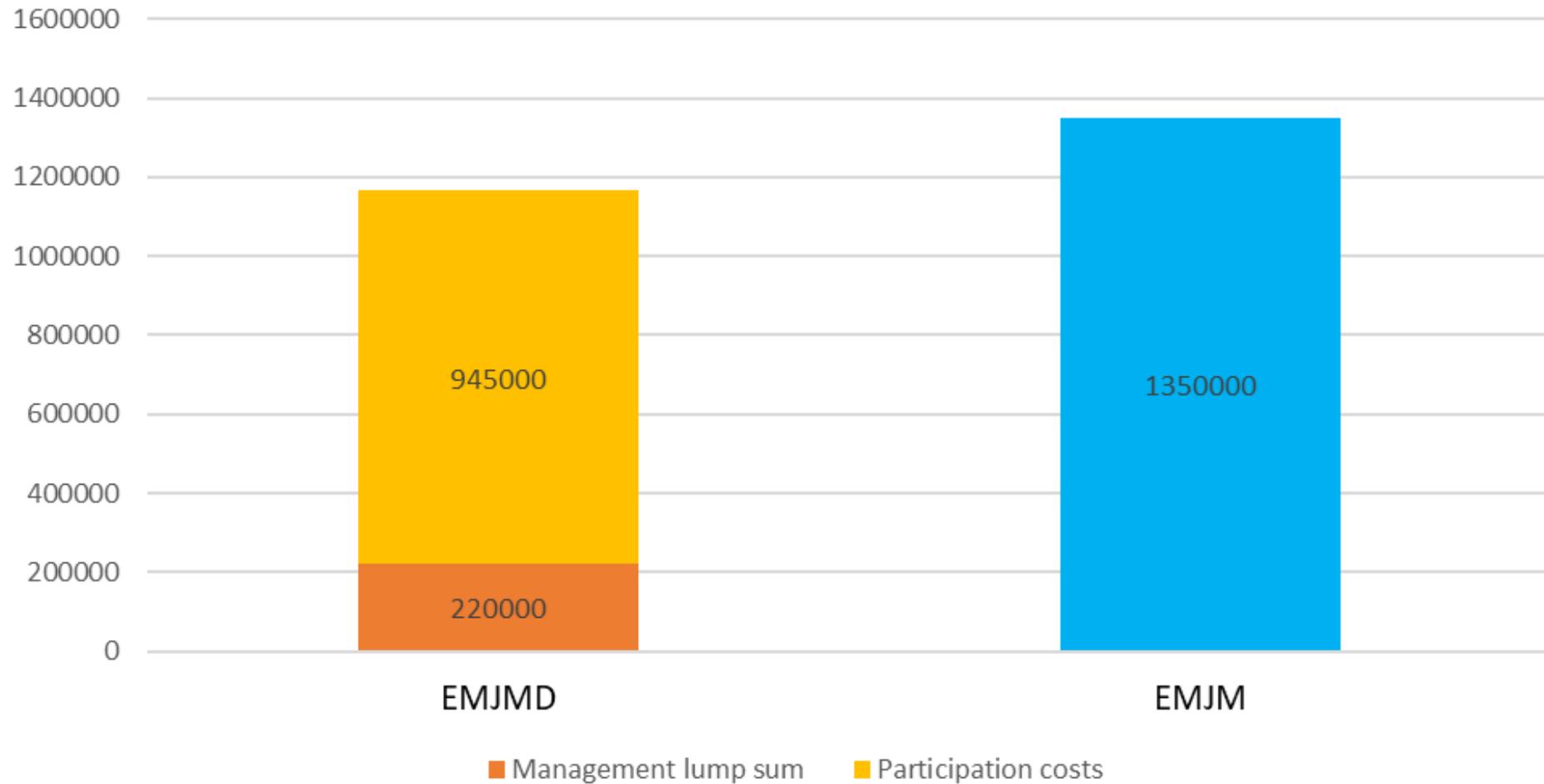
| | EMJMD (€) | | | EMJM (€) | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Partner country student (>4000km) | Partner Country 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 | | |

Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of €750/month 
How to calculate: $€750 \times n^\circ \text{ of months} \times n^\circ \text{ of enrolled students}$ (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)
=> max. amount per project: 1 800 000 euro
- **Same unit cost for scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders**
- **Same unit cost for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme**

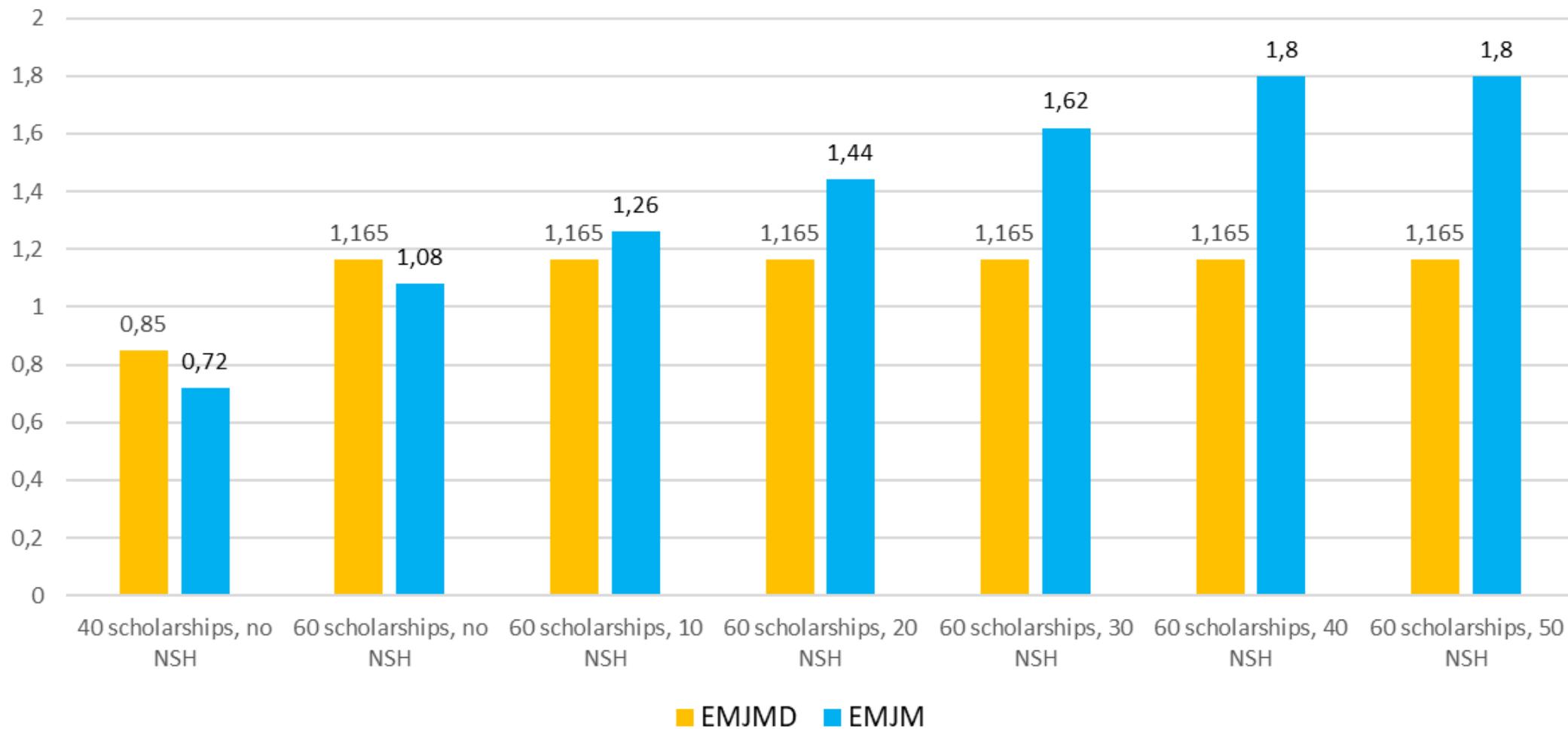
EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

120 ECTS, 60 scholarship holders, 15 non-scholarship holders



EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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



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: €1 400 x number of months
(min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)



=> max. amount per student: 33 600 euro

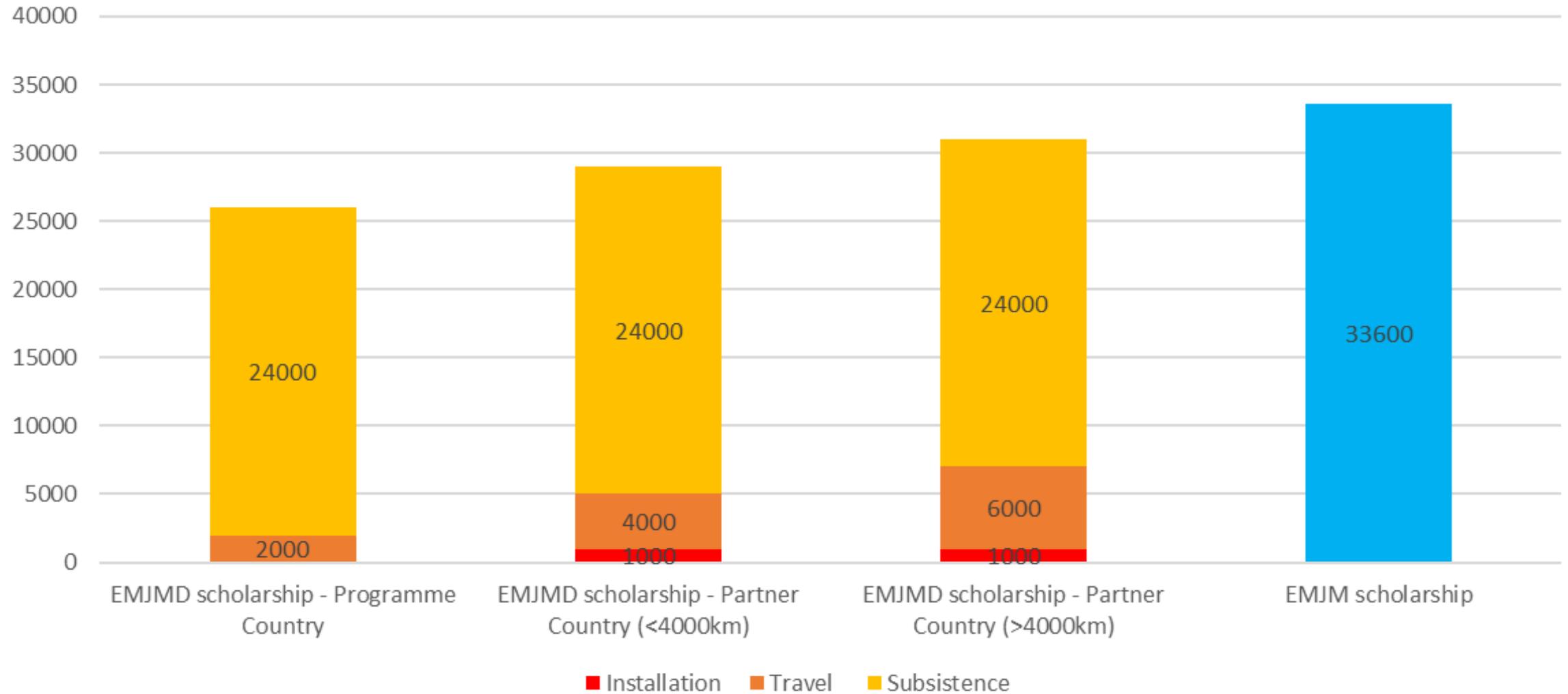
At project level:

How to calculate: €1 400 x number of months x number of students
(cap of 60 students per EMJM project)

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

=> Same unit cost for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

EMJMD vs. EMJM - student scholarship 120 ECTS



Individual needs

NEW

At student level:

- Contribution based on individual needs of students:
10 different unit costs varying between €3 000 – €60 000
=> if below €3 000: 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 euro

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

Additional funds (for students from 9 target regions)

- Response to the EU External priorities
 - > EU financial Instruments IPA III and NDICI for students **from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for **the entire duration of the EMJM programme: 4 under IPA III and 31 under NDICI**

=> max. amount provided: 1 806 000 euro per grant

What is NEW ?



EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

- **Simplification of funding mechanism:**

- Only 3 types of unit costs
- Previous costs for travel and/ or installation now fully integrated in the scholarship unit cost
- Previous participation cost now fully integrated in the institutional unit cost (**only for scholarship holders**)

=> **Simplified management mechanism and more flexibility for HEIs**

- **Scholarships** are **also paid for study periods** in the **country of residence** of students
- **Increased budget** for HEIs and for students (especially programme country students)
- Incentive to enrol **more students (sustainability)**
- **Same scholarship** for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme
- **More inclusive** (particular support for students with **individual needs**)

EMJM call for proposals 2023

- ✓ Publication of the Call: **23 November 2022**
- ✓ Deadline: **16 February 2023 at 17:00** (Brussels time)
- ✓ Budget: ~ **117m €**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **30**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships per project: **max. 60 + max. 35 additional scholarships for students from 9 target regions**



EMJM call for proposals 2023

Selection roadmap

| Milestones | Indicative dates EMJMs |
|---|------------------------|
| Publication of the call for proposals | November 2022 |
| Deadline for submission of applications | 16 February 2023 |
| Evaluation period | February – June 2023 |
| Notification of applicants and publication of results | July 2023 |
| Preparation and signature of grant agreements | August-October 2023 |
| Start of projects | autumn |

Main changes compared to call 2022

- More top-up scholarships under Heading 6 per EMJM project: **4 under IPA III** and **31 under NDICI** for students from **9 target regions**
- More structured definition of eligible organisations in the Programme Guide without any substantial changes compared to the past.
- Organisations from the Russian Federation (Region 4) are not eligible to participate in this action (together with Belarus – Region 2).

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

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**" and then "**Impact**"

EMJM Award Criteria (1)

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

- ✓ **Background and general objectives**
- ✓ **Needs analysis and specific objectives**
- ✓ **Complementarity with other actions and innovation**

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

- ✓ **Concept and methodology**
- ✓ **Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation strategy**
- ✓ **Project teams, staff and experts**
- ✓ **Cost effectiveness and financial management**
- ✓ **Risk management**

EMJM Award Criteria (2)

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

- ✓ **Consortium set-up:** e.g. rationale for the consortium composition, innovative character of the consortium and inclusion of partners with different levels of experience, definition of roles and tasks of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
- ✓ **Consortium management and decision-making:** e.g. cooperation arrangements, governing bodies and management tools, institutional commitment of the partners

❖ Impact (max 20 points)

- ✓ **Impact and ambition:** e.g. impact at system level, institutional level and individual level, projections in terms of enrolled students, measures to ensure country balance of students
- ✓ **Communication, dissemination and visibility:** e.g. promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
- ✓ **Sustainability and continuation:** e.g. mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy beyond EU funding, mobilization of other funding sources

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)



Information about the programme

- ✓ [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2023](#)
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2023 on Funding & tender opportunities portal
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- ✓ [How to get a grant \(europa.eu\)](#) - General info for applicants on EACEA website



Other information sources

- ✓ [Erasmus Mundus, analysis of the results of the first 2021-2027 call \(joint masters and design measures\)](#)
- ✓ [Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees \(2014-2020\)](#)
- ✓ [Erasmus+ Factsheets](#)
- ✓ [Report 'Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme'](#)
- ✓ [Erasmus Mundus Catalogue \(europa.eu\)](#)
- ✓ [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](#)
- ✓ [Erasmus+ Project result platform](#)

Thank you



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