



## Erasmus+ Programme

### Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

#### What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the EU-funded programme to support individual exchanges and institutional cooperation in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. The programme has a strong international dimension, which opens up many of these opportunities to individuals and stakeholders from countries worldwide. All projects are based on partnerships: the international dimension usually requires a partnership between institutions from 33 countries (EU Member States plus six countries associated to the programme) on the one hand, and those from non-associated third countries on the other.

#### What is Erasmus Mundus?

The Erasmus Mundus action comprises **Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)** and **Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)**. They are autonomous funding schemes with independent calls for proposals. EMJMs support joint master programmes during its implementation whereas EMDMs support the design of future joint master programmes.

#### What is an EMDM project?

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures are projects which support the **design of high-level study programmes at master level**, jointly delivered by an international consortium of higher education institutions (HEIs) from different countries and, where relevant, other educational and/or non-educational partners with specific expertise and interest in the concerned study areas/professional domains.

#### What does an EMDM project do?

The main objective of the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures is to encourage **the development of innovative, highly integrated, new international study programmes at Master level**. The project must include activities that involve higher education institutions from one or more countries not associated to the Erasmus+ programme, while also involving (a) countries and/or (b) institutions **that are under-represented in Erasmus Mundus**.

By joining the action, beneficiaries will commit to initiate contact and collaboration activities in view of setting up a master programme in line with the definition set for Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters:

- Offer a fully integrated curriculum delivered by a partnership of HEIs
- Aim at recruiting excellent students worldwide
- Include compulsory physical mobility for all recruited students
- Lead to either a joint degree or multiple degrees.

Expected outcome of an EMDM: the project is expected to have designed the following joint mechanisms for the master programme under development:

- 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).

## Structure of an EMDM project

- **Mono-beneficiary grant agreement: one beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (aiming at setting up a consortium)
- **Duration** of an EMDM project: **15 months**
- **EU grant** for an EMDM project: a **lump sum contribution of 60 000 Euros** for costs directly linked to the activities necessary to set up the new master programme and other expenditure in so far as relevant for the implementation of the action.

## Who can apply and take part in EMDM? How?

- **Any eligible HEI from an EU Member State or third country associated to the Erasmus+ Programme** can submit an application.

## More information

Detailed information on the **criteria and funding rules**: [Erasmus+ Programme Guide](#)

**Information on how to apply to annual calls for proposals** is provided on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>

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