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Key Action 1

**Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees
EMJMDs**



OUTLINE

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)
General overview

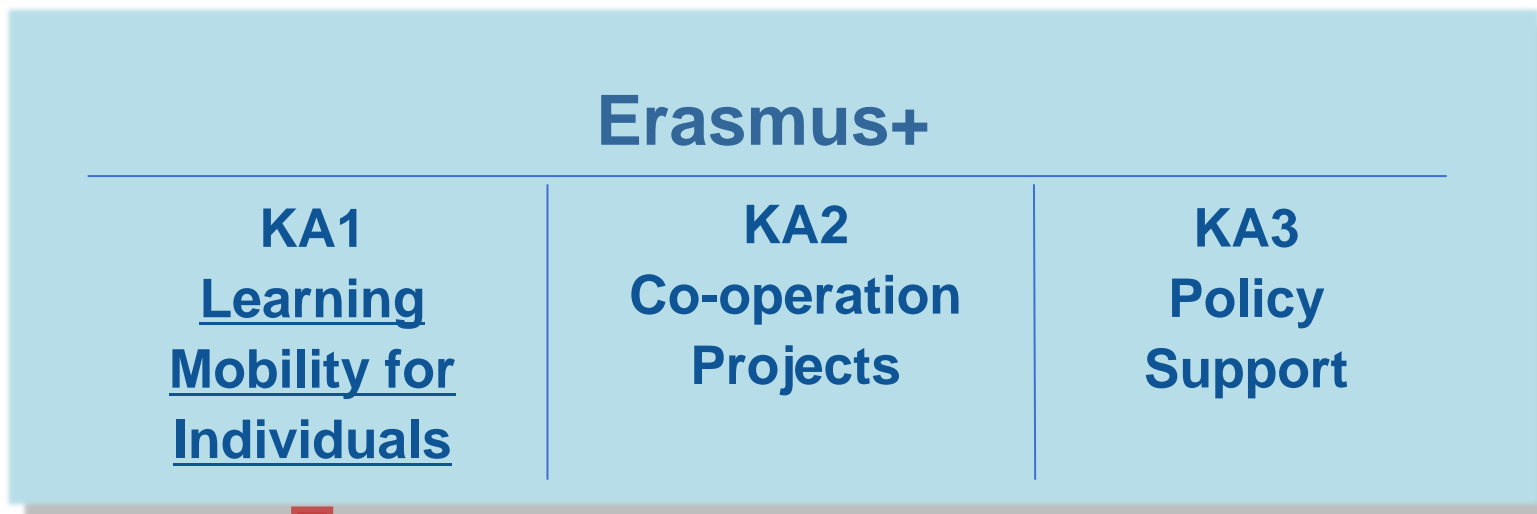
How to participate as an Organisation – Individual
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Results of the Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016

EMJMD – Information sources

A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

A single integrated programme



EMJMD

Specific activities:

- Jean Monnet
- Sport

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

...in brief:

- ✓ Highly integrated Master study programmes delivered by international HEI consortium
- ✓ No restriction in disciplines
- ✓ 3 consecutive student intakes
- ✓ Full scholarships for students - 75% for students from Partner Countries
- ✓ Award of a joint or multiple Master degree

International cooperation: Programme Countries & Partner Countries

Programme Countries

EU Member States:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Other Programme Countries:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

Partner Countries

All other countries throughout the world

EMJMD - structure

- Integrated international Master programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
- Developed and delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme Countries & Partner Countries (if relevant)
- Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits), optional preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum) – covered by one Grant Agreement
- Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
- Fully recognised and accredited joint / multiple Master degrees

EMJMD - main aims

- ✓ **Quality improvements, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs**
- ✓ **Increase quality and attractiveness of the EHEA (e.g. *Yerevan communiqué*) – supporting **EU External Action** in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master students worldwide**
- ✓ **Improve competences, skills, employability of Master graduates**
- ✓ **Improve relevance for the labour market through an increased involvement of employers**

EMJMD - main characteristics (1)

- **Attractiveness and Excellence:** very high selectivity of EMJMDs, only excellent joint master programmes selected and funded
- **"Jointness"** - Integration of the course design and structure, recognition/accreditation of degrees
- Although not mandatory **Joint Degrees are strongly encouraged** (double/multiple degrees still eligible)
- Bridging **academic** and **job-market needs** (trans-disciplinary approach), **employability** of graduates

EMJMD - main characteristics (2)

- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide, **priority** on Partner country students (**minimum of 75 %**)
- **Invited scholars/guest lecturers** contribute to the teaching/training/research activities
- Worldwide **visibility**
- **Sustainability** after EU funding
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission / DG EAC

Opportunities for HEI's from Programme countries

High degree
of visibility in a
programme of
Excellence

Multiannual
grant
agreement
and
personalised
management
support by
EACEA

Attractive EU
co-funding
scheme

Select top
students
worldwide

Opportunities for HEI's from Partner countries

High degree of international visibility in EU programme of Excellence

Increased exchange of excellent students and staff from and to HEIs in Partner countries

Exchange of good practices with other participating HEIs

Possibility of further educational and research collaborations

Opportunities for students

Top academic expertise and specialisation options

Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree

Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope

High employability thanks to key skills developed

Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association

Lessons learnt from EM Master Courses (EMMCs) 2004-2013

- Invest in **internship programmes**
- **Participation of non-academic organisations** in curriculum development and performance evaluation
- Develop **complementary competences** for EM students
- **Business and marketing plans** for financial sustainability
- Outreach activities to **raise visibility** and **recognition** of awarded **joint degrees** among academia and business community

New elements in the 2017 EMJMD Call

- ❖ Assessment of proposals in **one step evaluation procedure**
- ❖ **Simplified assessment of additional award criterion** (Heading 4 and EDF scholarships)
- ❖ **Increased and guaranteed** number of **EMJMD scholarships** (maximum 20 scholarships per intake) and number of **EMJMD projects** planned to be funded (\approx 35 EMJMDs)
- ❖ Consortia can benefit from **up to 8 additional scholarships** per intake for **targeted regions of the world**



Taking part as an Organisation (1)

- EMJMDs are open to **public** or **private** organisations in **Programme** or **Partner Countries**
 - HEIs
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
- **Applicant** must be **HEI** established in **Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium.
- **Minimum EMJMD consortium composition**: **3 HEIs as partners (including the coordinator)** from at least **3 different Programme Countries**



Taking part as an Organisation (2)

- **HEIs established in a Programme Country:**



Accreditation at national level of each degree-awarding Master programme on the basis of which the EMJMD programme is composed – required at application stage

- **Cooperation** with HEIs and other eligible participating organisations from **Partner Countries** (benefits: specific expertise, visibility to students and employers, promotion, etc.)
- **Associated partners (optional):** specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, internships, etc.

EMJMD Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 40 points)

- ✓ *"jointness"/integration, design and structure*
- ✓ *integration in the partners' degree catalogues*
- ✓ *identification of needs in the academic field*
- ✓ *academic programme and learning outcomes*
- ✓ *HEI internationalisation: benefits of student and staff mobility*

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 20 points)

- ✓ *academic programme and learning outcomes, excellent academic content*
- ✓ *evaluation methods to monitor, upgrade and improve quality*
- ✓ *student mobility and involvement of scholars/guest lecturers*
- ✓ *services to students and academic staff*
- ✓ *course rules, student rights and obligations (academic, administrative, financial)*
- ✓ *integration/networking of students within socio-cultural and professional environment*
- ✓ *Interaction with non-educational actors*

EMJMD Award Criteria (2)

❖ Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)

- ✓ *expertise of the involved partners/staff*
- ✓ *institutional commitment of partners; governing bodies and management tools*
- ✓ *joint criteria for student application, selection and admission requirements, examination and performance evaluation*
- ✓ *financial outline of the EMJMD, including complementary funding*

❖ Impact and dissemination (max 20 points)

- ✓ *development and sustainability strategy, mobilisation of other funding sources for scholarships and self-funded students*
- ✓ *institutional impact and internationalisation strategy*
- ✓ *entrepreneurship, involvement of employers and employability of graduates*
- ✓ *promotion, dissemination and awareness raising strategy, excellent students*
- ✓ *promotion of course materials and media through open licences (if relevant)*

EMJMD Evaluation procedure

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

- **2 thresholds:**
 - **75% (30 points)** of the maximum allocated points for ***"Relevance"***
 - Proposals must score **at least 70 points** overall

- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects scoring highest under the criterion ***"Relevance"***

Additional scholarships for 8 targeted regions

- ✓ Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/countries of the world (12 geographical windows)

African, Caribbean, Pacific countries (ACP), Asia, Central Asia, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbouring countries, Gulf countries

- ✓ Financed through the EU external funding instruments
- ✓ For Asia, Central Asia and Latin America regions **specific priorities** apply!

Specific priorities for three regions

- ✓ Asia (Region 6):
 - no additional scholarships for students from China and India
 - 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Least Developed Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Nepal)

- ✓ Central Asia (Region 7):
 - 65% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Low or Lower Middle Income Countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)

- ✓ Latin America (Region 8):
 - 25% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Lower Middle Income Countries (Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay)
 - 35% of the available scholarships are earmarked for students from Brazil and Mexico together

Award Criterion for additional scholarships (1)

Indicatively, consortia may receive **around 8 additional student scholarships per intake** - per EMJMD edition (3 intakes/editions per contract → **~ 24 scholarships**)



ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION

Only projects that have passed the **minimum threshold under the award criterion "Relevance"** and obtain a total of **at least 70 points** will be assessed against the **additional criterion** for **targeted regions**.

Award Criterion for additional scholarships (2)

Relevance of the project in the targeted regions

- The proposal describes the **methods** used to **attract highly talented students from the targeted region(s)**.
- The proposal encourages **cooperation with HEIs** and/or other eligible participating organisation from **Partner Countries in the targeted region(s)**. The **added value** of such cooperation to the EMJMD is clearly explained.

- Assessment of the criterion: "Yes"/"No" – pertinence

EMJMD funding rules

The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ **4 million €**

HEIs: Contribution to the consortium management costs (incl. costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers)

- 50.000 € per student intake (= 150.000 € in total) + 20.000 € for optional preparatory year

Students: max 25.000 € per academic year and per scholarship

Actual amount varies according to:

- * EMJMD's length of studies (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits)
- * Student's country of residence
- * EMJMD level of participation costs

EMJMD students scholarships grants

	Students from Partner Countries	Students from Programme Countries
Contribution to participation costs	up to <u>9.000 € per year</u>	up to <u>4.500 € per year</u>
Contribution to travel costs	<u>2.000 € per year</u> if residence is less than 4.000 km from EMJMD coordinator <u>3.000 € per year</u> if residence is 4.000 km or more from EMJMD coordinator	<u>1.000 € per year</u>
Contribution to installation costs	<u>1.000 €</u>	-
Living allowance (max 24 months)	<u>1.000 € per month</u> (<u>not</u> when in country of residence, and max 3 months in any Partner Country)	<u>1.000 € per month</u> (<u>not</u> when in country of residence)



EMJMD Consortium Agreement

- Institutional commitment of all organisations participating in the EMJMD consortium. In line with the principles of the European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), it must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the EMJMD.
 - Definition of the **roles** and **duties** of the consortium partners and of the **joint governing bodies** of the EMJMD consortium
 - Description of the **academic programme**, design of the **programme/semester structure** and establishment of the **mobility paths**
 - **Financial Management**: definition of **student participation costs** and the establishment of a **multi-annual budget**
 - Definition of a **development** and **sustainability plan**
 - Clear roles concerning the joint **promotion/awareness-raising** activities and the **marketing aspects**
- ❖ **Consortium Agreement guidelines:**
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/key-action-1-erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en

How to apply Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2017

- Deadline: 16 February 2017 – 12:00 CET
- Budget: ~ 90 M€ + ~ 25 M€ for "targeted regions"
- Nr. of projects: ≈ 35 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
 - ~ 20 (around 60 per Grant Agreement)
- plus*
 - ~ 8 (around 24 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- Award decision: by July 2017



Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2017

Selection roadmap

Milestones	Dates
Publication of the call for proposals	October 2016
Deadline for submission of applications	16 February 2017 – 12:00 CET
Expert assessment	April – May 2017
Accreditation check of Masters	June 2017
Award Decision	July 2017
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	July 2017
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August - September 2017
Start of projects	August - October 2017

How to apply - eForm

- More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en
- Applications to be submitted using an **eForm with attachments**
 1. Register the partnership's organisations in the Participant Portal and receive a Participant Identification Code (PIC)
 2. Create your electronic application form using your PICs
 3. Fill in the eForm
 4. Attach completed versions of the attachments within the eForm
 - *Description of the project (if applicable Targeted regions), Grant request table, Declaration on honour and Partners' Mandates, Other relevant annexes*
 5. Submit the eForm on-line



Taking part as an individual

- ❖ **Students apply directly to the EMJMD consortium.**
All on-going EMJMDs offering scholarships are included in the EMJMD catalogue available under the following link:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en
- ❖ **EMJMD scholarship holders:**
 - must have a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
 - must **not have received** an Erasmus Mundus Master Course and/or Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate scholarship/fellowship in the past
 - can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes
 - must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium



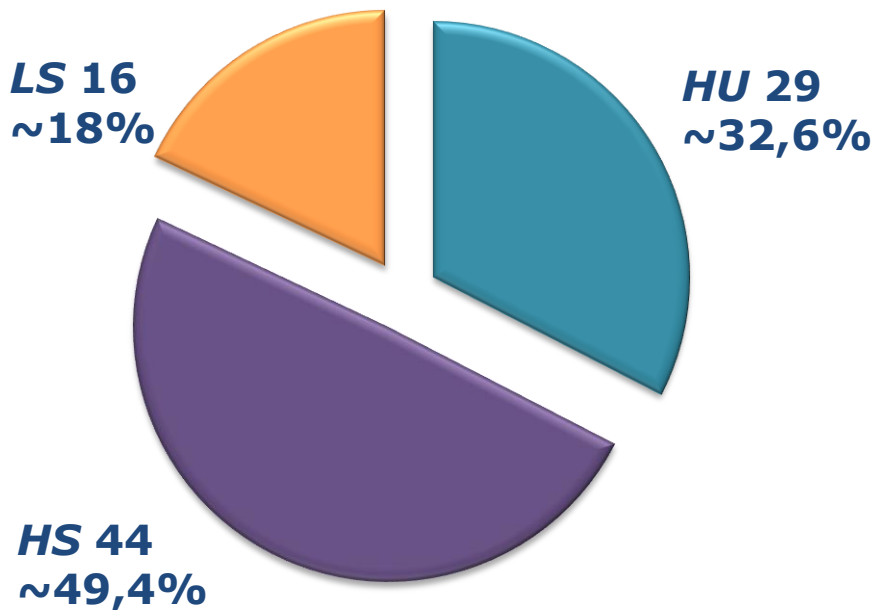
Advantages for EMJMD Students

- **Full scholarship** covering **participation costs, travel and living costs**
- Health and accident **insurance**
- **Study** (perform research, undergo a placement) in at least **two different Programme Countries** of the EMJMD consortium (min. 30 ECTS credits each study period)
- Fully **recognised and accredited joint or multiple degree** (comprising a Joint Diploma Supplement)
- **Erasmus Mundus Student and Alumni Association:**
<http://www.em-a.eu/>

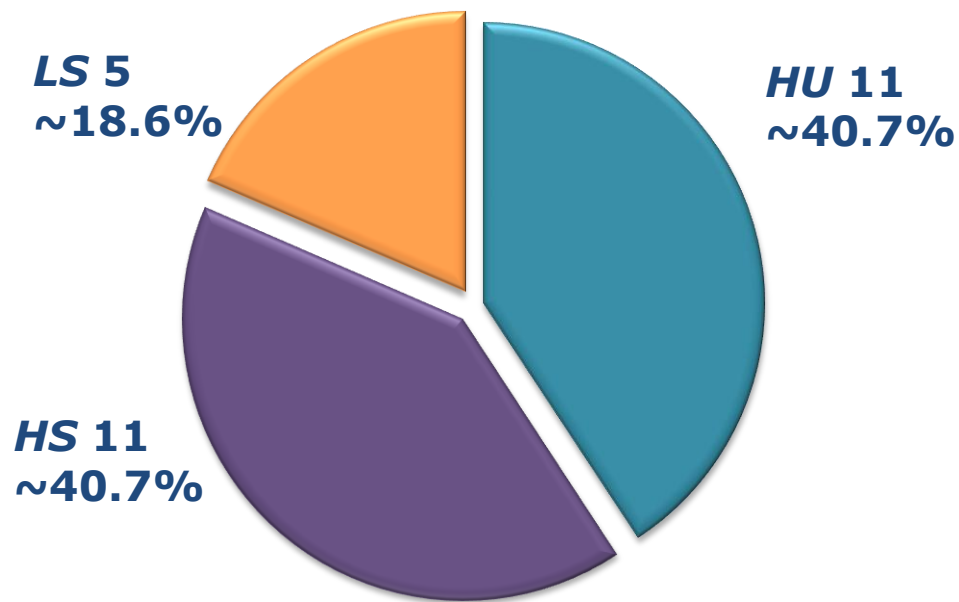
Erasmus+ selection results 2016 – EMJMDs by academic discipline

■ LS = Life Sciences ■ HU = Humanities ■ HS = Hard Sciences

Eligible applications: 89

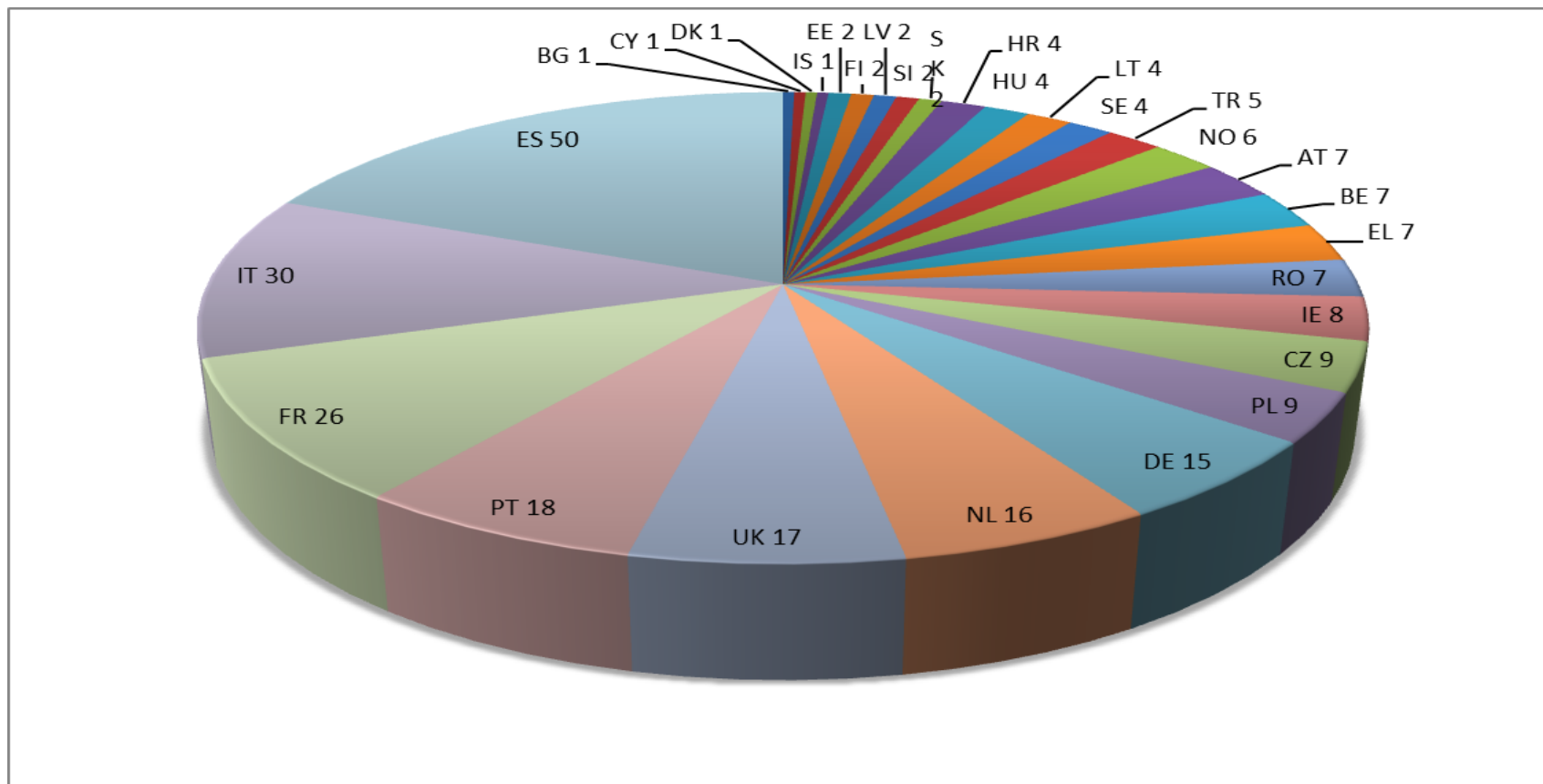


Selected Projects: 27

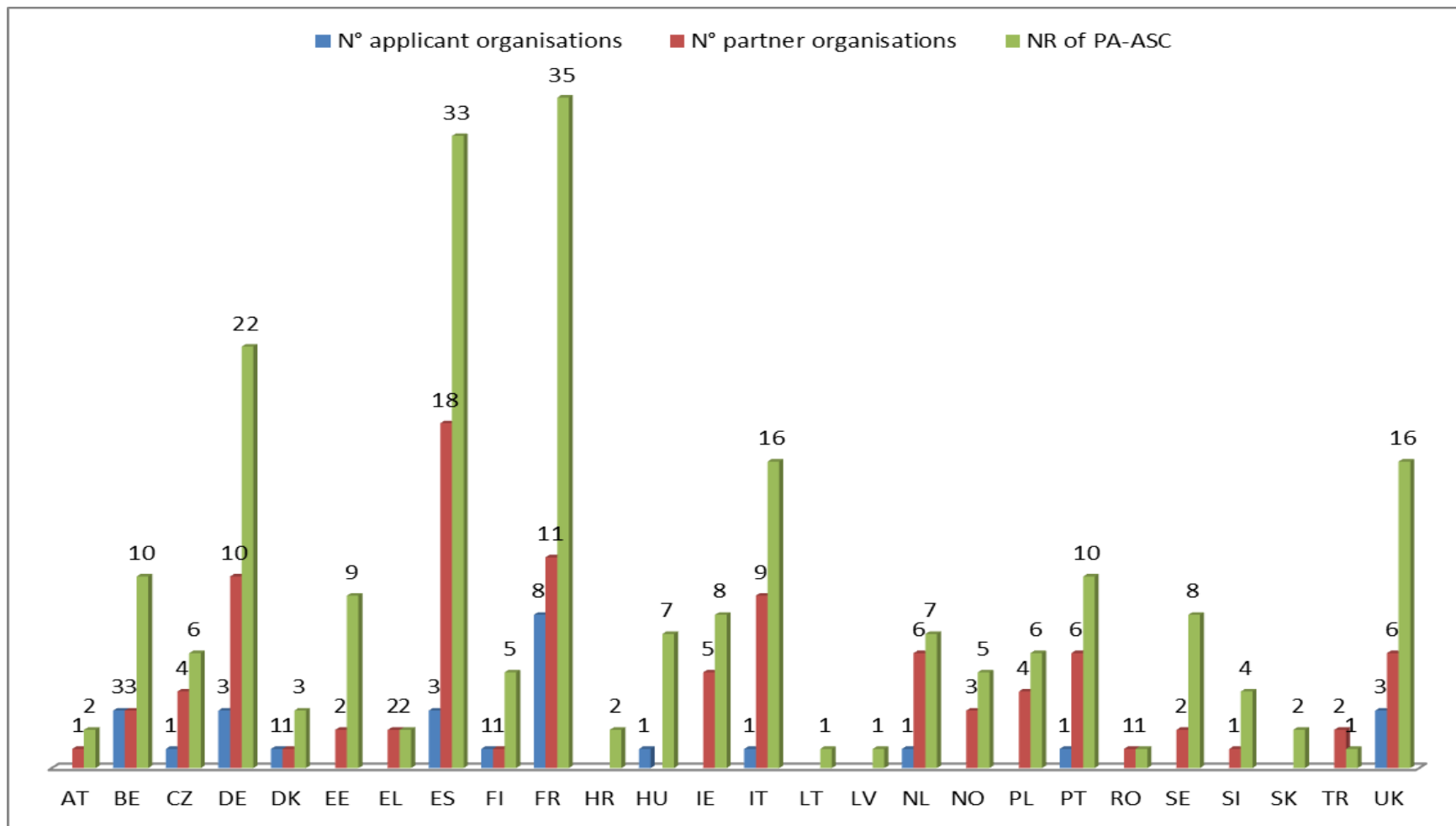


Erasmus+ EMJMD 2016 - Statistics on applications

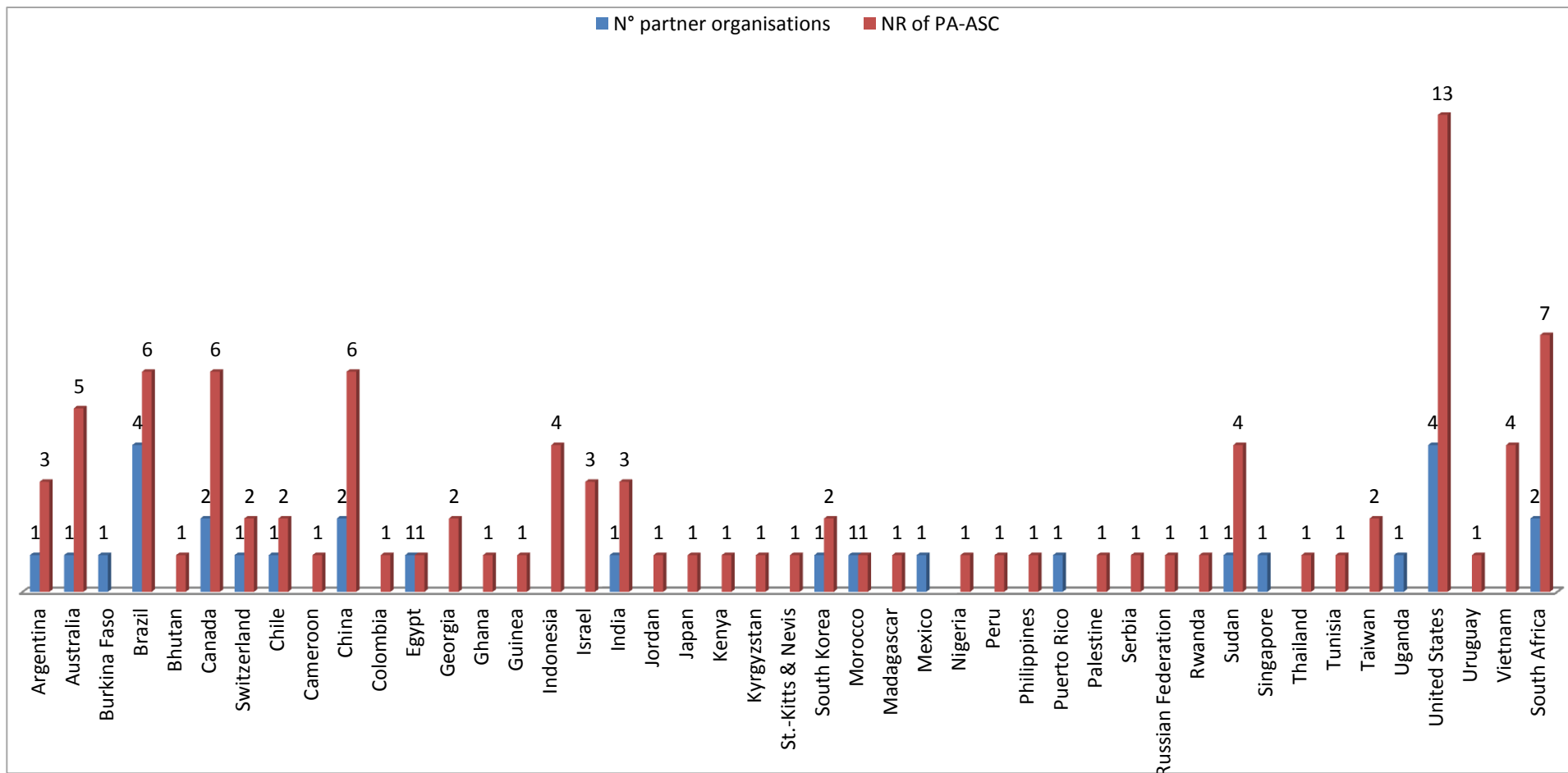
Participation of Programme Country institutions (Coordinators & Partners)



Selected EMJMDs 2016: Programme Country Institutions



Selected EMJMDs 2016: Partner Country Institutions





Example of EMJMD – selected under the 2016 call for proposals

EUROPEAN MASTER IN MIGRATION AND INTERCULTURAL RELATIONS

- **Coordinator:** CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITAET OLDENBURG, DE
- **Partners (6):**
 - *JIHOCESKA UNIVERZITA V CESKYCH BUDEJOVICICH - (CZ)*
 - *UNIVERSITETET I STAVANGER - (NO)*
 - *UNIVERZA V NOVI GORICI- (SI)*
 - *UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND JOHANNESBURG - (South Africa)*
 - *AHFAD UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN - (Sudan)*
 - *MBARARA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (Uganda)*
- **Associated Partners (39):**
 - *21 from Programme Countries: BE, HR, CZ, DE, IT, NL NO, AT, PL, SI*
 - *18 from Partner Countries: Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, India, Israel, Jordan, Nigeria, Serbia, South Africa, Sudan*
- **Grant Awarded :** 2.900.000 € - 58 EMJMD scholarships for 3 intakes:
49 scholarships (8 Programme C. + 41 Partner C.) + 9 additional for targeted regions
- **Duration:** 60 months (5 years)



Information sources (1)

- ✓ Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2017, application procedure, etc.)
 - http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

- ✓ EMJMD consortia selected in 2014, 2015 and 2016
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/selection_results_en_25112014.pdf
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/e_2015_emjmd_selected_for_funding_2015.07.28_atc.pdf
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2016_emjmd-selection_results_27.xlsx.pdf



Information sources (2)

- ✓ Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/good_practices_en.php

- ✓ The "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)" project: Joint Programmes from A to Z - A reference guide for practitioners
 - <https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz>

- ✓ "Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus" (free of charge e-brochure)
 - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/joint-international-master-programmes-pbEC0313346/>



Information sources (3)

- ✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals *"Come to study or teach in Europe"* in *English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese*
 - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/come-to-study-or-teach-in-europe-pbNC0313339/>

- ✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions *"Work together with European higher education institutions"* in *English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese*
 - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/work-together-with-european-higher-education-institutions-pbNC0213245/>

Call for experts

- **EACEA is setting up a database of experts**
 - ✓ with a high level of expertise in the programmes managed by the Agency (*Erasmus+*, *but also Europe for Citizens, Creative Europe and EU Aid Volunteers*)
 - ✓ having a good knowledge of English and/or French and/or German
 - ✓ available for occasional, short-term assignments
- **Expert's tasks may include**
 - ✓ evaluating proposals received in response to calls for proposals
 - ✓ evaluating and monitoring projects
 - ✓ assisting with the implementation of actions managed by the Agency
 - ✓ assisting the Agency by providing opinions and advices in specific cases

Call for experts – How to apply?

■ Call for expressions of interest N° EACEA/2013/01

- ✓ open until 30.09.2020
- ✓ list resulting from this call for expressions of interest is valid for the duration of the programmes managed by the Agency, i.e. until 31.12.2020
- ✓ further information on the call & as model contract and code of conduct for experts available on: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about-eacea/working-expert_en

✓ **How to apply?**

Details of how to apply can be found on the 'Experts' page of the Participant Portal for Education, Audiovisual, Culture, Citizenship and Volunteering:

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>



Thank you for your attention!

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