

International credit mobility in the Erasmus+ programme

How does ICM work?

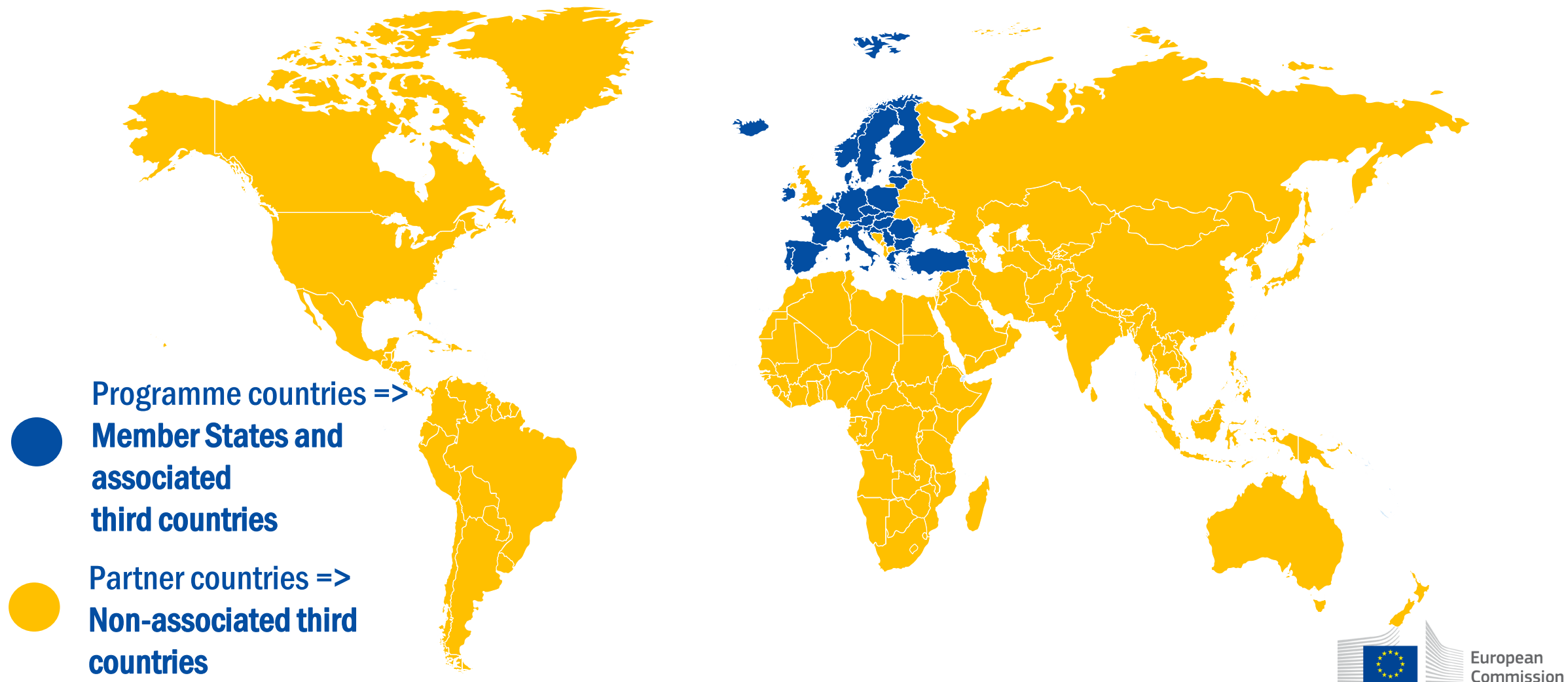
2023 Call for Proposals & selection

What is Erasmus+?



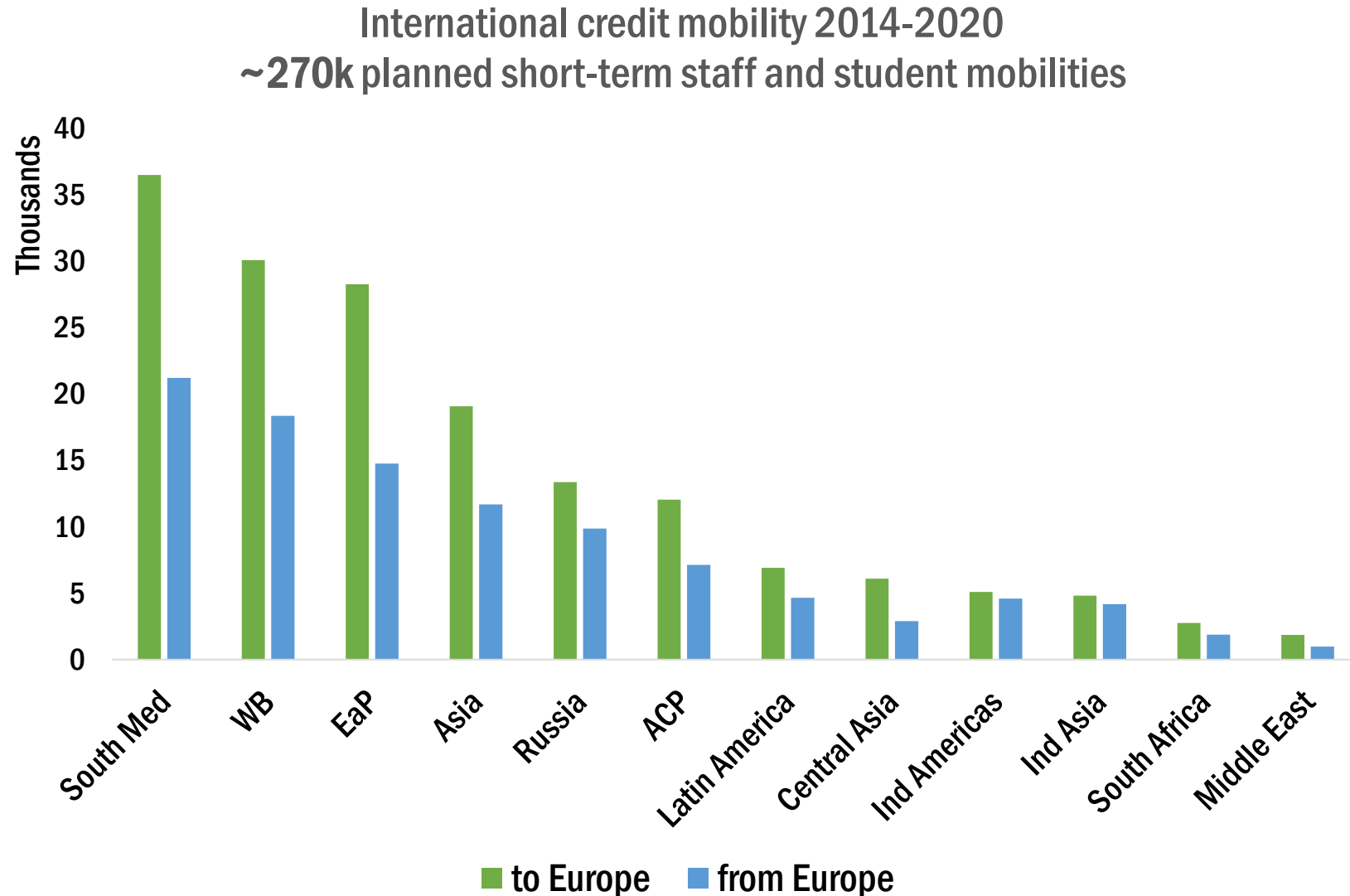
- The EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation
- Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027:
 - builds on previous programme
 - more international

International dimension of Erasmus+ 2021-2027



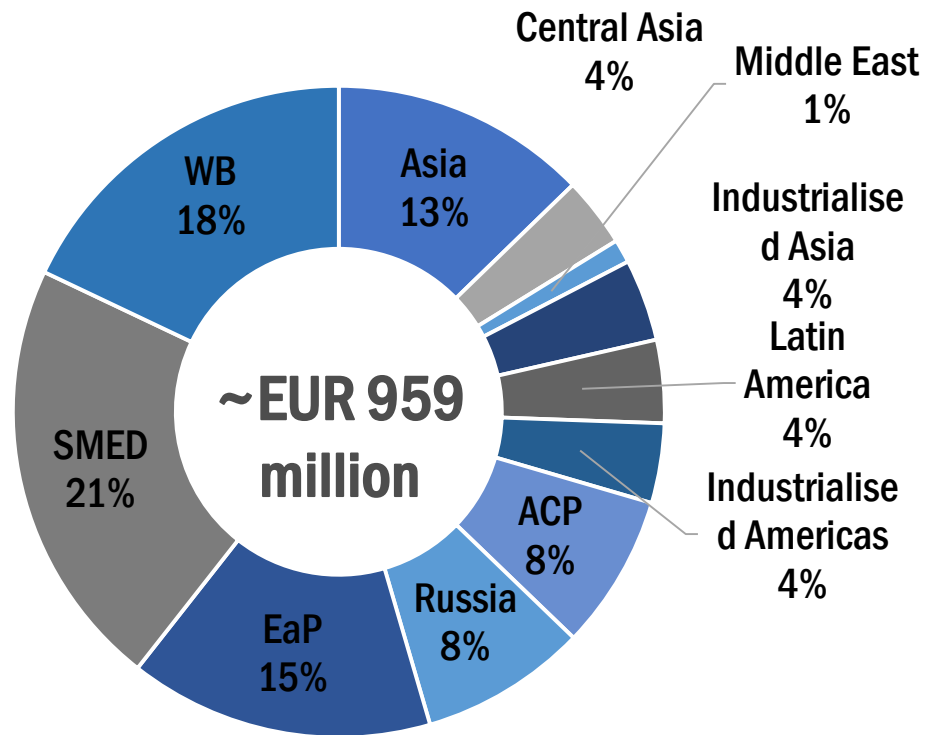
How does it work?

- **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

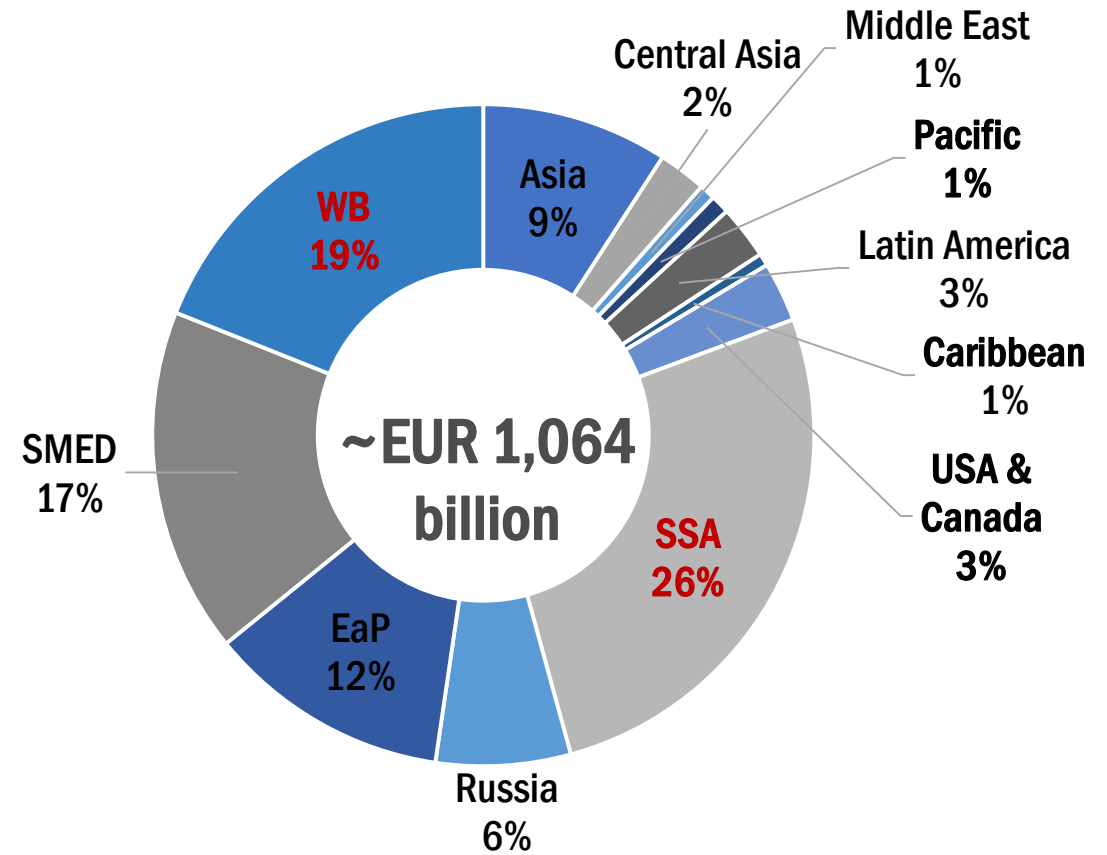


ICM budget

2014-2020



2021-2027



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>



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

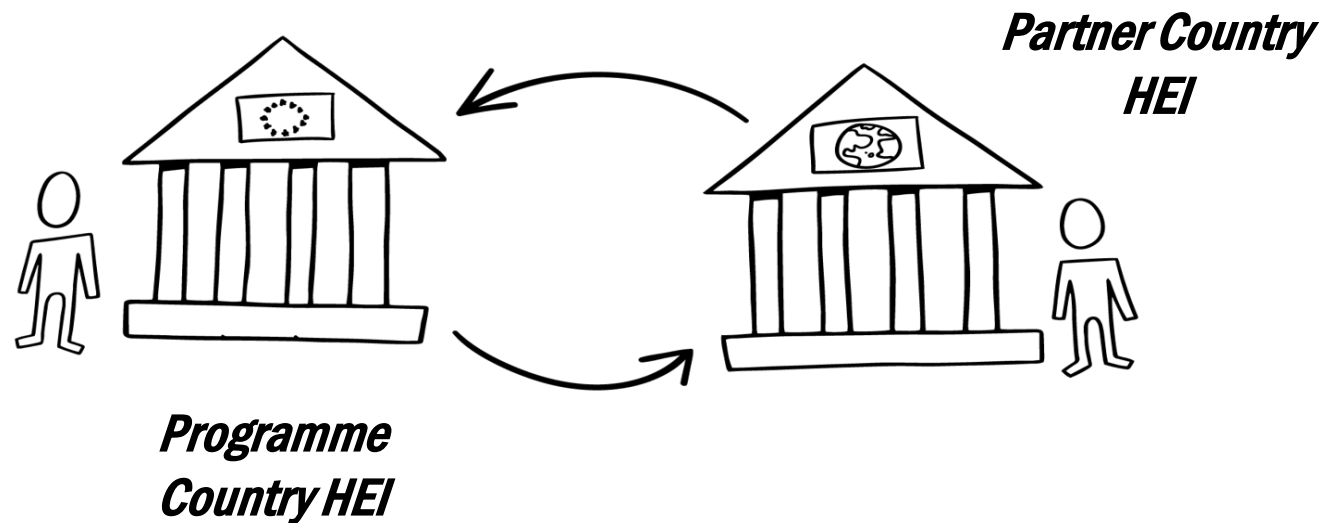


Contribution to travel costs

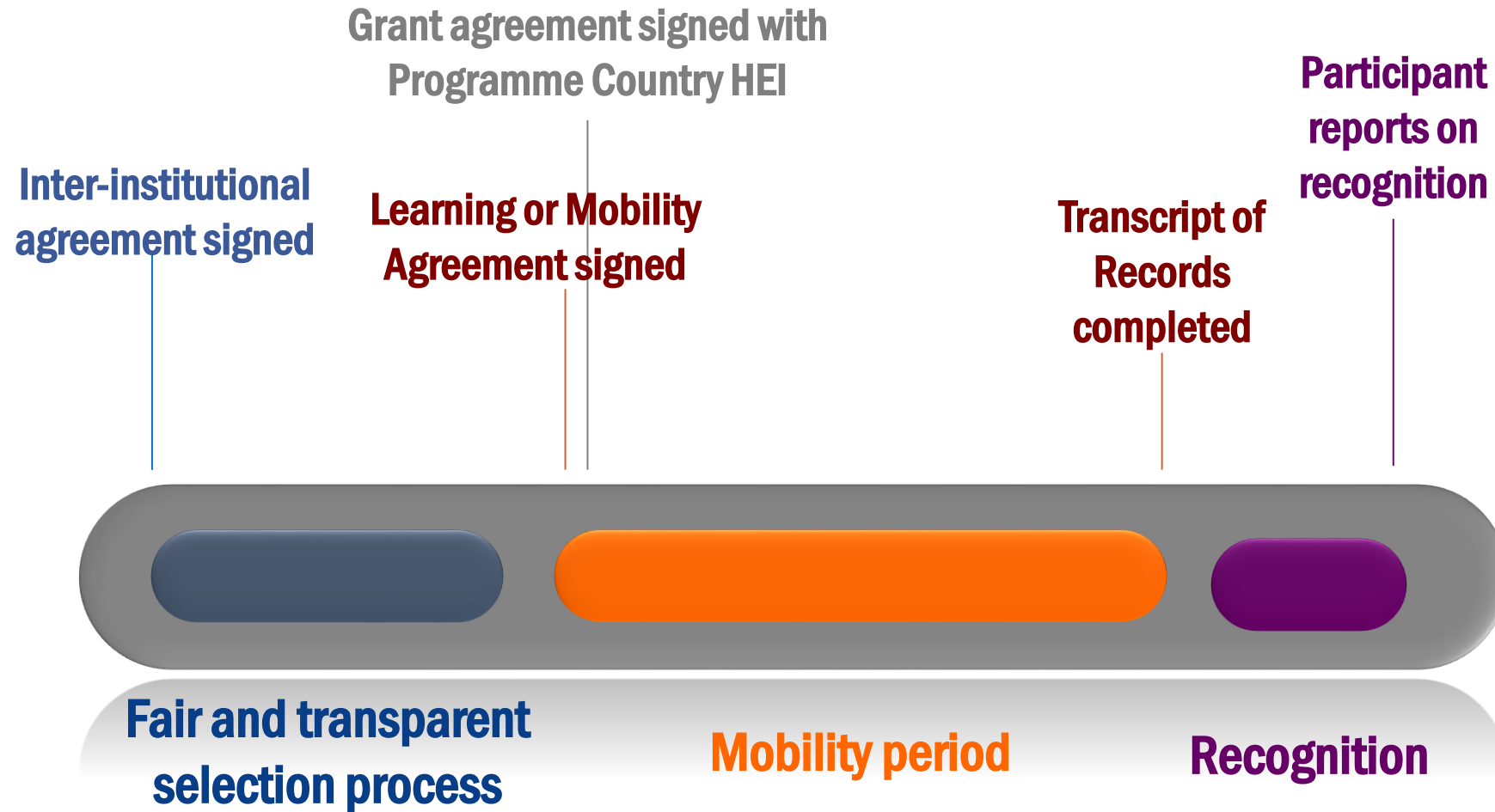
EUR **20-1500**, depending on distance travelled

Who can apply and how?

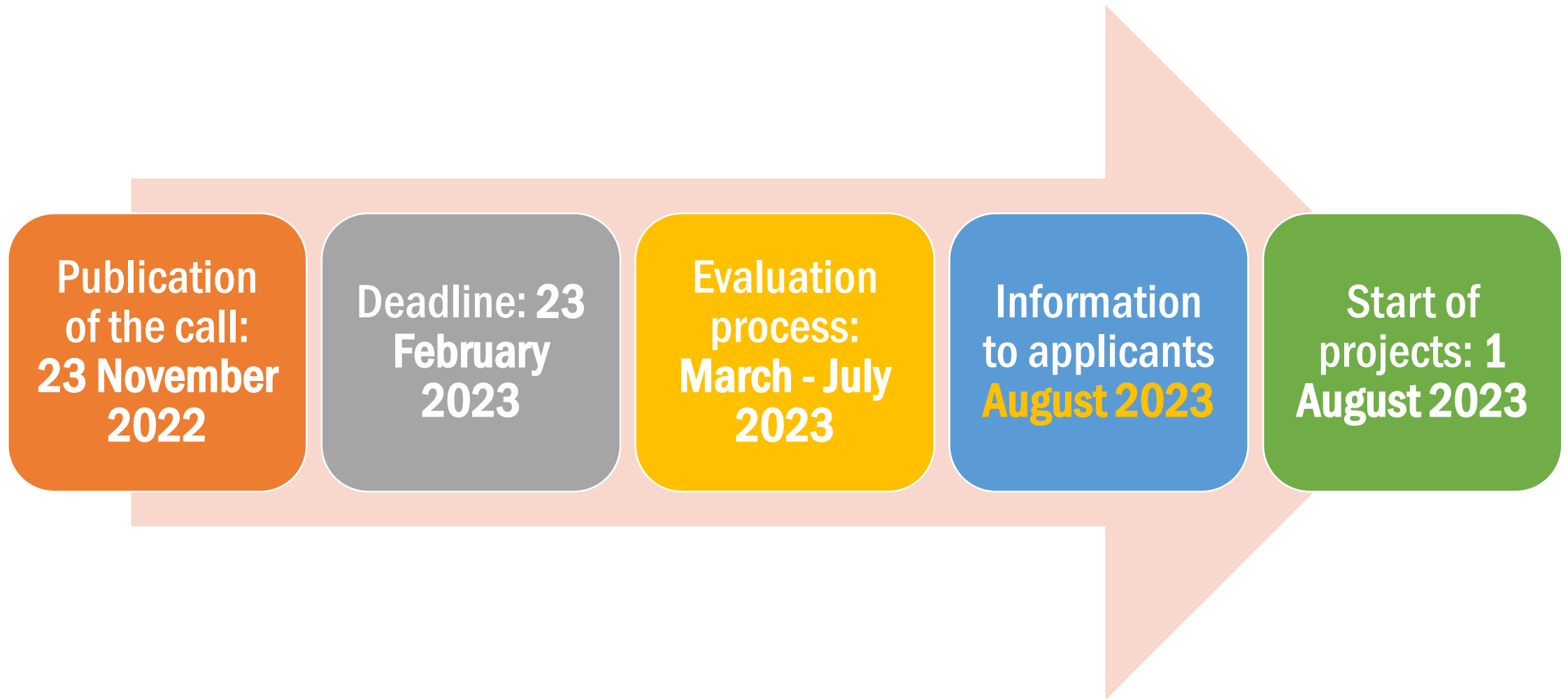
- **Higher Education Institutions in the Programme countries**
- **The ICM project in their application** contains the countries and partner universities they intend to cooperate with, as well as their **cooperation plan in each region**



ICM project implementation



Timeline





Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges

What are virtual exchanges?

Online people-to-people activities that **promote intercultural dialogue and soft skills development**. They make it possible for every young person to access high-quality international and cross-cultural education (both formal and non-formal) without physical mobility.



They take place in **small groups** and are always moderated by a **trained facilitator**.



They should be easily **integrated into youth (non-formal education) projects or higher education courses**.



Specific objectives of this call

- Encouraging **intercultural dialogue** with Partner Countries and **increasing tolerance** through online people-to-people interactions
- Promoting various types of virtual exchanges, allowing more young people to **benefit from intercultural and international experience**
- Enhancing **critical thinking and media literacy**, particularly in the use of internet and social media
- Fostering the **digital and soft skills development** of students, young people and youth workers
- Promoting **citizenship and the common values of freedom, tolerance and nondiscrimination** through education
- Strengthening the **youth dimension** in the relations of the EU with Partner Countries



Erasmus+

Eligibility criteria: what must partnerships look like?

A minimum of 2 higher education institutions from 2 or more different Erasmus+ Programme Countries



A minimum of 2 higher education institutions from 2 or more different Partner Countries *within the same Erasmus+ region*

Or

A minimum of 2 youth organizations from 2 or more different Erasmus+ Programme Countries



A minimum of 2 youth organizations from 2 or more different Erasmus+ Partner Countries *within the same Erasmus+ region*

Note: the number of organisations from Programme Countries may not be higher than the number of organisations from Partner Countries.

Timetable and budget



Deadline:

26 April 2023

Budget
available: **4**
million EUR

Max EU grant
per project:
500.000 EUR



Erasmus Mundus action

EMJM&EMDM

Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027





New programme 2021-2027

KA1
Learning
Mobility
for
Individuals

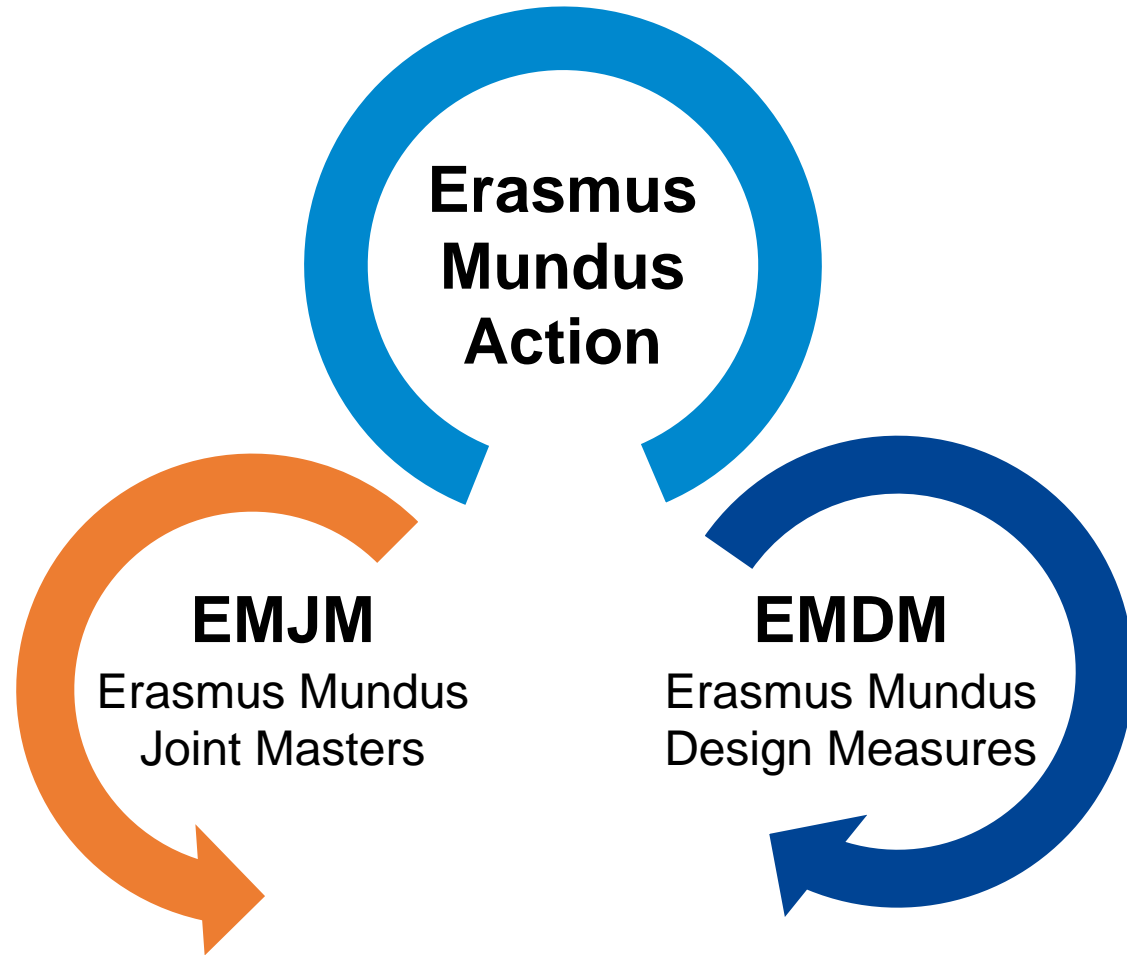
KA2
Cooperation
for Innovation
& Good
practices

KA3
Support
for
Policy
reform


EMJMD



Erasmus Mundus Action

Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027



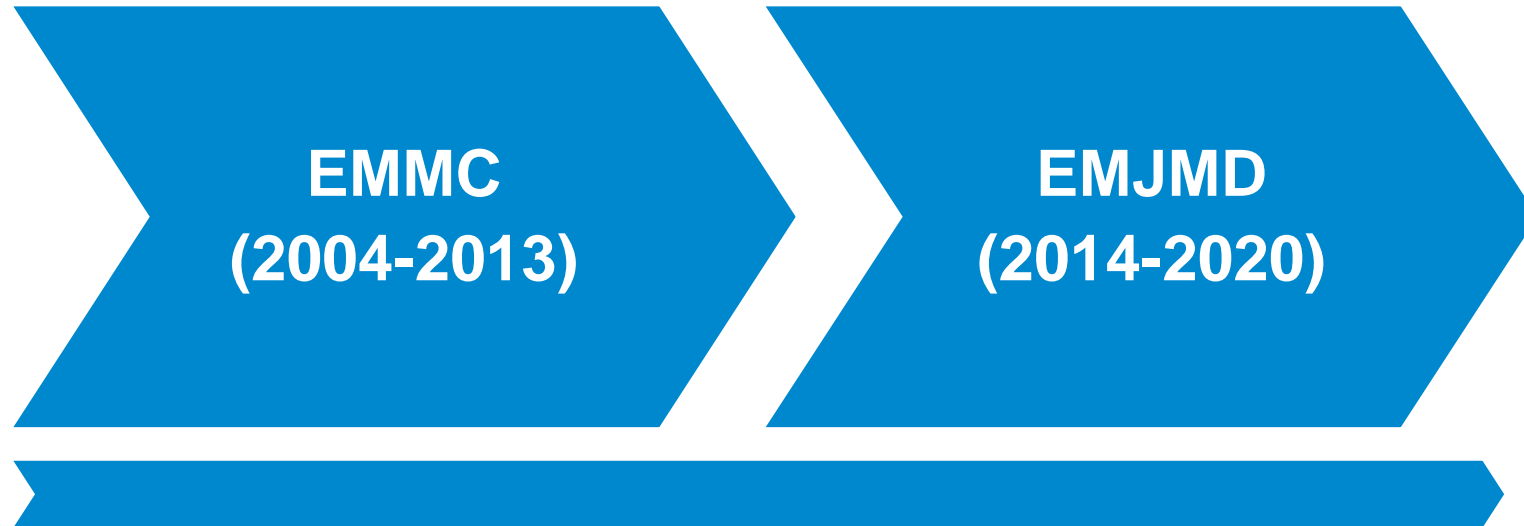
EMJM in brief...

- ✓ A **high-level integrated & transnational** study programme at **MA level**
- ✓ A Master programme of **excellence open to all disciplines**
- ✓ Delivered by an **international consortium** of HEIs from different countries **worldwide** & other educational and/or non educational partners (a **consortium of at least three HEIs** from three different countries of which at least two must be Programme Countries)
- ✓ Offering **high-level scholarships** to excellent students worldwide
- ✓ **Joint degree** or **multiple degrees**

EMJM – main objectives

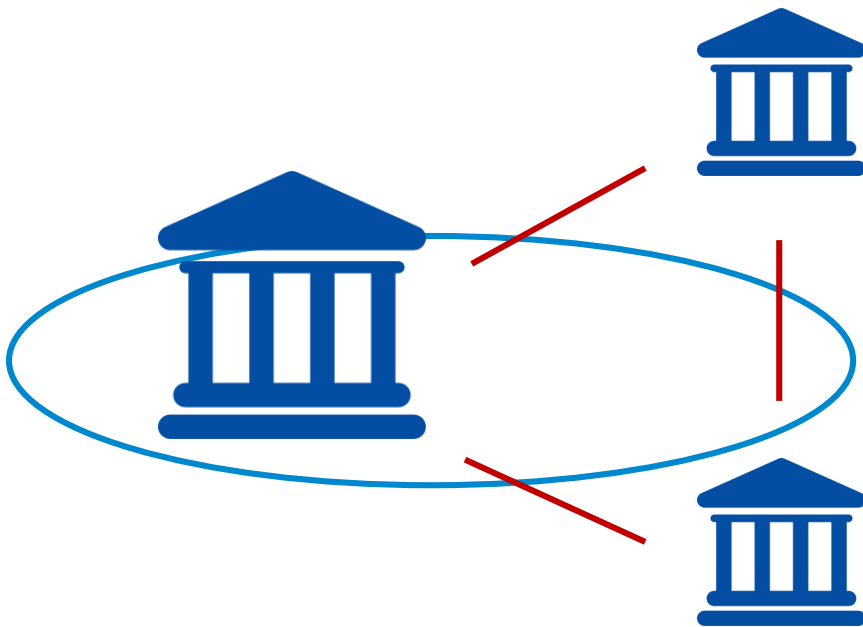
- ✓ **Support quality, innovation, excellence, internationalisation** of HEIs through **academic cooperation** within the EHEA and beyond
- ✓ **Increase quality and attractiveness** of the EHEA
- ✓ **Support EU External Action** in higher education
- ✓ **Increase synergies between HE, innovation and research**
- ✓ **Improve competences, skills, employability** of Master graduates
- ✓ **Respond to societal and labour market needs**


Erasmus Mundus Masters at a glance...



- 535 Master programmes
- 610 different HEIs from 33 Programme countries
- 24,500 students worldwide
- Total budget of 1,7 billion €

Taking part as an Organisation



- Open to any public and private organisations in Programme & Partner countries
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI
- ✓ Programme country HEIs: **valid ECHE**
- ✓ Partner country HEIs: **should commit to ECHE principles** in the Partnership Agreement
- ✓ Programme and partner country HEIs: **completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme** 

Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be Programme countries
+ optional

Other full academic or non-academic partners

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 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
- **Students apply directly to the EMJM consortium**
Catalogue with ongoing EMJMs offering scholarships:
<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/scholarships>

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 Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points)

- ✓ overall aims and objectives of the project and relevance to the EMJM
- ✓ project rationale and how it responds to identified societal and labour market needs
- ✓ strategy to foster excellence and innovation
- ✓ strategy to increase the attractiveness, integration and internationalisation of the EHEA

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 30 points)

- ✓ jointness/integration of the EMJM (e.g. design, implementation, quality assurance)
- ✓ contribution of mobile staff and invited scholars to teaching, training, research
- ✓ specific support for facilitating access to participants with individual needs
- ✓ strategy for risk assessment and mitigating measures

EMJM Award Criteria (2)

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

- ✓ consortium composition, complementarities of the partners, added value and benefits
- ✓ innovative character of the consortium, experience of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
- ✓ institutional commitment, roles and tasks of partners and cooperation arrangements
- ✓ funding distribution and budget plan; mobilisation and management of complementary funding

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ projections in terms of enrolled students, mobilisation of other funding, measures to ensure geographical balance of students
- ✓ promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
- ✓ dissemination and exploitation strategy
- ✓ impact at system level, institutional level and individual level
- ✓ mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy

EMJM Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – **3 experts** assess each proposal in a **one-step** evaluation procedure
 - 2 thresholds:
 - ✓ **22/30 points** for "**Relevance**"
 - ✓ Proposals must score **at least 70 points** overall
- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for "**Relevance of the project**", then "**Impact**" and then "**Quality**"



EMJM FUNDING RULES

1 simplified EU GRANT



2 main targets



3 components
=
3 unit cost



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

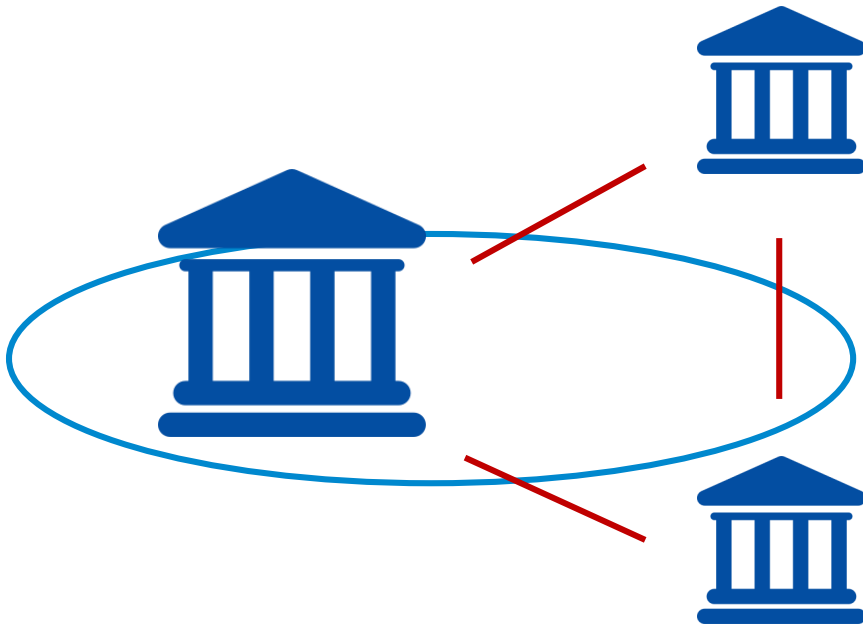


Start with an Erasmus Mundus Design Measure and launch the basis for a joint programme

Rationale behind EMDM lot and EMDM Set-up

- ✓ Filling the gap of the Erasmus Mundus Action by supporting the **development** of new master programmes
- ✓ Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving **under-represented** Erasmus+ Programme Countries, institutions, and/or thematic areas
- ✓ **Fixed duration of 15 months**
- ✓ EU Grant: single **lump sum contribution of 55.000 Euros** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)

Taking part as an Organisation



- Applications can be submitted by **any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI**
- Open to **any public and private organisations** in Programme & Partner countries
- HEIs established in a Programme country must hold a valid **Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)**

EMDM Award Criteria (1)

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

- ✓ Aims and specific objectives of the project and their relevance
- ✓ Strategy proposed
- ✓ Project ambition
- ✓ New consortia and potential to involve under-represented Programme Countries/institutions/thematic areas

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

- ✓ Planning of the activities to achieve the objectives and outcomes
- ✓ Operational resources
- ✓ Steps foreseen to launch an accreditation/evaluation process

EMDM Award Criteria (2)

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

- ✓ Definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team
- ✓ Expected involvement of other educational/non-educational actors and their contribution to the design of the programme.
- ✓ Rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ Expected impact
- ✓ Promotion and dissemination
- ✓ Sustainability and identification of possible sources of funding

EMDM Evaluation procedure

- Peer review by independent external experts – **2 experts** assess each proposal in a one-step evaluation procedure
- One threshold: proposals must score **at least 60 points** overall
- In case of ex aequo, priority will be given to projects with highest scores for "**Relevance of the project**", then "**Impact**" and then "**Quality**"

Erasmus+ EMJM and EMDM calls for proposals



Milestone	Date
Deadline for submission of applications	February 16, 2023

How to apply? – EMJM and EMDM



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>

More information



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