

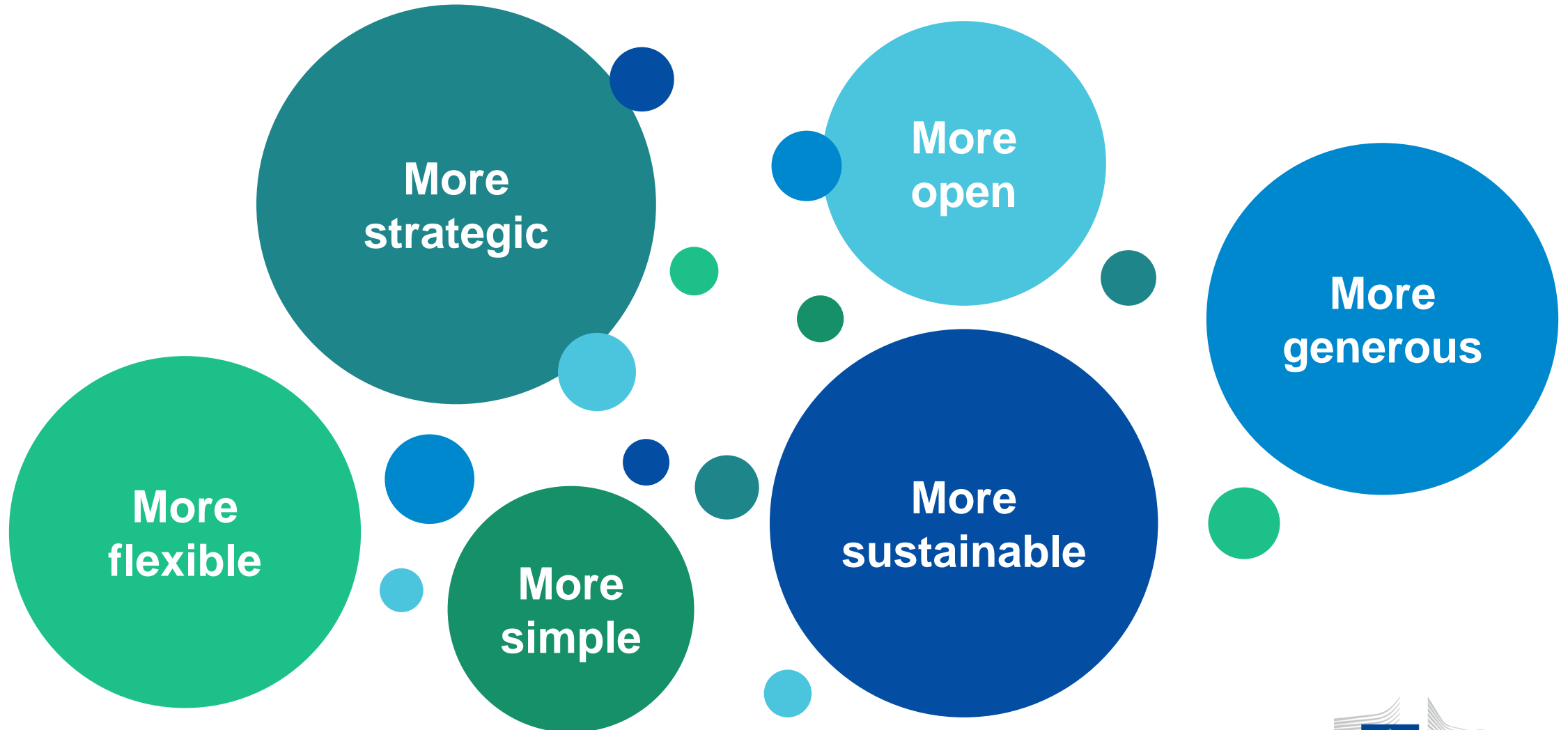


# Erasmus+

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

*European Education and Culture  
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# Join Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027!



# 30 Years of achievements of Erasmus

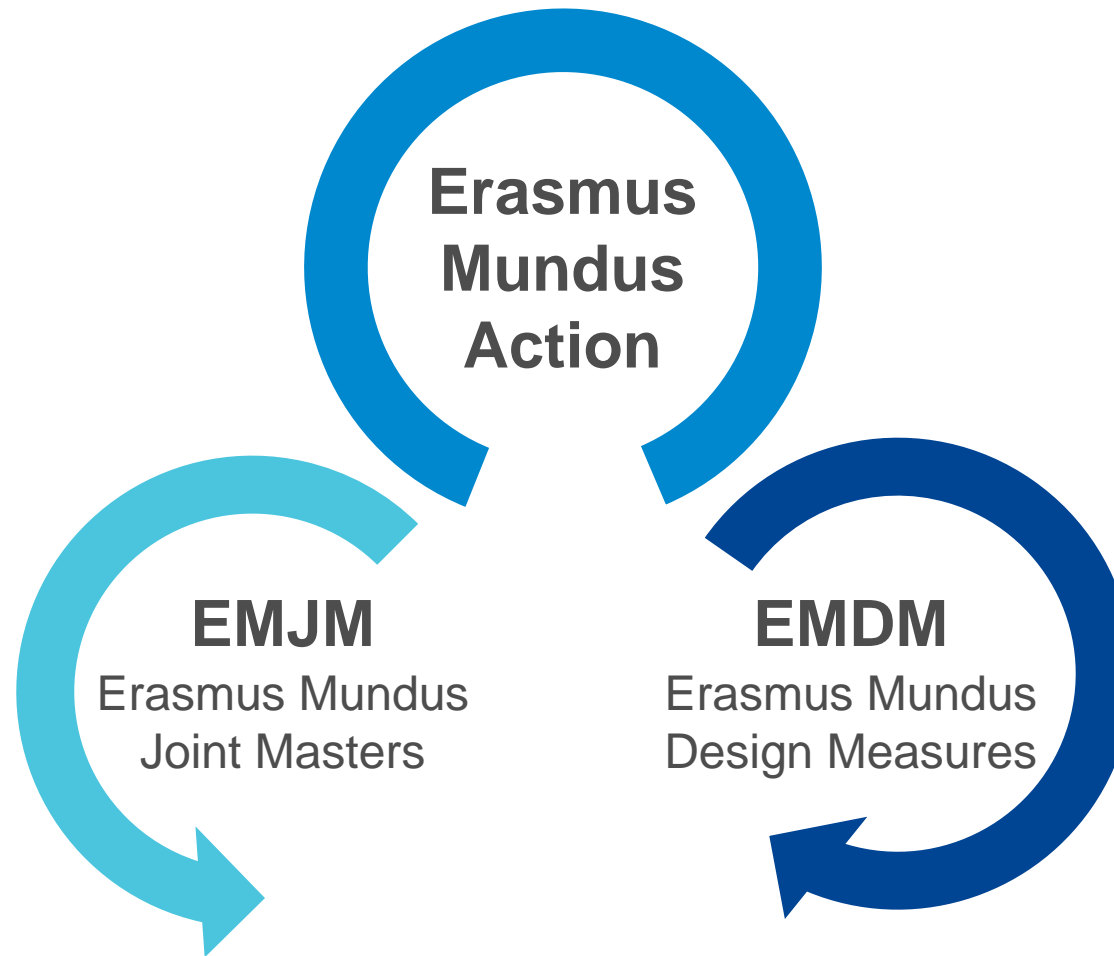


More than 4 million  
European students

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

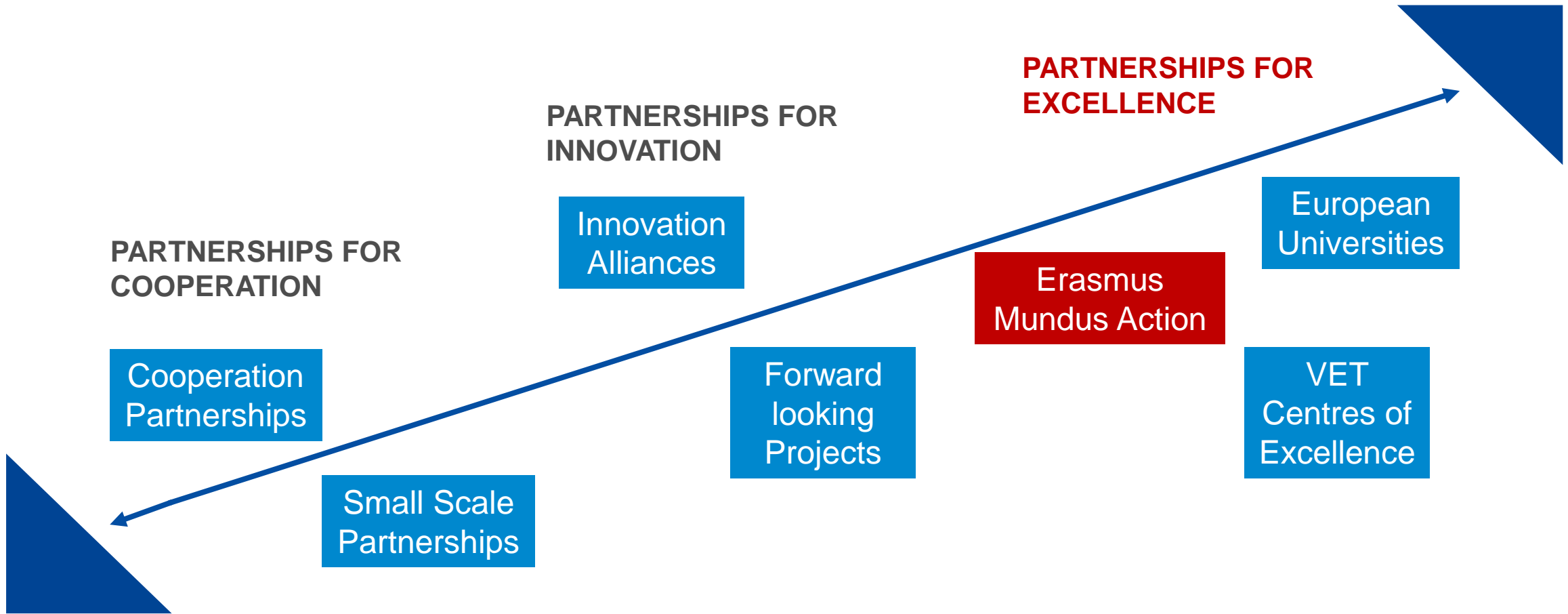


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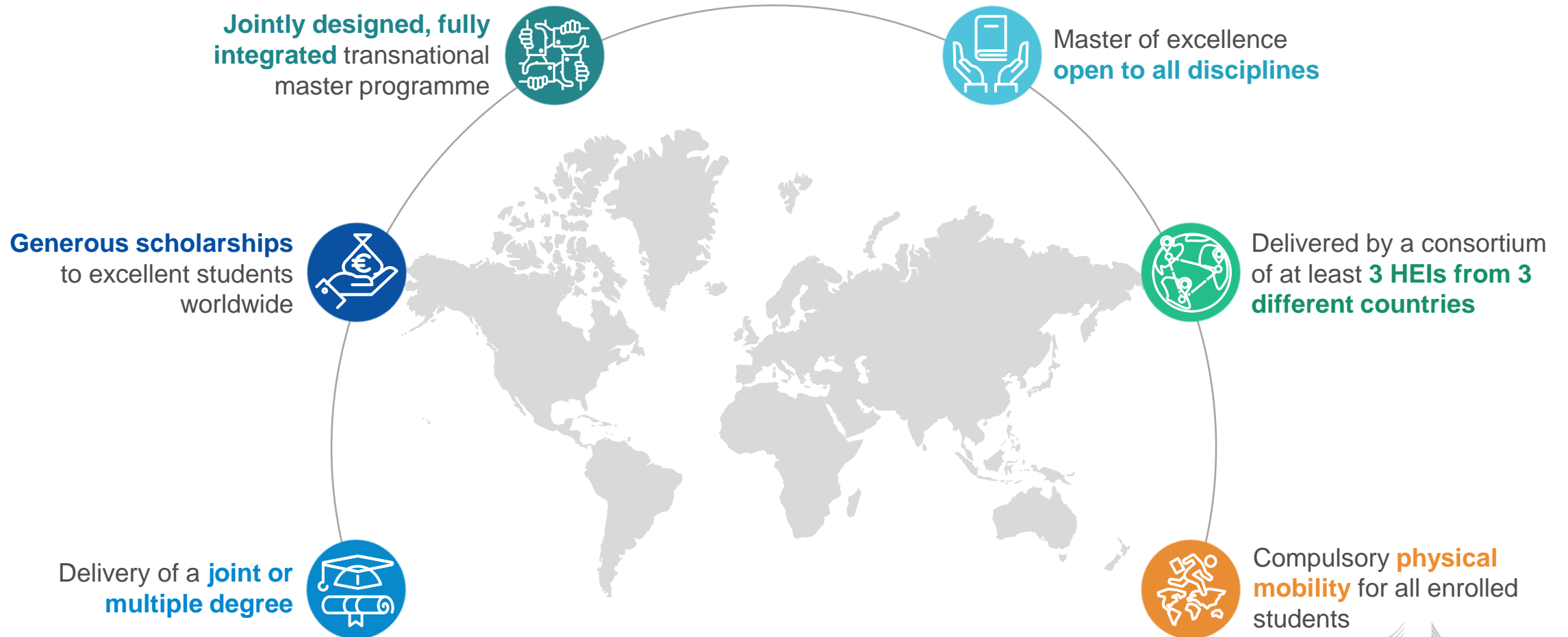


**Erasmus Mundus  
Action**

# Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models



# What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme?



# Erasmus Mundus – Main objectives



Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs through **academic cooperation** within the EHEA and beyond



Increase synergies between **higher education, innovation and research**



Increase **quality and attractiveness** of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA)



Improve **competences, skills and employability** of Master graduates



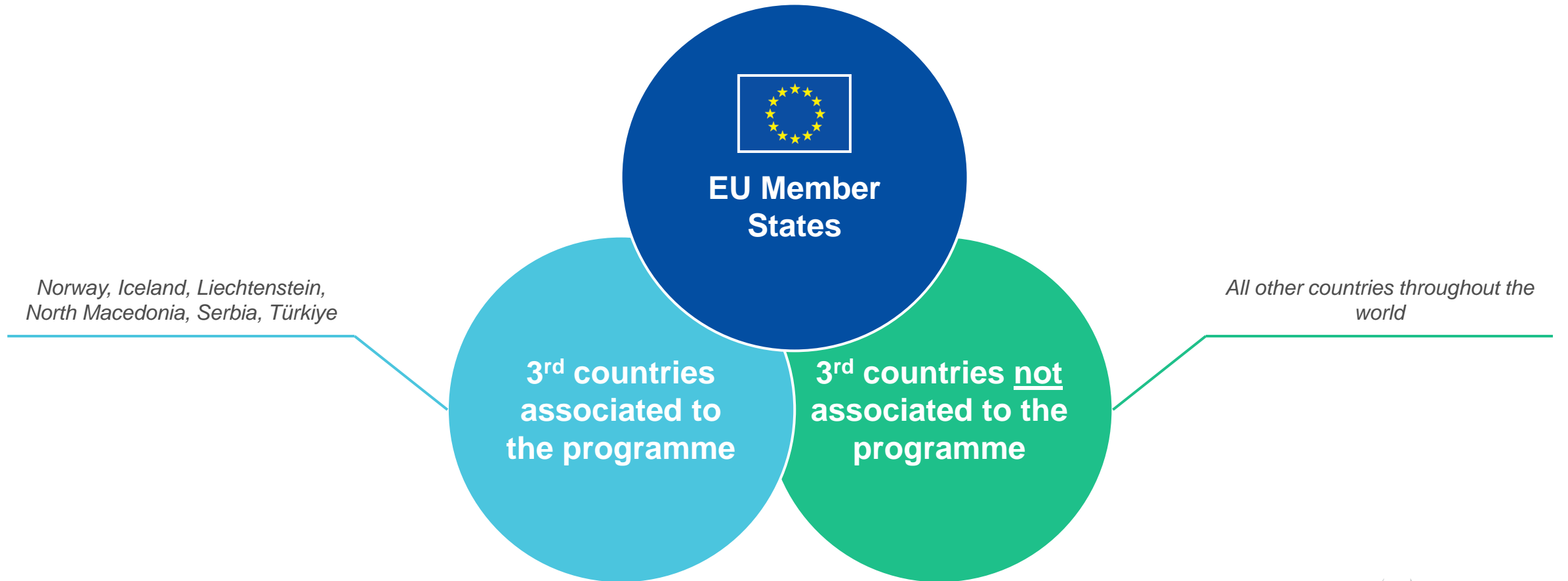
Support **EU External Action** in higher education



Respond to **societal and labour market needs**



# Geographical scope of Erasmus Mundus



# EMJM – Main requirements



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)



**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 encouraged 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



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)



**At least 2 study periods in 2 countries** (of which at least one in an EU MS or a 3<sup>rd</sup> country associated to the Programme, both different from the country of residence of students)



**Start of the 1st edition** no later than the academic year following the year of project selection



**Geographical balance of students:**  $\leq 10\%$  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	
2024 (year of selection – signature of Grant Agreement)	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities
2025	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition
2026	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition
2027	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition
2028	5 <sup>th</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> edition</b>
2029	<b>6<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>		
2030 (end of contract)				

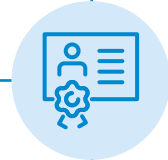
# Taking part as an Organisation



Applicants (coordinator & full partners) must be HEIs (**legal entities**) established in any country worldwide. Any public or private organization worldwide may also participate but not as coordinator



For HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: **valid ECHE**



For HEIs in third countries not associated to the Programme: should **commit to ECHE principles** in the Partnership Agreement



For HEIs applying as coordinator and full partners: **completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme**



Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be an EU MS or third country associated to the Programme. Optional: other full academic or non-academic partners and 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 applicants **worldwide**



Applicants must:

- hold **a first higher education degree** or equivalent
- **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)



# Opportunities for Students

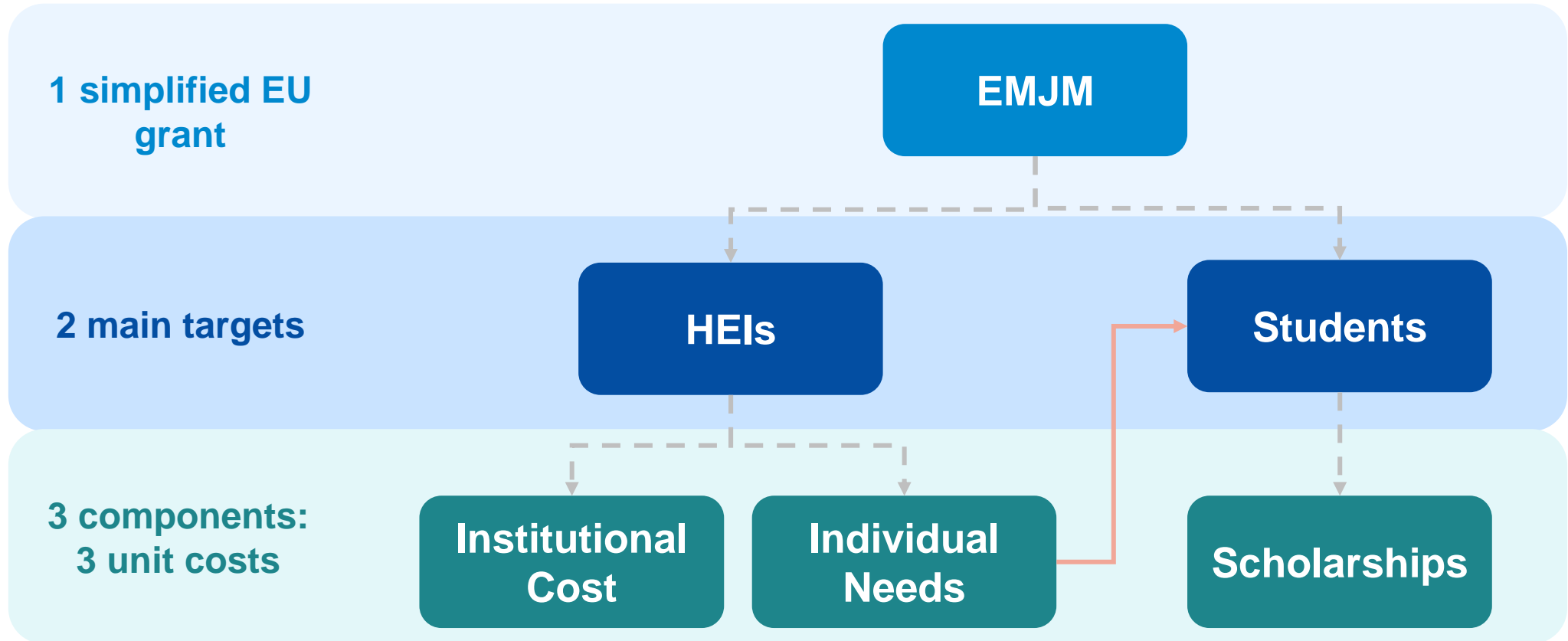
**High degree  
of expertise  
with a  
specialisation  
component**

**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



# EMJM Funding Rules

## INSTITUTIONAL COSTS

## INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

## ADDITIONAL FUNDS

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **Unit cost** per enrolled student of EUR 750/month
  - How to calculate:  $\text{EUR } 750 \times n^{\circ} \text{ of months} \times n^{\circ} \text{ of enrolled students}$  (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)
  - Max. amount per project: **EUR 1,800,000**
- 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

# EMJM Funding Rules

INSTITUTIONAL COSTS

INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIPS

ADDITIONAL FUNDS



## AT STUDENT LEVEL

Contribution **based on individual needs** of students

- 10 different unit costs varying between **EUR 3,000 – 60,000**
- **If < EUR 3,000: to be covered by institutional costs**



## AT PROJECT LEVEL

Awarded at **contracting stage**: 0 or 1 or 2 units costs of **EUR 60,000**

- Max. amount per project: **EUR 120,000**
- For all enrolled students (scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders)

# EMJM Funding Rules

INSTITUTIONAL COSTS

INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

**STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

ADDITIONAL FUNDS



## AT STUDENT LEVEL

- **Full Scholarship** to cover subsistence, installation and travel + fee waiver
- A single **unit cost per scholarship holder**
  - How to calculate: EUR 1,400 x n<sup>o</sup> of months (min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)
  - Max. amount per student: **EUR 33,600**



## AT PROJECT LEVEL

- How to calculate: EUR 1,400 x n<sup>o</sup> of months x n<sup>o</sup> of students (cap of 60 students per EMJM project)
- Max. amount per project: **EUR 2,016,000 per grant**
- Same unit cost for students from EU MS, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

# EMJM Funding Rules

INSTITUTIONAL COSTS

INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

STUDENT  
SCHOLARSHIPS

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: **2 under IPA III** and **18 under NDICI**
- Max. amount provided: **EUR 1,032,000 per grant**

# Main changes compared to call 2023

1

**Number of top-up scholarships** under Heading 6 per EMJM project:

- 2 under IPA III; and
- 18 under NDICI for students from 9 target regions

2

Changes in the **evaluation procedure**:

- Introduction of minimum thresholds for all 4 award criteria
- In case of ex aequo: the priority order will be “*Relevance of the project*”, “*Quality of the project design and implementation*” and “*Impact*”

3

Some minor changes in **wording**

# EMJM call for proposals 2024

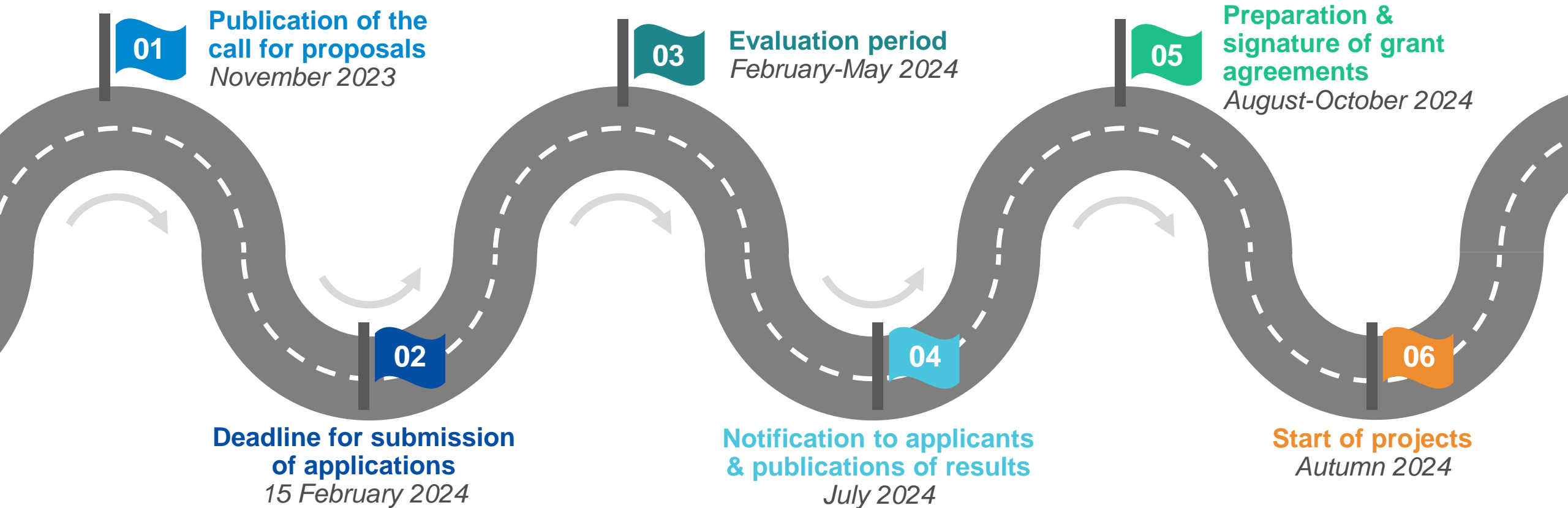
- ✓ Publication of the Call: **November 2023** (date tbc)
- ✓ Deadline: **15 February 2024 at 17:00** (Brussels time)
- ✓ Budget: ~ **127m €**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **32**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships per project: **max. 60 + max. 20 additional scholarships for students from 9 target regions**





# Erasmus+ EMJM call for proposals 2024

## *Selection Roadmap*



# EMJM Evaluation procedure



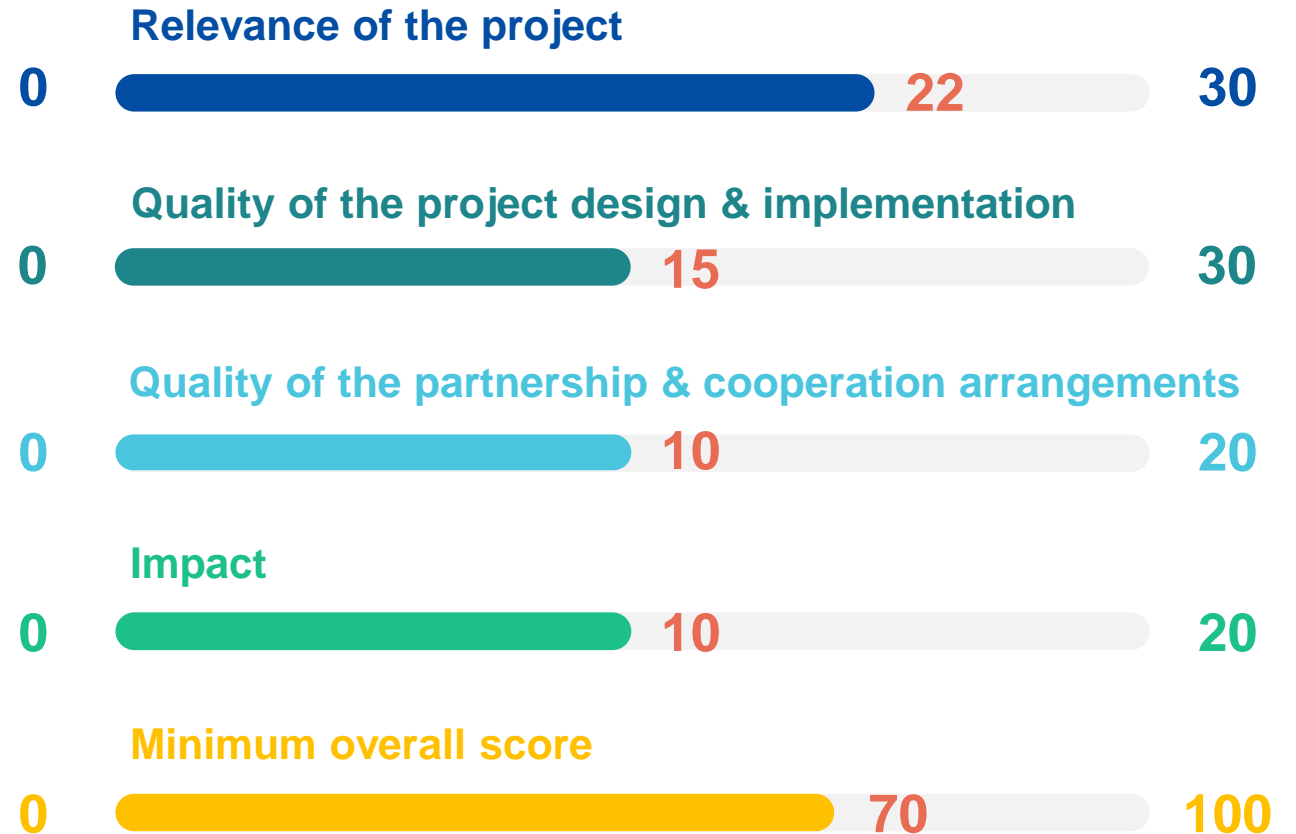
## EVALUATION

Peer review by independent external experts – **3 experts** assess each proposal in a **one-step** evaluation procedure

In case of ex aequo, **priority** will be given to projects with highest scores for: “**Relevance of the project**”, then “**Quality of the project design and implementation**”, and then “**Impact**”

## THRESHOLDS

NEW



# EMJM Award Criteria (1)

## RELEVANCE OF THE PROJECT

(max 30 points – threshold **22 points**)

- ✓ **Background and general objectives:** e.g. overall aims and general objectives of your project and their relevance in relation to the EMJM
- ✓ **EU values:** respect and promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination
- ✓ **Needs analysis and specific objectives:** e.g. project rationale and needs analysis on which the proposal is built; issues/challenges/gaps and specific objectives that the project aims to address in academic terms, and with regard to societal and labour market needs
- ✓ **Complementarity with other actions and innovation:** e.g., strategy to foster excellence and innovation; support to modernisation and internationalisation strategy; project uniqueness and added value; strategy to increase attractiveness and contribute to the policy objectives of the EHEA

# EMJM Award Criteria (2)

## QUALITY OF THE PROJECT DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

(max 30 points – threshold **15 points**)

- ✓ **Concept and methodology:** e.g. jointness/integration of the EMJM
- ✓ **Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation strategy:** e.g. the internal and external QA measures; extent to which the jointly designed and fully integrated curriculum adheres to the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA; joint degree/the degrees to be delivered
- ✓ **Project teams, staff and experts:** e.g. how they will work together to implement the project
- ✓ **Cost effectiveness and financial management:** e.g. management of EU funding, mobilisation of complementary funding, and budget plan
- ✓ **Risk management:** e.g. identification of risks in the project implementation, and planning of adequate mitigating measures

# EMJM Award Criteria (3)

## QUALITY OF THE PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT

*(max 20 points – threshold 10 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

# EMJM Award Criteria (4)

## IMPACT

(max 20 points – threshold **10 points**)

- ✓ **Impact & 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

Complete **Part A & C** directly on the Portal. Prepare **Part B** in advance and upload it together with the annexes



The application form is structured in three 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 and deliverables



## Part C – Administrative forms

Specificities about the EMJM (n<sup>o</sup> of ECTS, accreditation, type of degrees to be awarded, etc.)

# How to apply - eForm

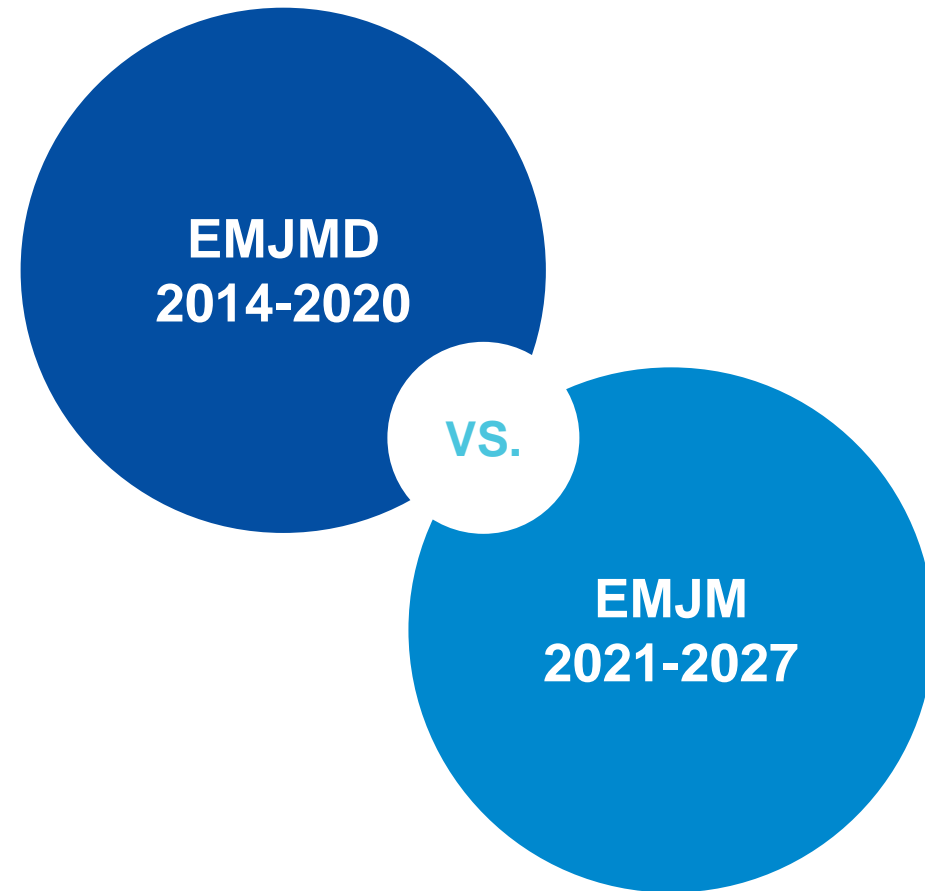
Funding opportunities for 2021-2027 and information on how to apply are announced on the **European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal**:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

Applications to be submitted using an eForm with attachments

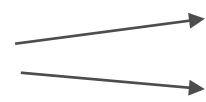




# Comparison



# 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 Set-up



## 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)

# Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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

# What is new in the funding rules?



## EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

- **Simplification of funding mechanism:**

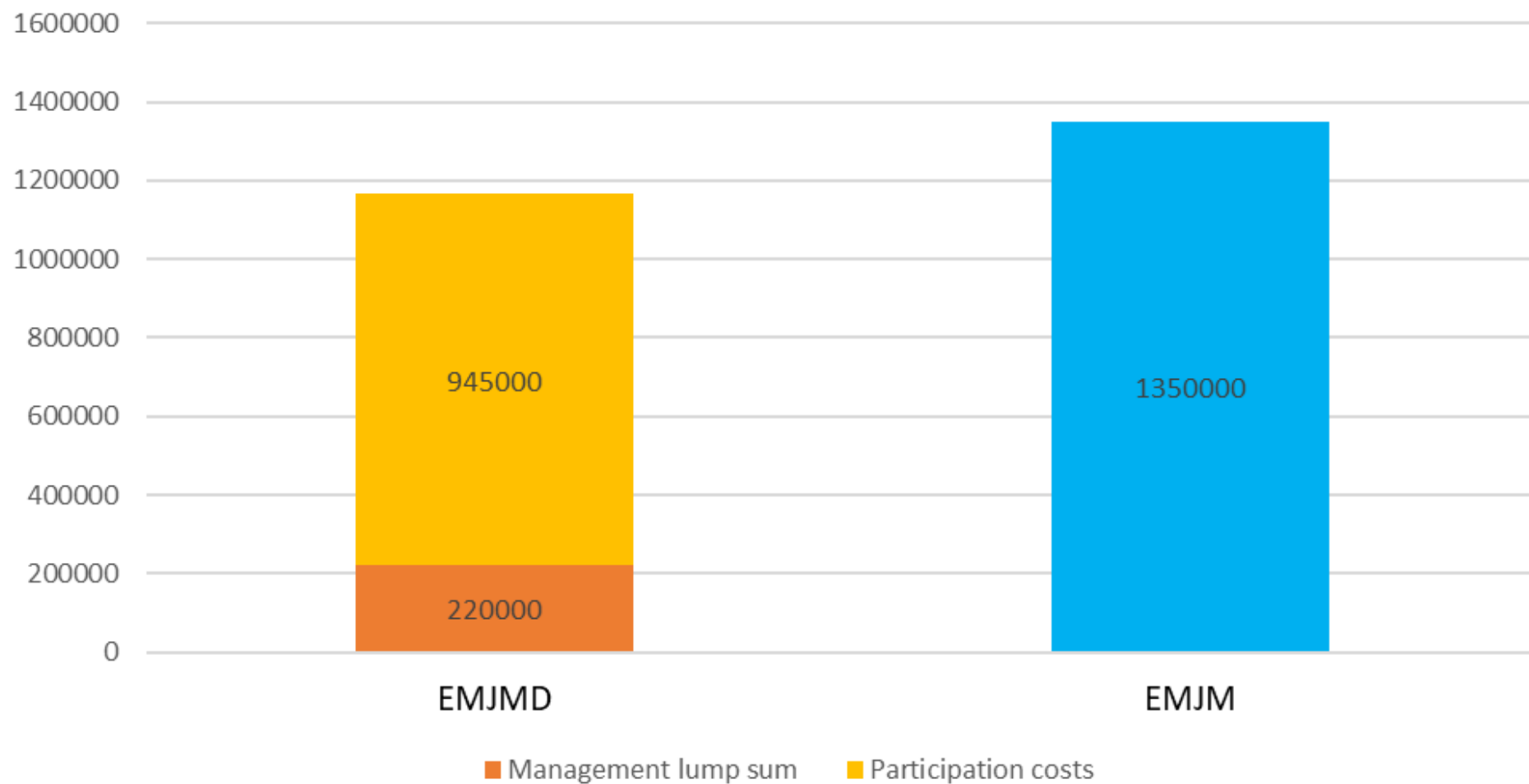
- Only 3 types of unit costs
- Previous costs for travel and/ or installation now fully integrated in the scholarship unit cost
- Previous participation cost now fully integrated in the institutional unit cost (**only for scholarship holders**)

=> **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**)

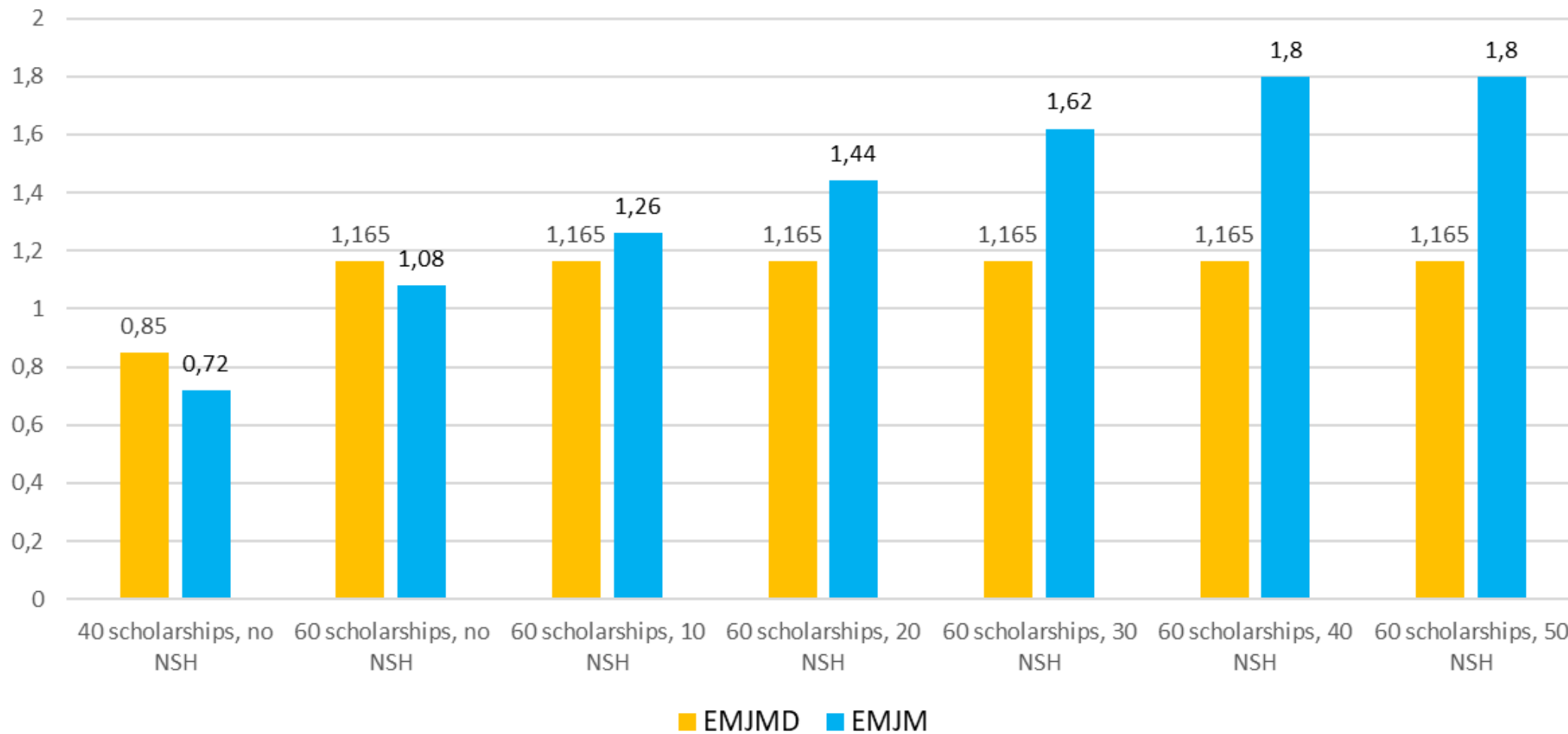
## EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

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

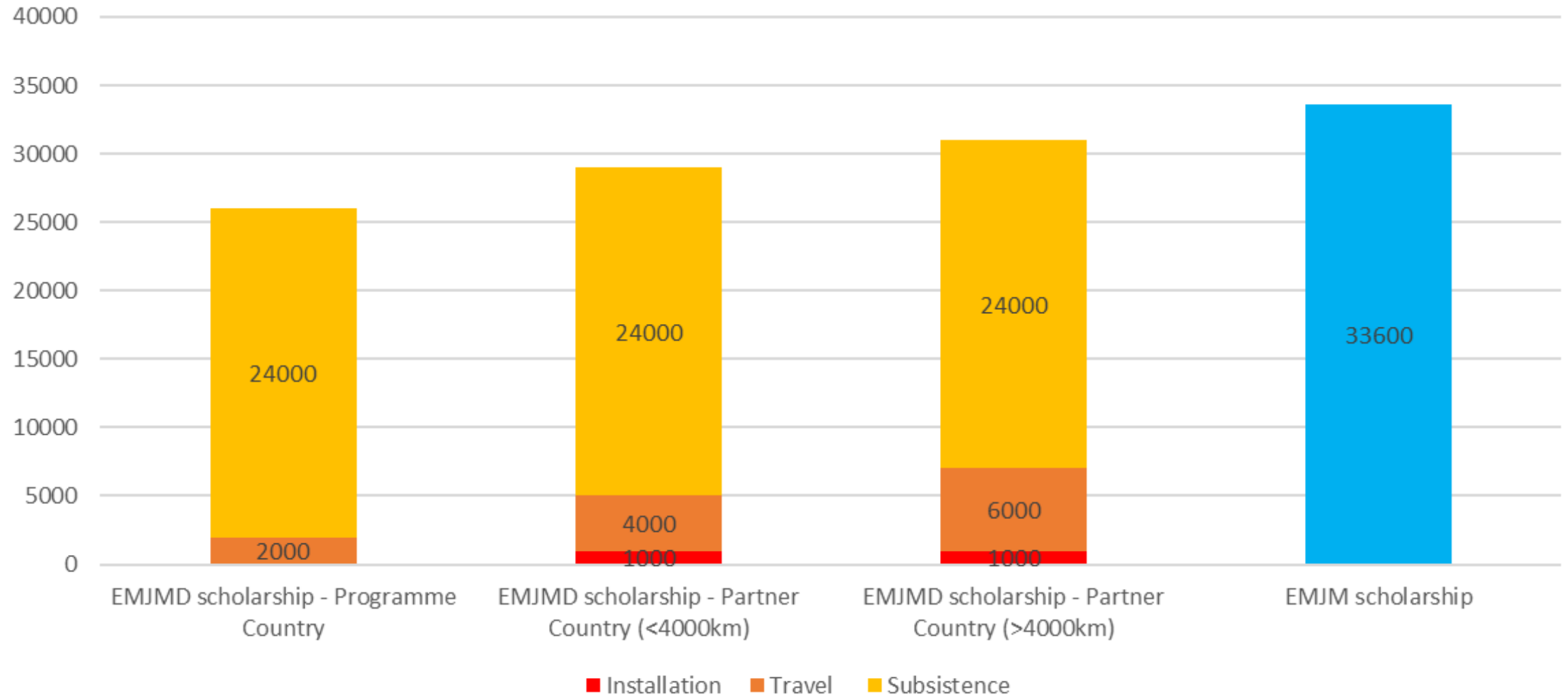


# EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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



## EMJMD vs. EMJM - student scholarship 120 ECTS







# Information about the programme

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2024 (to be published soon)
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2024 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 second 2021-2027 call \(joint masters and design measures\)](#)
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- ✓ [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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