



# International dimension of the Erasmus+ programme

## Focus on Latin America and Caribbean

Online info session. 29/11/2022

DG EAC & EACEA – European Commission

# Agenda

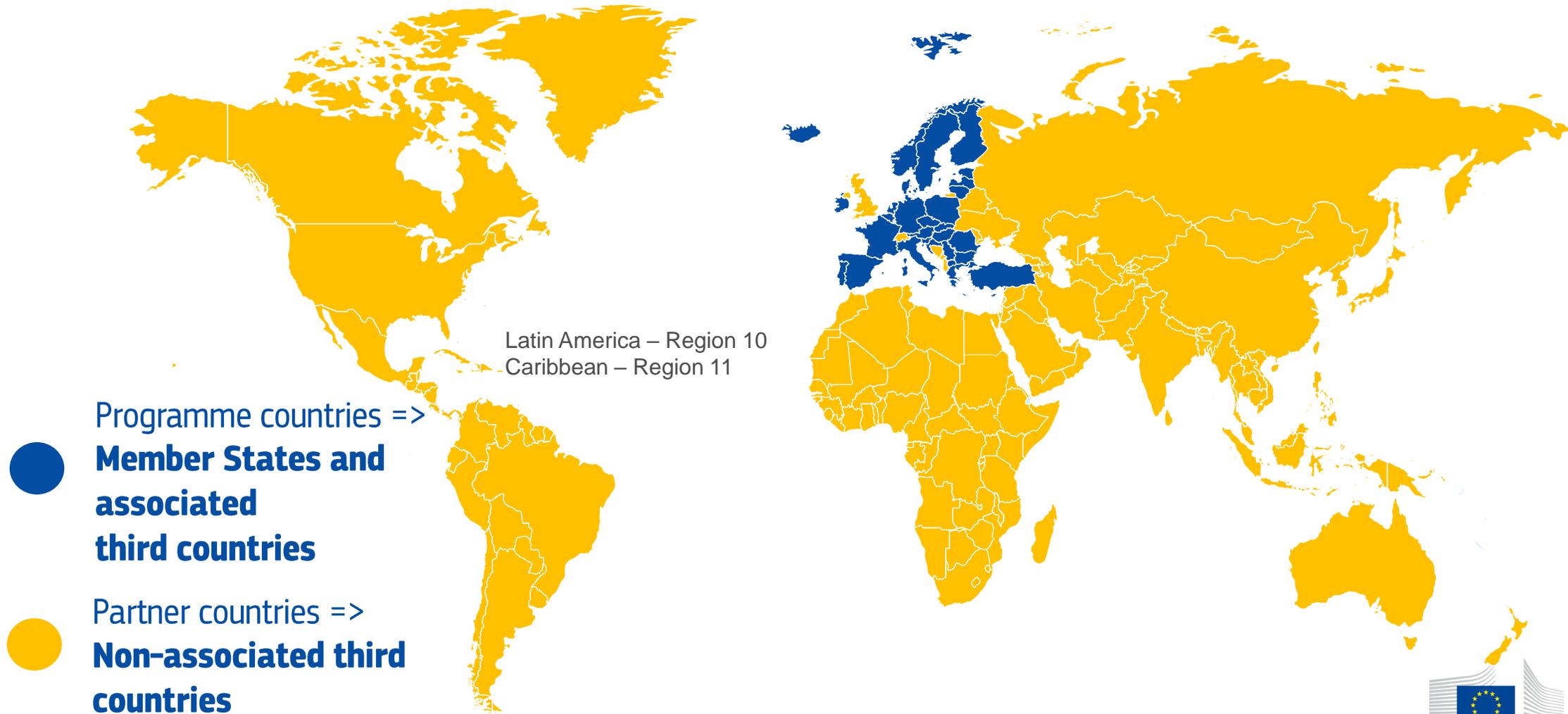
- 10': Opening (Bruno Castro)
- 20': International Credit Mobility (Bruno Castro)
- 20': Erasmus Mundus (Bruno Castro)
- 20': Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education (Eva Valle/Almudena Saenz de Miera)
- 20': Jean Monnet (Olga Martín González)
- 20': Capacity Building in the field of VET (Sounda Bayar/Alexander Stelz)
- 10': Final Q&A round

Please write your questions in the Q&A section, not in the general chat.

# What is Erasmus+?

- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation since 2014
- Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027:
  - builds on previous programme
  - more international

# International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



# Alumni and events

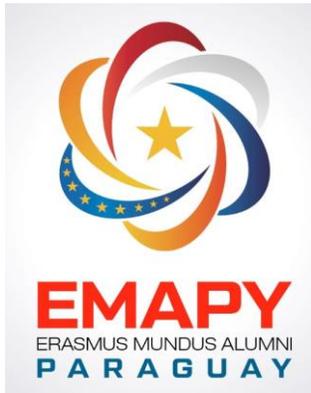
(H6 EUR 1m + activities from the EU Delegations and the Study in Europe campaign)



Pre-departure online event for Brazilian Erasmus+ Grantees



ERASMUS+ STUDENT AND ALUMNI ALLIANCE



STUDY  
IN EUROPE



# Tips for applicants

- Pay attention to the **eligibility criteria** in the Programme Guide: often, they have changed compared to the past, and they might change again!
- Pay attention to the **specificities of the action (or the strand)** in terms of objectives and activities to be implemented. Show the evaluators that you meet the objectives of the actions or strand for which you apply. And remember, proposals must address real needs!
- Application forms are articulated between Work Packages, Tasks, Milestones, Deliverables and Budget: this requires **coherence and details**. Coherence across the description of all parts of your proposal is essential!
- There is a **totally new system for the submission of proposals (FTOP= Funding and Tender Opportunities Portal)**. Get familiar with it as soon as possible!
- Be selective with the number of proposals that you submit. Do not multiply the efforts by preparing or participating in many proposals, but rather **focus on specific proposals with proofed institutional support and that reflect an institutional or national strategy!**

# More information



[Erasmus+ Programme guide](#)



[Erasmus+ Call for proposals](#)



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[EACEA online info sessions](#)

Erasmus+ National Focal Points:

- Argentina
- Belize
- Brazil
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Uruguay

22 NOV 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: Erasmus Mundus Action 2023</b> Live streaming available
25 NOV 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: international dimension of the Erasmus+ programme - Focus on newcomers</b> Live streaming available
29 NOV 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: international dimension of the Erasmus+ programme - Focus on Latin America and Caribbean</b>
01 DEC 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: international dimension of the Erasmus+ programme - Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa</b>
07 DEC 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: European Solidarity Corps 2023 – Volunteering Teams in High Priority Areas</b>
07 DEC 2022	Info days <b>Online Info Session: New action - Capacity building in the field of Vocational Education and Training (VET)</b> Live streaming available
08 DEC 2022	Conferences and summits <b>Erasmus Mundus Design Measures Kick-off meeting 2022</b>
09 DEC 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: Erasmus+ programme - Capacity Building in Higher Education</b>
12 DEC 2022	Info days <b>Online info session: Capacity Building in the field of Youth (CBY) 2023</b> Live streaming available



# International credit mobility in the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027

*How it works?*

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# What is the International credit mobility (ICM)?

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates and in any subject or academic discipline
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months
- Grants to cover travel and living costs
- Decentralised management – National Agencies in the 27 MS + 6 associated countries

## How does it work?

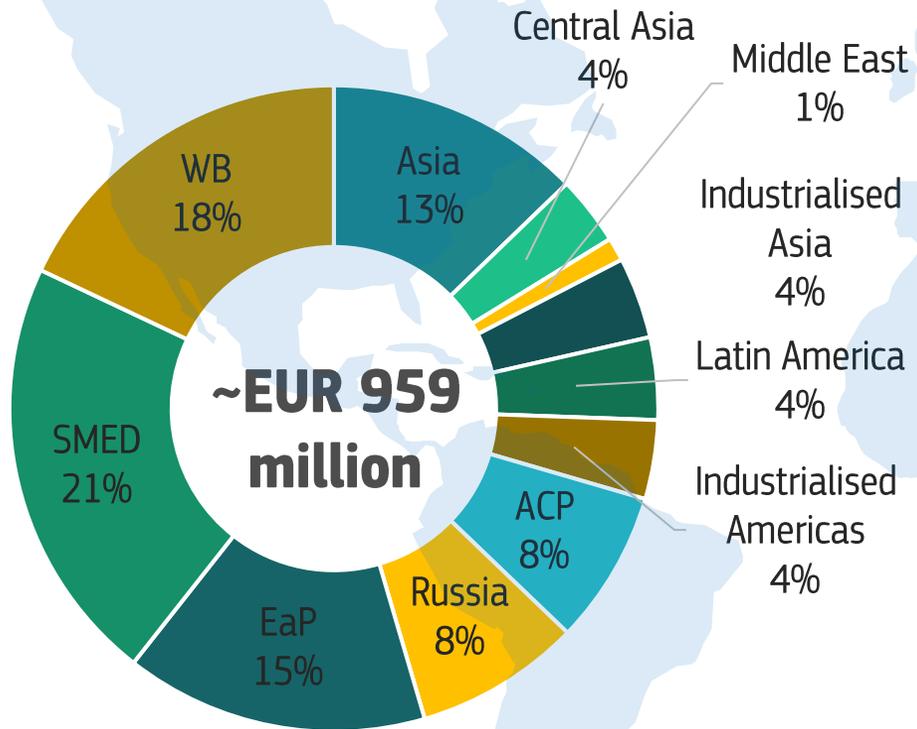
- **Decentralised action** managed by the Erasmus+ National Agencies based in the programme countries
- **Global action:** the world is divided into regions, which have different budgets allocated per year

## Manifold benefits for individuals and institutions:

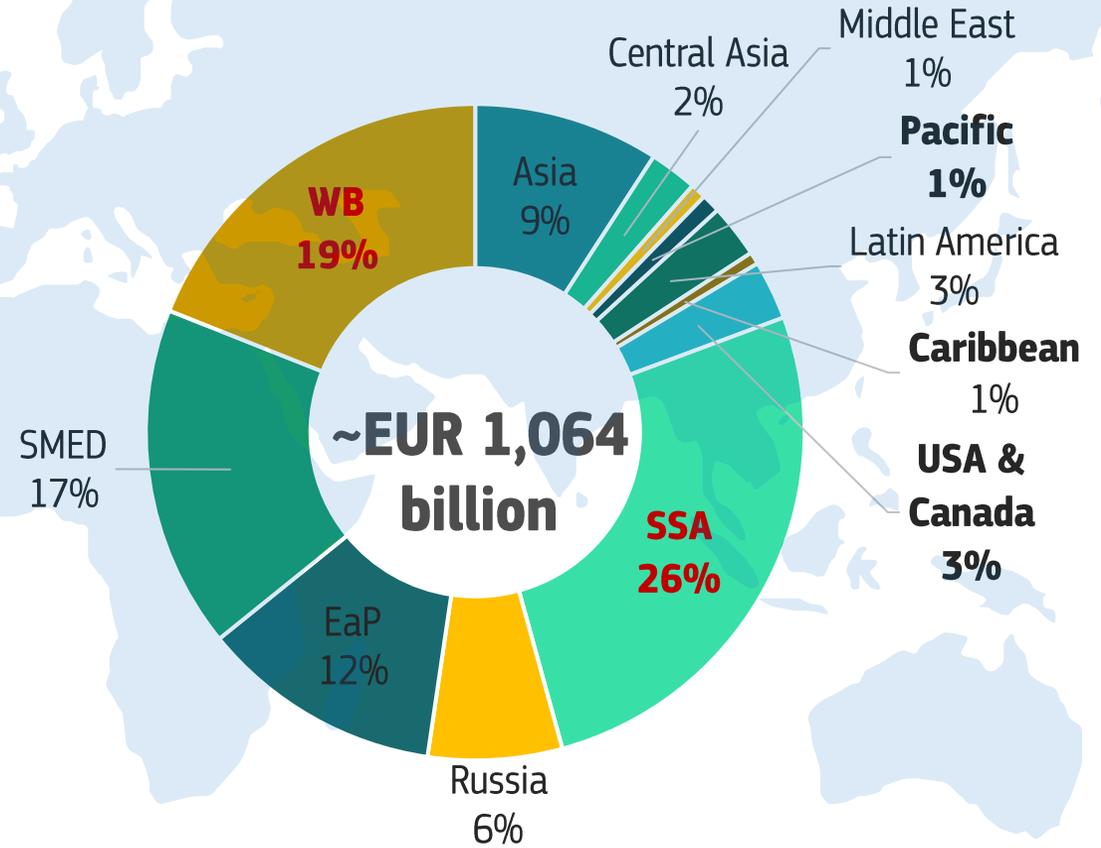
- Key skills & competences, professional development, enhanced employability, teaching methods, etc.
- Increased capacities, attractiveness & internationalisation; improved quality of higher education

# ICM budget

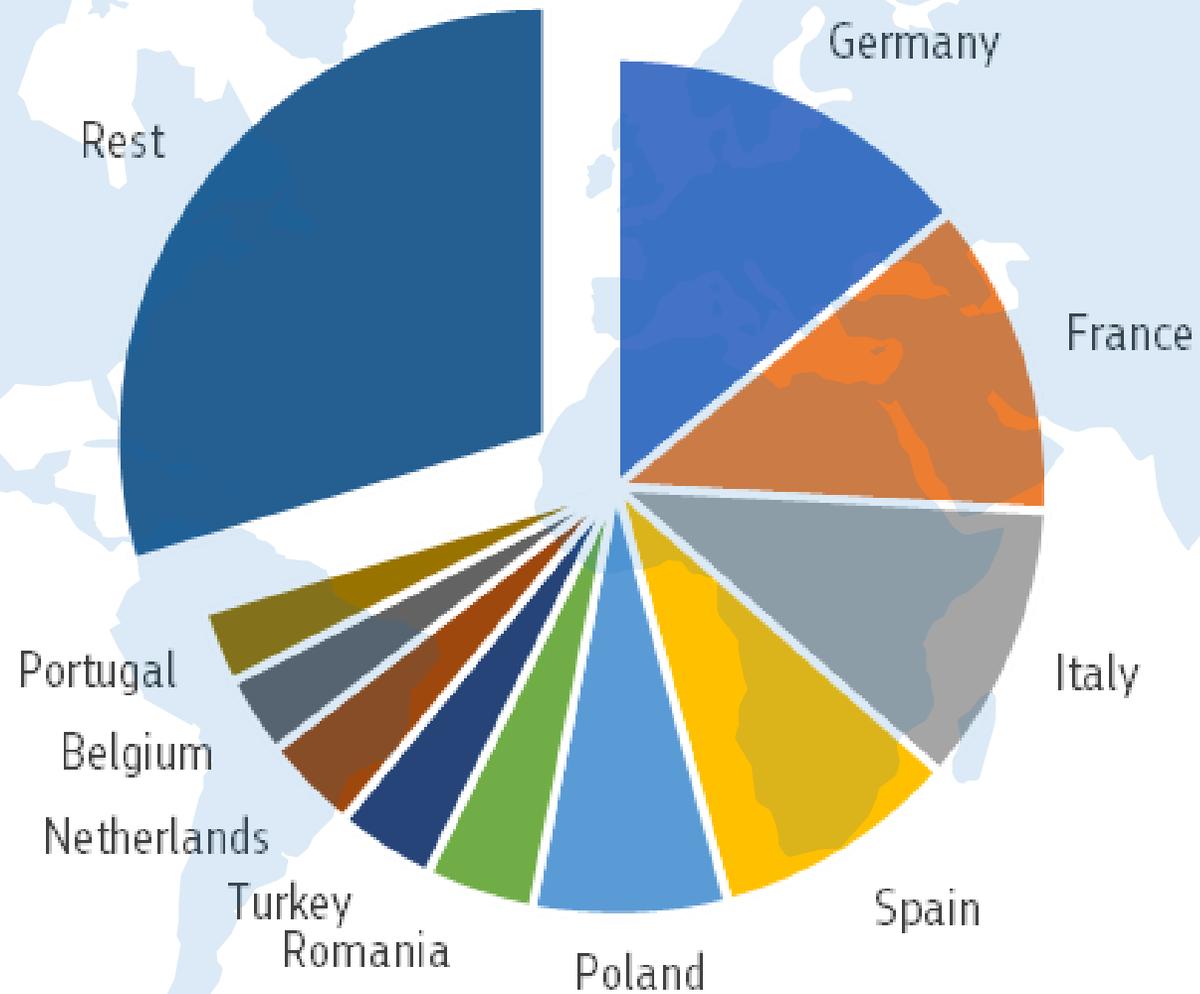
2014-2020



2021-2027



# ICM budget per National Agency 2023



# Latin America and the Caribbean

## Planned mobilities since 2015

	Learners	Staff	Total
Incoming (to the EU)	3 538	4 063	7 601
Outgoing (from the EU)	1 491	3 509	5 000
Total	5 029	7 572	12 601

# Planned mobilities 2015-2021 in Latin America and the Caribbean

Country	Planned mobilities
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>12 601</b>
<b>South America</b>	<b>7 621</b>
Brazil	2 405
Argentina	1 396
Colombia	1 261
Chile	834
Peru	532
Ecuador	427
Bolivia	378
Paraguay	245
Uruguay	115
Venezuela	28
<b>Central America</b>	<b>3 335</b>
Mexico	1 318
Guatemala	313
Costa Rica	287
El Salvador	263
Honduras	218
Nicaragua	194
Panama	60
<b>Caribbean</b>	<b>1 645</b>
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Dominican Republic	657
Haiti	265
Jamaica	214
Trinidad & Tobago	184
Suriname	148
Barbados	77
Belize	48
Bahamas	29
Guyana	16
St. Kitts and Nevis	7

# Activities supported (I)

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- Also supports traineeships for students and training for staff
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months
- Blended mobility (physical mobility of 5 – 30 days + virtual component)

## Activities supported (II)

- All partners in an ICM project can **send and host students and staff** as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For certain countries, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from third countries to Europe – this means third country universities **can send but not host**.
- Countries with this restriction can be found in this list (Region 1 – Western Balkans is exempted from restriction): <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/DAC-List-ODA-Recipients-for-reporting-2021-flows.pdf>
- European partners may use a part of their **intra-European mobility budget** to fund their students mobility to restricted countries under ICM.



## Organisational support

EUR 500/participant



## Individual support

EUR 700-900/month for students and  
EUR 140-180/day for staff

EUR 79/day up to the 14th day of activity and EUR  
56/day from 15th to the 30th day of activity in  
case of blended mobility

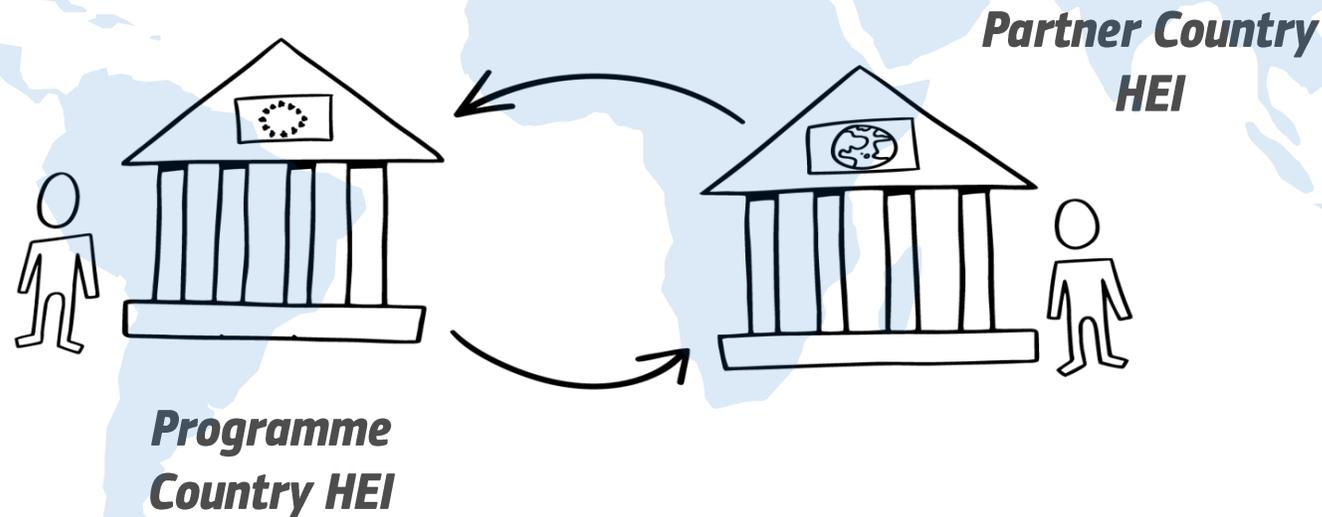


## Contribution to travel costs

EUR 20-1500, depending on distance travelled

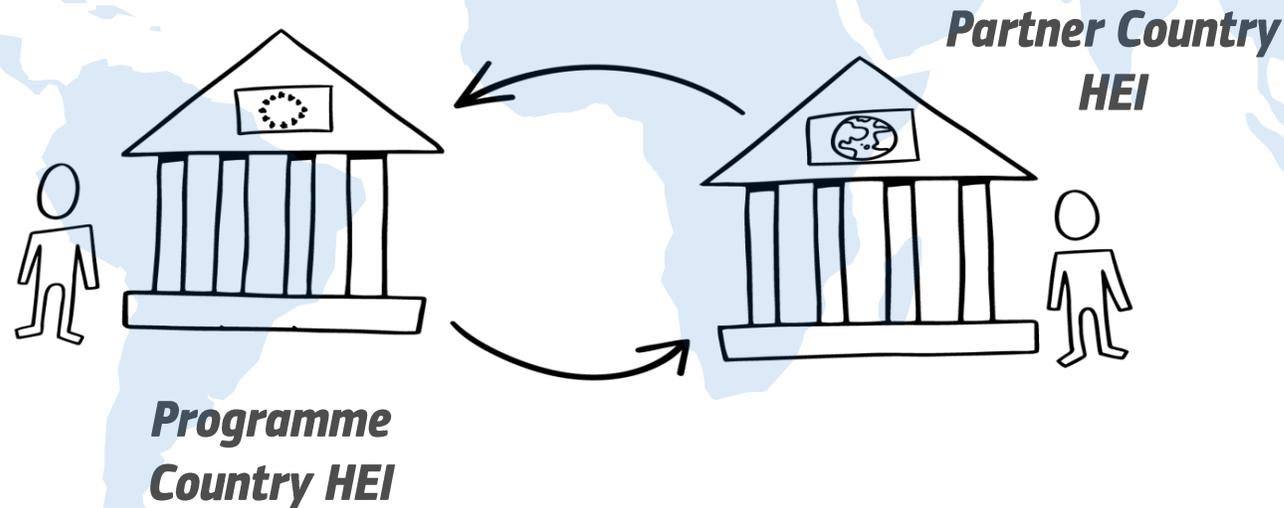
# Who can apply and how? (I)

- **Higher Education Institutions in the Programme countries**
- The **ICM project in their application** contains the countries and partner universities they intend to cooperate with, as well as their **cooperation plan in each region**

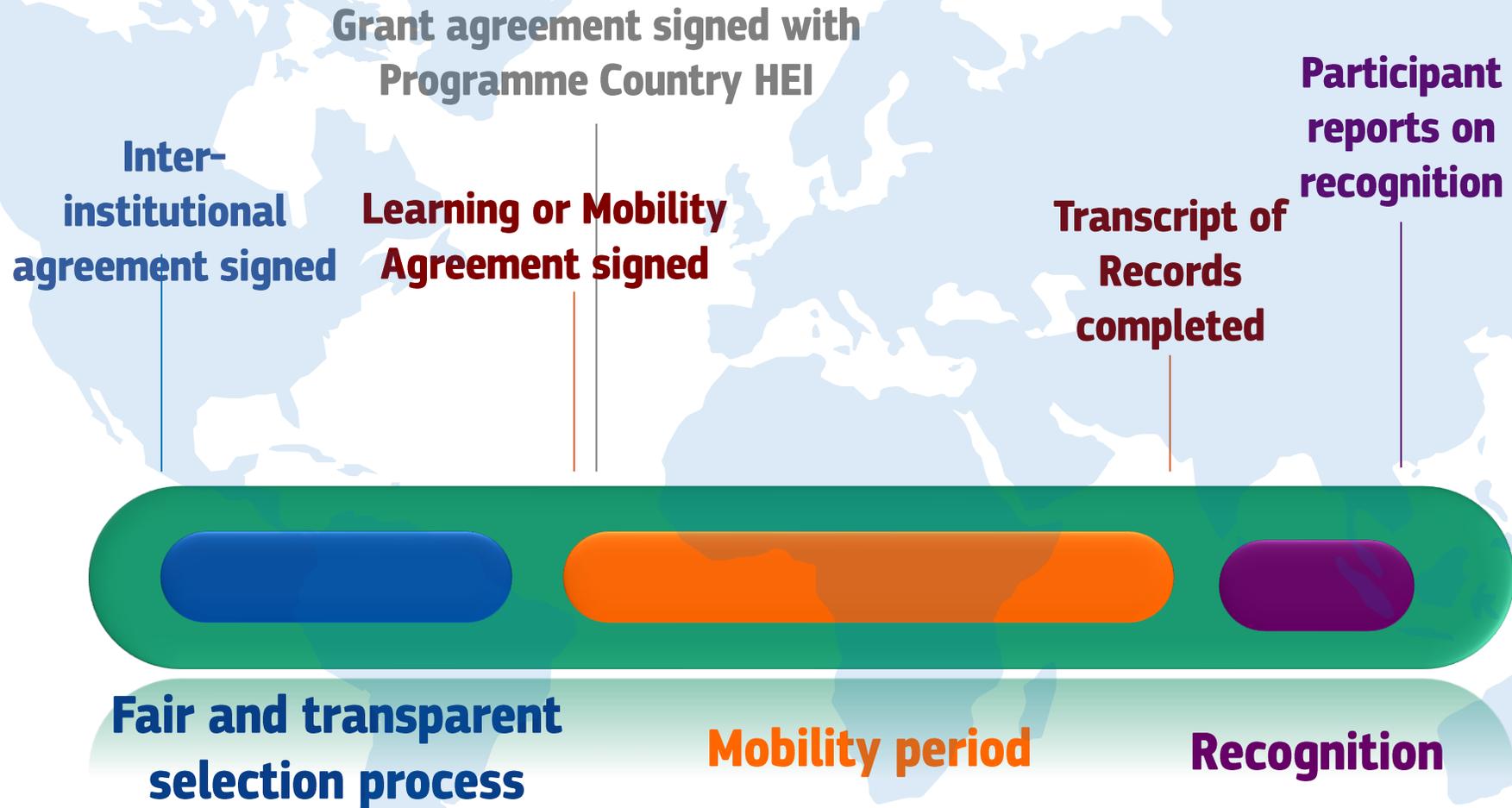


## Who can apply and how? (II)

- Upon successfully passing the established quality criteria, they will be allocated **an ICM grant spread in different regional envelopes**
- For every partnership with a secured budget, an **Inter-Institutional Agreement** is needed between the main applicant in Europe and every partner university in third countries before mobilities can start.



# ICM project implementation



# Timeline



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# International opening of KA131 (since 2021)

- Application:
  - KA131: only indicative % for international mobility (max. 20%)
  - KA171: quality assessment per region & approval of country flows
- Implementation mode:
  - KA131: selection of partner countries & HEIs during implementation
  - KA171: approval of partner countries and HEIs during application
- Geographical scope and flows:
  - KA131: worldwide, only outgoing mobility
  - KA171: worldwide except Regions 13 and 14, geographical targets
- Complementarity between the two strands

# Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

- ✓ A **high-level integrated & transnational** study programme at **MA level**
- ✓ A Master programme of **excellence open to all disciplines**
- ✓ Joint diploma delivered by an **international partnership** of HEIs from different countries **worldwide** & other educational and/or non educational partners
- ✓ Studies take place in at least 2 different European countries.
- ✓ Offering high-level scholarships to excellent students worldwide
- ✓ Institutions from **all over the world** may submit a proposal
- ✓ **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures:** New projects to launch the basis for a joint programme

# 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**

# 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 Set-up (1)

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

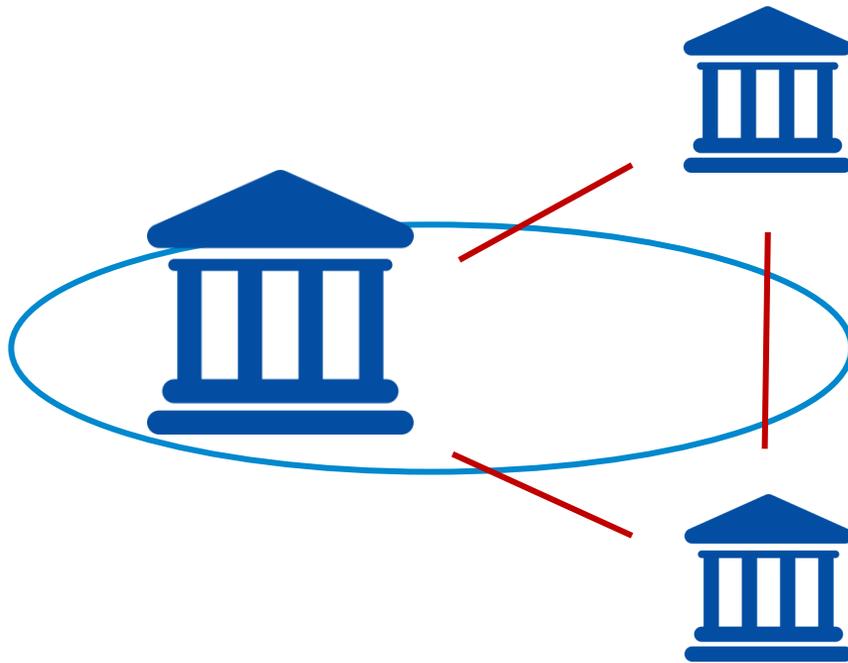
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# EMJM Set-up (2)

## Overview of editions

Academic year	1 Year Master course 60 ECTS		2 Year Master course 120 ECTS	
2022 (year of selection – signature of Grant Agreement)	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities
2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition
2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition
2025	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition
2026	5 <sup>th</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> edition</b>
2027	<b>6<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>		
2028 (end of contract)				

# Taking part as an Organisation



- Open to any public or private organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible HEI from an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme
- ✓ 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

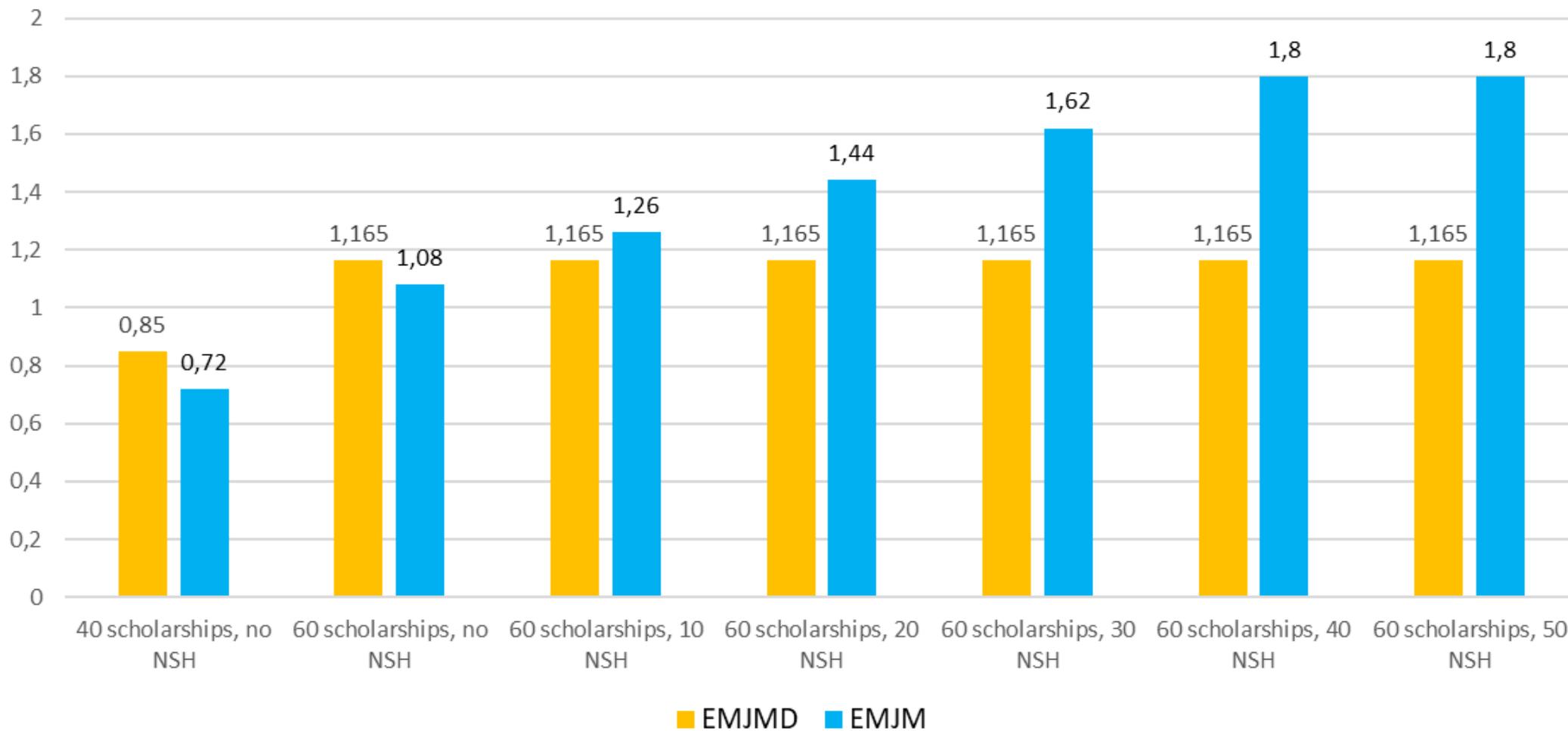
Associated partners

# Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of 750€ /month   
How to calculate: € 750 x n° of months x n° of enrolled students (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)  
**=> max. amount per project: 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**

# EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM

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



# 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**

# 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



**Exemption of master fees (EUR 9,000/year)  
EUR 1,400/month+ Travel costs**



# 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
- ❖ Additional scholarships for LAC students
- ❖ **Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium**  
Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships:  
[ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus](https://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-mundus)

# Erasmus Mundus in Latin America and the Caribbean

Brasil	821
México	629
Colombia	418
Argentina	183
Ecuador	137
Perú	97
Guatemala	97
Costa Rica	72
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Guyana	2
St. Lucia	3
St. Vincent & the Grenadines	1
Barbados	1

- 29 organisations as full partners in 11 different **Joint Masters** (from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Mexico).
- 320 institutions from 20 countries as associated partners.
- 2898 scholarships (Brazil 1<sup>st</sup> in the world, Mexico 5<sup>th</sup>, Colombia 6<sup>th</sup>)

# EMJM examples with LAC partners

## Euroculture: Society, Politics and Culture in a Global Context

-  **UNIwersYTET JAGIELLONSKI**
-  **UNIVERZITA PALACKEHO V OLOMOUCI**
-  **THE TRUSTEES OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY**
-  **UPPSALA UNIVERSITET**
-  **UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI UDINE**
-  **OSAKA UNIVERSITY**
-  **THE SAVITRIBAI PHULE PUNE UNIVERSITY**
-  **UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO**
-  **GEORG-AUGUST-UNIVERSITAT GOTTINGEN STIFTUNG OFFENTLICHEN RECHTS**
-  **UNIVERSIDAD DE LA IGLESIA DE DEUSTO ENTIDAD RELIGIOSA**
-  **UNIVERSITE DE STRASBOURG**

## International Master in Innovative Medicine

-  **RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN**
-  **UPPSALA UNIVERSITY**
-  **PONTIFICIA UNIVERSIDAD CATOLICA DE CHILE**
-  **RUPRECHT-KARLS-UNIVERSITAET HEIDELBERG**
-  **UNIVERSIDAD DE ANTIOQUIA**
-  **UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTONOMA DE MEXICO**
-  **UNIVERSIDADE DE SAO PAULO**

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# EMJM call for proposals 2022

## Selection roadmap

Milestones	Indicative dates EMJMs
Opening of the call for proposals	November 2022
Deadline for submission of applications	February 2023
Expert assessment	March/April 2023
Accreditation check of Masters	March/April 2023
Award Decision	June 2023
Notification of applicants and publication of results	July 2023
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	July/August 2023
Start of projects	autumn

**Interested in Erasmus Mundus but not yet ready for an EMJM?**



**Start with an Erasmus Mundus Design Measure and launch the basis for a joint programme**

# Rationale behind EMDM lot

- ✓ Filling the gap of the Erasmus Mundus Action by supporting the **development** of new joint master programmes
- ✓ Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving Erasmus Mundus **under-represented EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and/or institutions from these countries, and/or thematic areas**

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# What is an EMDM project?



- ✓ Short duration **grant to support institutions** in the set-up of a new joint master programme in Europe (and beyond)
- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs
- ✓ **Independent funding scheme** from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)

# Expected outcomes of an EMDM (1)

## The jointly designed master should:

- ✓ Offer a **fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium** (involving at least three HEIs from three different countries, of which at least two must be EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme)
- ✓ Aim at **attracting excellent students** worldwide
- ✓ Include **physical mobility** for all recruited students
- ✓ Lead to either a **Joint degree** or **multiple degrees**

# Expected outcomes of an EMDM (2)

**Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master 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)

# EMDM Set-up

- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (mono-beneficiary grant)
- ✓ **Fixed duration of 15 months**
- ✓ EU Grant: fixed **lump sum contribution of 55.000 Euros** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)