



Erasmus Mundus Association

for Consortia cooperation

Erasmus Mundus – Kick-off meeting
February 9, 2022



Introduction: why EMACT?

- EMJMD = outstanding network of institutions and programmes...
 - ... but with very few (or almost no relations between them)
- The COVID experience showed us that being in contact, with similar problems and needs, could be useful
 - Last spring: an initiative involving consortia coordinated by French institutions
 - How could we extend this initiative?
- The opportunities of extension of this network may concern:
 - administrative... but also research/teaching questions
 - potentially all the EMJMDs
- A topic-based and problem-based approach but... which **shall be smooth and light**

Why?

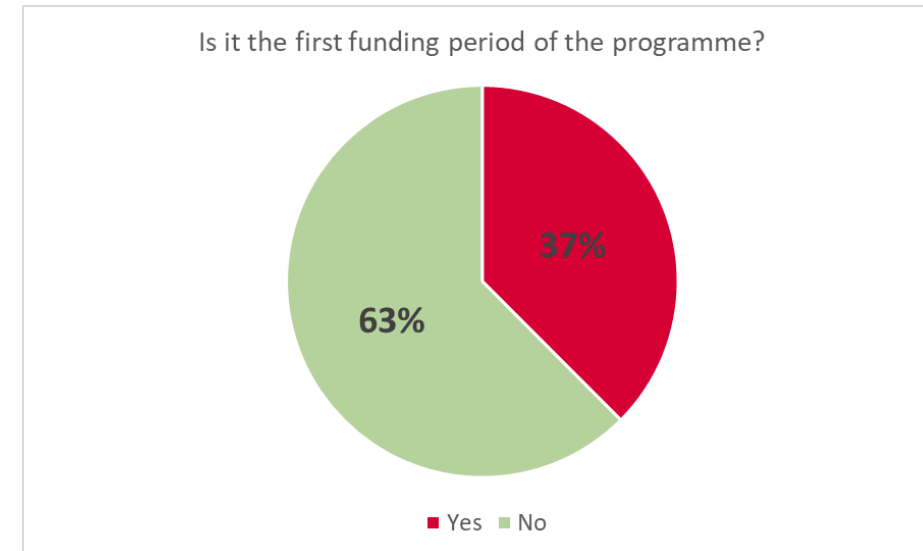
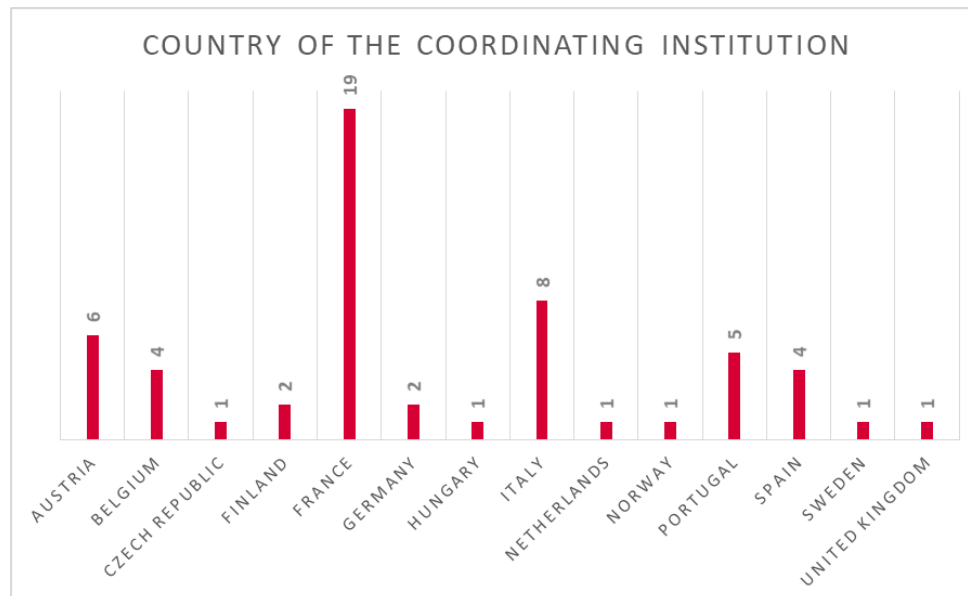
Examples of objectives

- **Exchanging on our difficulties/needs on specific topics + good practices**
 - E.g.: insurance schemes, applications platforms, implementation of joint degrees, etc.
 - E.g.: quality insurance mechanisms (sharing external expertise, practices, etc.)
 - E.g.: teaching practices, etc.
- **Pooling resources or exchanging skills (for teaching/research)**
 - E.g.: pooling / sharing information about scholars' invitations
 - E.g.: sharing online seminars or courses, pooling available skills/knowledge on transversal topic (e.g. on ecological and digital transition)
 - E.g.: pooling internship offers, considering Master's thesis exchanges (for transdisciplinary topics)
 - E.g.: sharing seminars / courses (in-person invitations or online seminars)
 - E.g.: favouring transdisciplinary seminars/research on transversal topics
- **Dissemination and outreach of EMJMDs programmes**
 - E.g. dissemination of joint information, working papers, MOOCs, industrial partnerships, joint social networking, etc.
- **Collective actions to support changes in the current regulations**
 - E.g.: overcome the resistances for the European accreditation process (*in relation with ProDeJIP – the Association for the Promotion and the Development of Joint International Programmes in higher education*)

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- **Survey in January-February 2021**
(56 answers from 52 consortia)
 - A majority of experienced consortia
- 14 Countries represented (coordinators)



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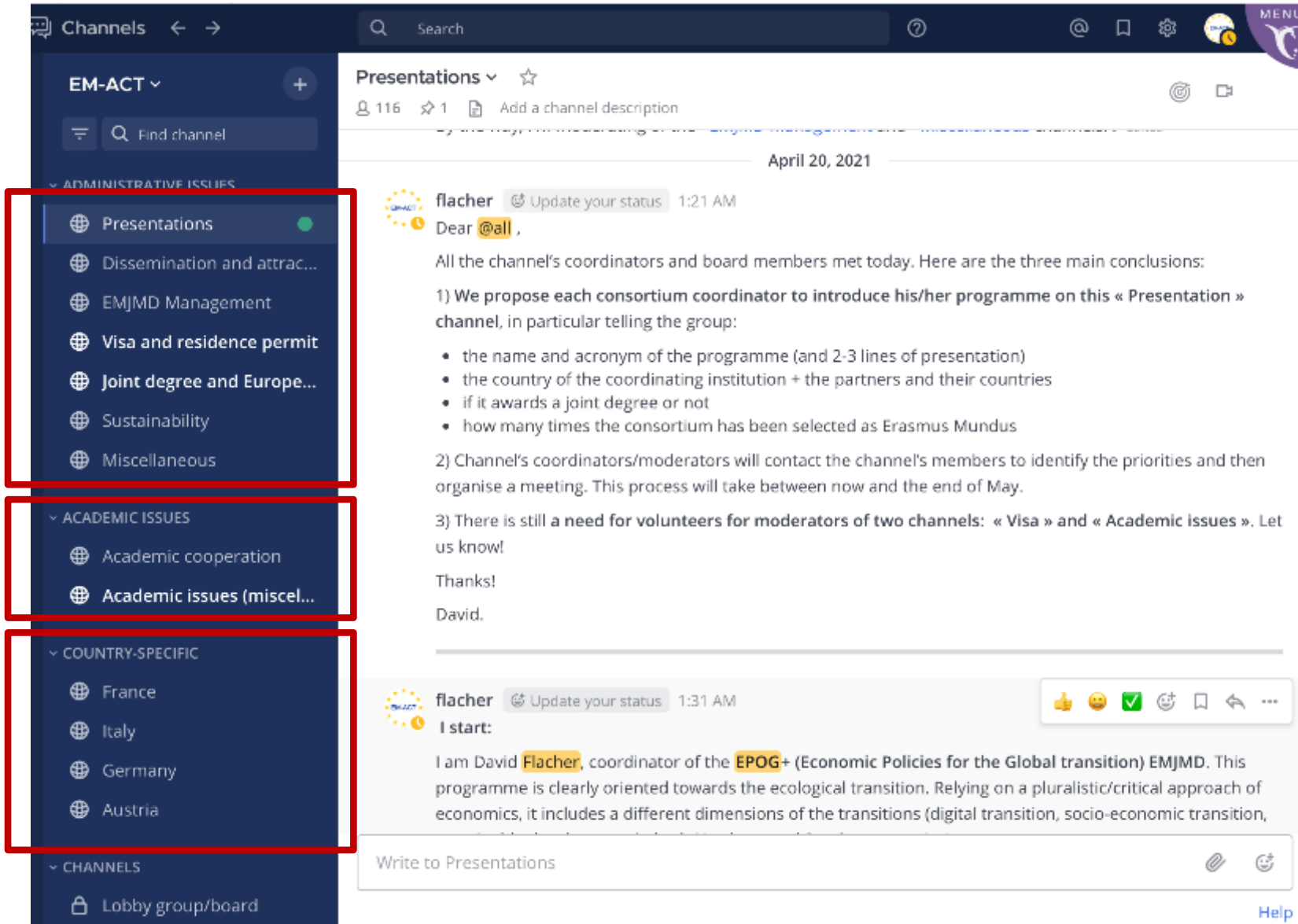
Would you be interested in...	Number of answers
Exchanging on your difficulties/needs on specific topics (e.g. visas, platforms, quality assurance, insurance schemes, etc.).	53
Contributing together to the dissemination and outreach of EMJMDs programmes.	51
Advocating for changes in the current regulations through collective actions (e.g. European accreditation process).	43
Pooling scholars' invitations or sharing academic/teaching skills among EMJMDs (e.g. on the ecological transition, MOOCs, etc.).	38
Pooling internship resources and/or non-academic partnerships.	36

Tools and activity: the Mattermost platform

(discussions / working groups)

CHANNELS	CHANNELS' LEADERS
Dissemination and attractivity (communication, selection process, etc.)	Vanessa Borges (MEDFOR, Portugal)
Visas and residence permits	Sophia Fesei Dangana and Isabel Keller (International relations, Université de Lorraine)
EMJMD Management	Heathcliff Demaie (DENSYS – France)
Joint degree and European approach to quality assurance	Sébastien Clausen (PANGEA – France)
Sustainability	Cécilia Provost (Centrale Nantes, France)
Academic/pedagogical cooperation	Elena Fabbri (WACOMA, Italy)
Miscellaneous	Heathcliff Demaie (DENSYS – France)

Tools and activity: the Mattermost platform



The screenshot displays the Mattermost web interface. On the left, a sidebar lists channels under three categories: ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES, ACADEMIC ISSUES, and COUNTRY-SPECIFIC. The 'Presentations' channel is highlighted with a red box. The main content area shows a message from 'flacher' dated April 20, 2021, at 1:21 AM. The message discusses the meeting of coordinators and board members and lists three main conclusions. A second message from 'flacher' at 1:31 AM is partially visible at the bottom.

Available on:

- Internet browsers
- Desktop apps
- Mobile apps

Tools and activity: already some advocacy initiatives

- Advocacy letters (2021)
 - **1 letter for the Italian Ministry:**
 - to ask for the implementation of the “European approach” (42 consortia / universities involved)
 - **2 letters for the French Ministry:**
 - to ask for the free implementation of the “European approach” (42 consortia / universities involved)
 - to ask for the inclusion of the EM specificities in the new national platform for masters (5 members of the board)
- Contacts with
 - EACEA
 - EMA (Erasmus Mundus Alumni association)
 - Other initiatives (ProDeJip, Amplifier...)

The current structure

The channel leaders and a board

- **Ermina Begovic** (SEAS 4.0, Sustainable Ship And Shipping 4.0, Italy)
 - **José Borges** (MEDFOR, Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management, Portugal)
 - **Mickael Capron** (BIOREF, Biorefinery Master, France)
 - **Juliane Cron** (CARTO, Erasmus Mundus MAster of Science in Cartography, Germany)
 - **Heathcliff Demaie** (DENSYS, Decentralized Smart Energy Systems, France)
 - **Elena Fabbri** (WACOMA, Water and coastal management, Italy)
 - **David Flacher** (EPOG+, Economic Policies for the Global transition, France)
 - **Barbara Rega** (FIPDes, Food Innovation and Product design, France)
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- A **board meeting every month** (to initiate, prepare and implement the decided activities)

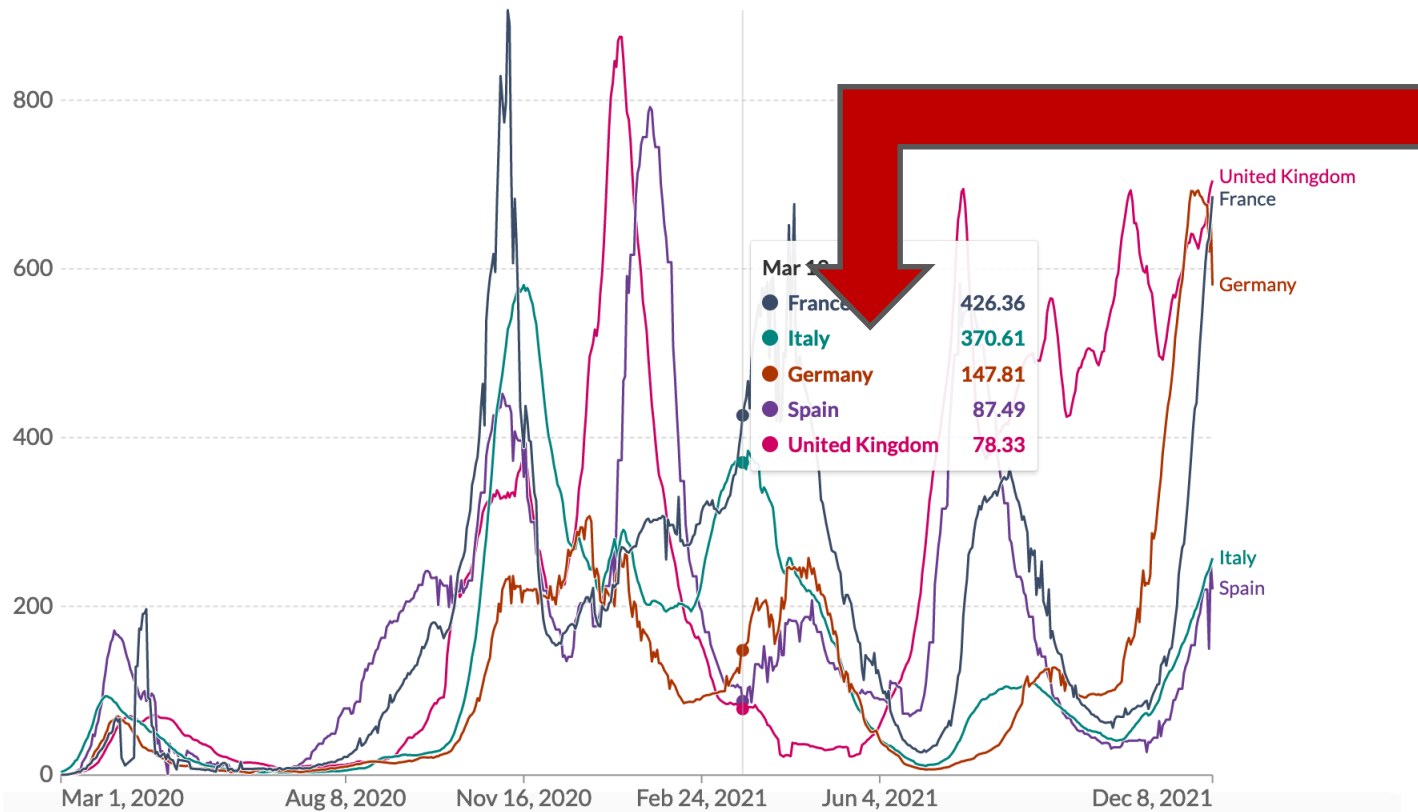
Next meeting (in-person) in May

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people

7-day rolling average. Due to limited testing, the number of confirmed cases is lower than the true number of infections.

Our World in Data

LINEAR LOG



Mid-May seems a good period:

May 16, 17 or 18, 2022

Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data

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