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Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees
EMJMDs

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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*
- ✓ *Award of a joint or multiple Master degree*

- ✓ *Increased budget for the 7-year-period*
 - **around 1 billion €**
 - **allowing to support ~350 EMJMDs and**
 - **~30.000 scholarship holders - 75% for students from Partner Countries**



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International cooperation: Programme Countries & Partner Countries

Programme Countries	Partner Countries
<p>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</p> <p>Other Programme Countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey</p>	<p>All other countries throughout the world</p>



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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 – 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**



Opportunities for HEI's

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



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Opportunities for students

Top academic expertise and specialisation options

Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree

Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope

Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association



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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**



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Participating 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***



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Participating 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, etc.)***
- ***Associated partners (optional): specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, internships, etc.***



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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)

- ✓ *excellent academic content*
- ✓ *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 **two-step** evaluation procedure*

- *To be considered for funding, proposals must score **at least 70 points overall** &*
 - **First step**: **75% (30 points)** of the maximum allocated points for "**Relevance**"
 - **Second step**: *only those proposals that have passed the first step will be assessed against the remaining award criteria*



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EMJMD funding rules

The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ **3 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



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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)



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How to apply - next Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016

- *Deadline: 18 February 2016 – 12:00 CET*
- *Budget: ~ 57 M€ + ~ 17 M€ for "targeted regions"*
- *Nr. of projects: ~27 EMJMDs*
- *Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:*
 - **~15 (around 45 per Grant Agreement)**
- *Award decision: by July 2016*



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Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016 Selection roadmap

Milestones	Dates
Publication of the call for proposals	October 2015
Deadline for submission of applications	18 February 2016 – 12:00 CET
Expert assessment	April – May 2016
Accreditation check of Masters	June 2016
Award Decision	July 2016
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	July - August 2016
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	August - September 2016
Start of projects	August - October 2016



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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 (Step 1, Step 2, if applicable Targeted regions), Grant request table, Declaration on honour and Partners' Mandates, Other relevant annexes*
 5. Submit the eForm on-line



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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 scholarship/fellowship in the past*
 - *can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes*
 - *must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium*



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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/>

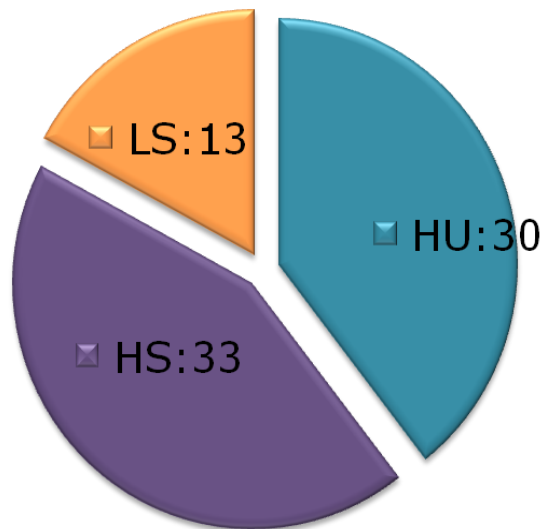


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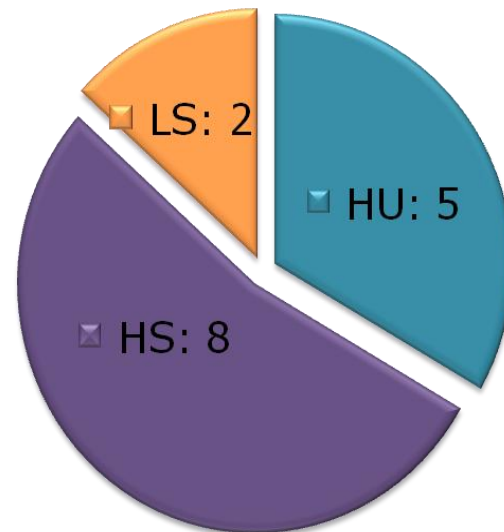
Erasmus+ selection results 2015 – EMJMDs by academic discipline

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

Applications: **76**

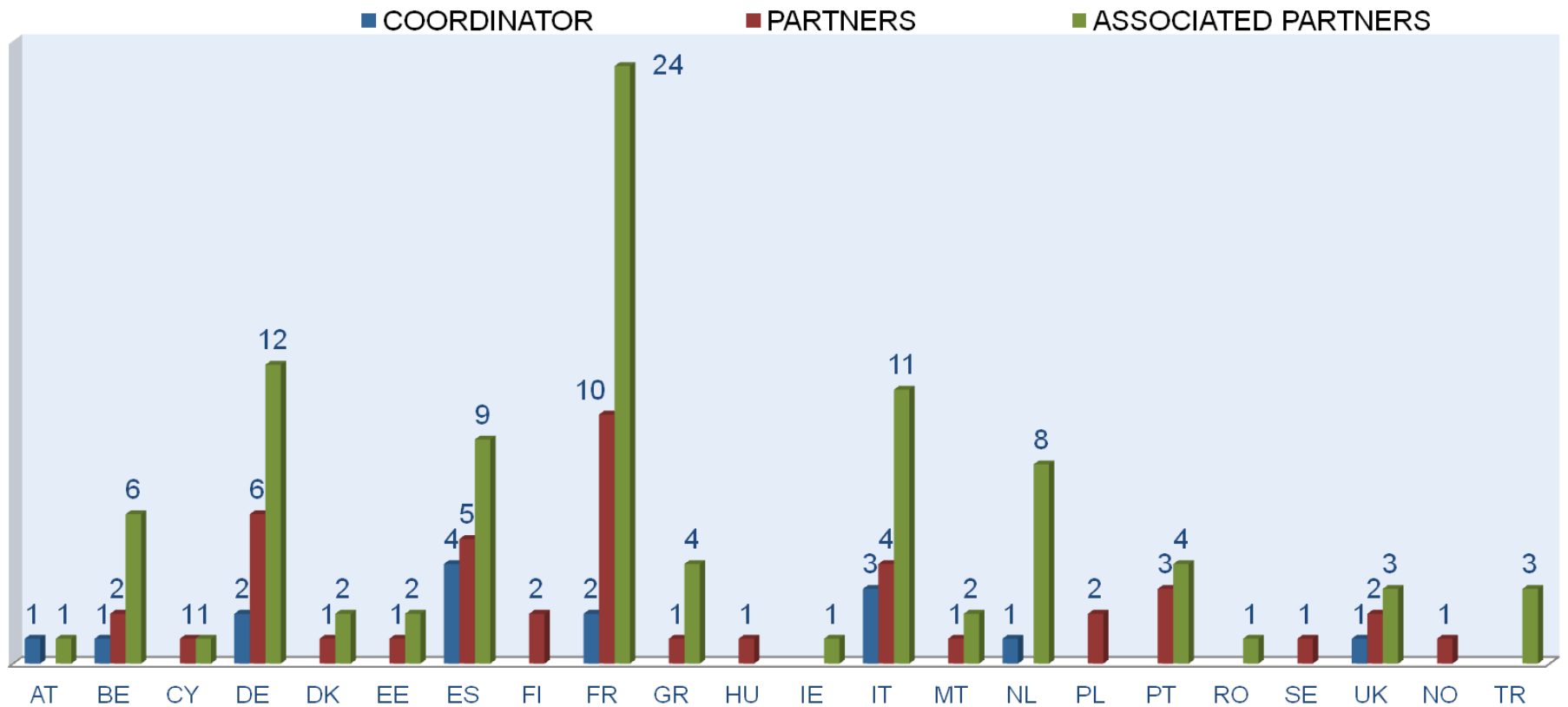


Selected Projects: **15**





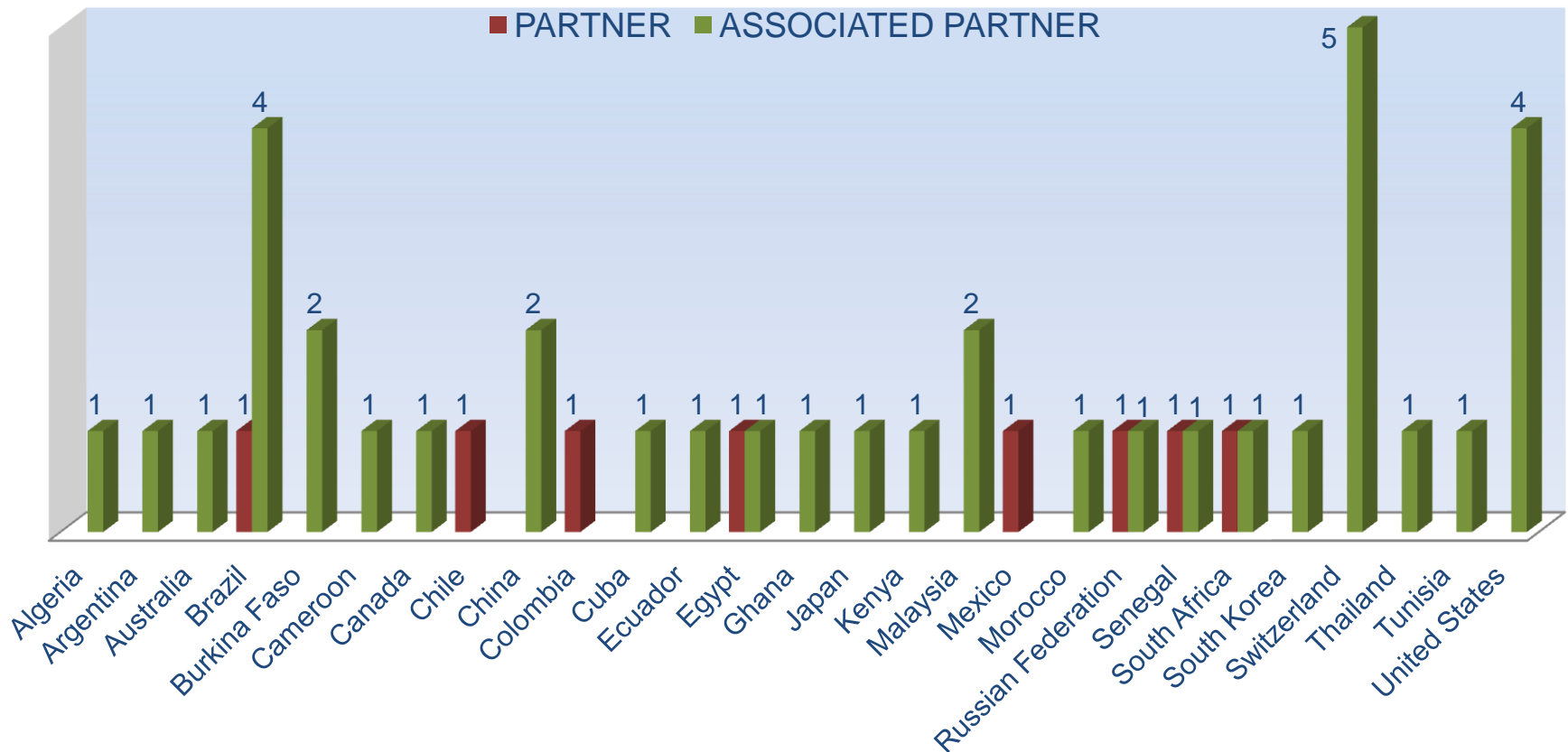
Selected EMJMDs 2015: Programme Country Institutions





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Selected EMJMDs 2015: Partner Country Institutions





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Example of EMJMD – selected under the 2015 call for proposals

Title: EMMC MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING (EU4M)

Coordinator: UNIVERSIDAD DE OVIEDO - ES

Partners (4):

- HOCHSCHULE KARLSRUHE-TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT - (DE)
- ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DE MECANIQUE ET DES MICROTECHNIQUES - (FR)
- NILE UNIVERSITY - (Egypt)
- IVANOVO STATE POWER ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY - (Russia)

• **Associated Partners (8):**

- Six from Programme Countries => 2 (DE), 3 (ES), 1 (FR)
- Two from Partner Countries => 1 (Cuba), 1 (Egypt)

Grant Awarded : 2.641.000 € - 53 EMJMD scholarships for 3 intakes:

43 scholarships (9 Programme C. + 34 Partner C.) + 10 additional for targeted regions

Duration: 60 months (5 years)



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Information sources (1)

- ✓ *Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2016, 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 and 2015*
 - 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_atf.pdf



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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/>



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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/>



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