



# ERASMUS+

**Key Action 1**

**Erasmus Mundus  
Joint Master Degrees  
EMJMDs**

***National Seminar Joint  
Programmes***

***22 November 2016***

***The Netherlands***



"Ik heb het nog nooit gedaan,  
dus ik denk dat ik het wel kan"



# OUTLINE

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)  
General overview

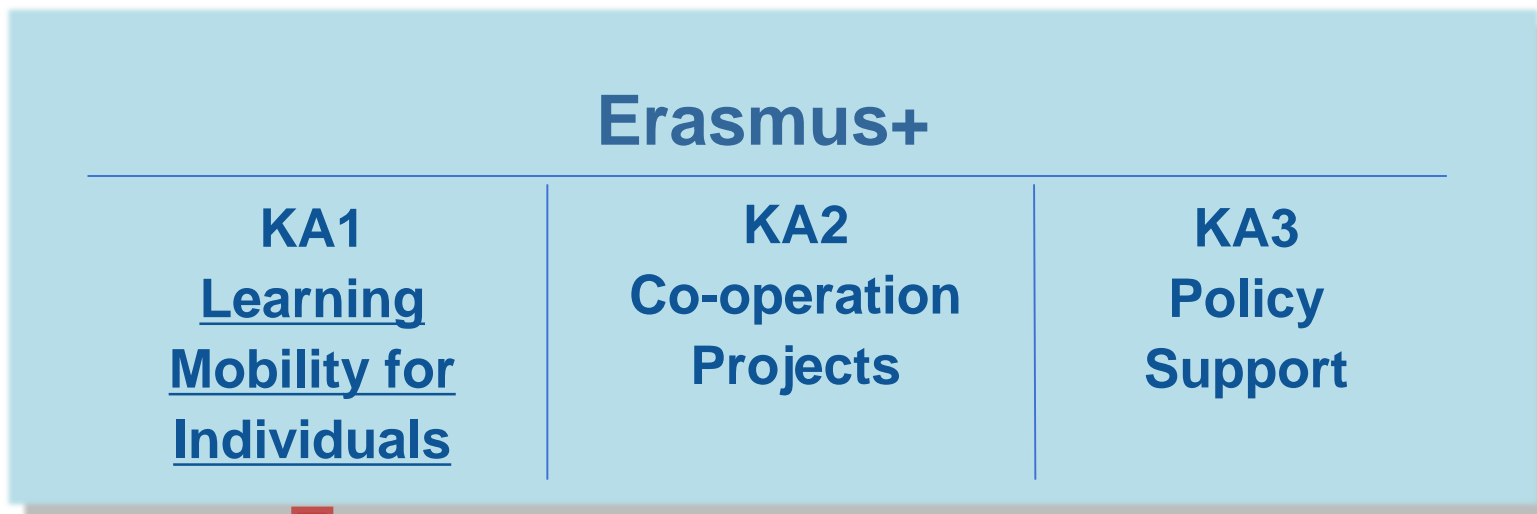
How to participate as an Organisation / Individual  
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▪ Results of the Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016

EMJMD – Information sources

# A streamlined architecture: 3 Key Actions

A single integrated programme



**EMJMD**

*Specific activities:*

- Jean Monnet
- Sport

## 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



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

- Build up consortia of HEIs with a **wide coverage** of the **EHEA**
- 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 widespread across EHEA & HEIs and other eligible 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"***

## 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 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](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

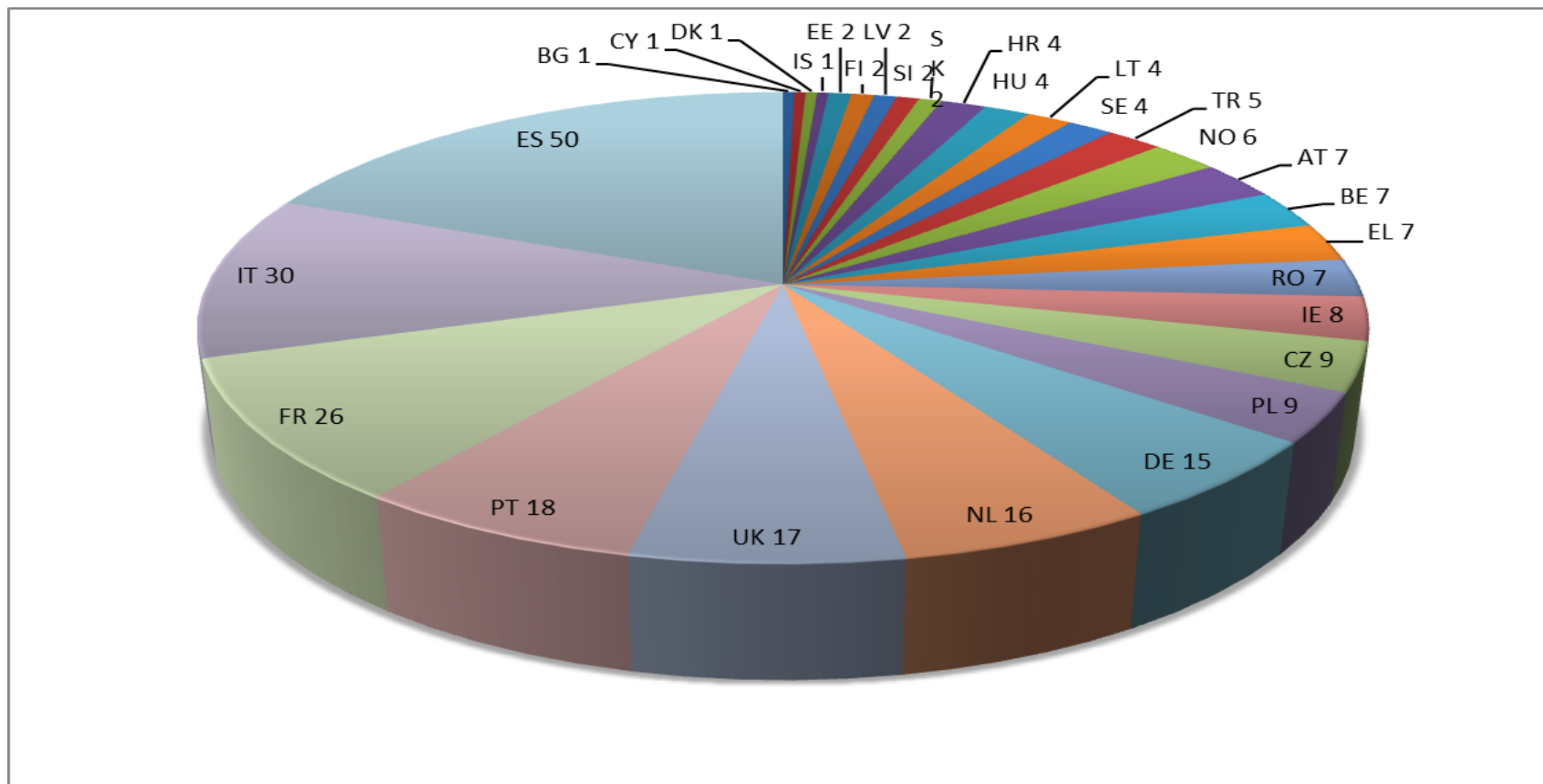
- Deadline: 16 February 2017 – 12:00 CET
- Budget: ~ 90 M€ + ~ 22,7 M€ for "targeted regions"
- Nr. of projects: ≈ 35 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
  - ~ 20 (around 60 per Grant Agreement)
- plus*
  - ~ 8 (around 24 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- Award decision: by July 2017

# How to apply - eForm

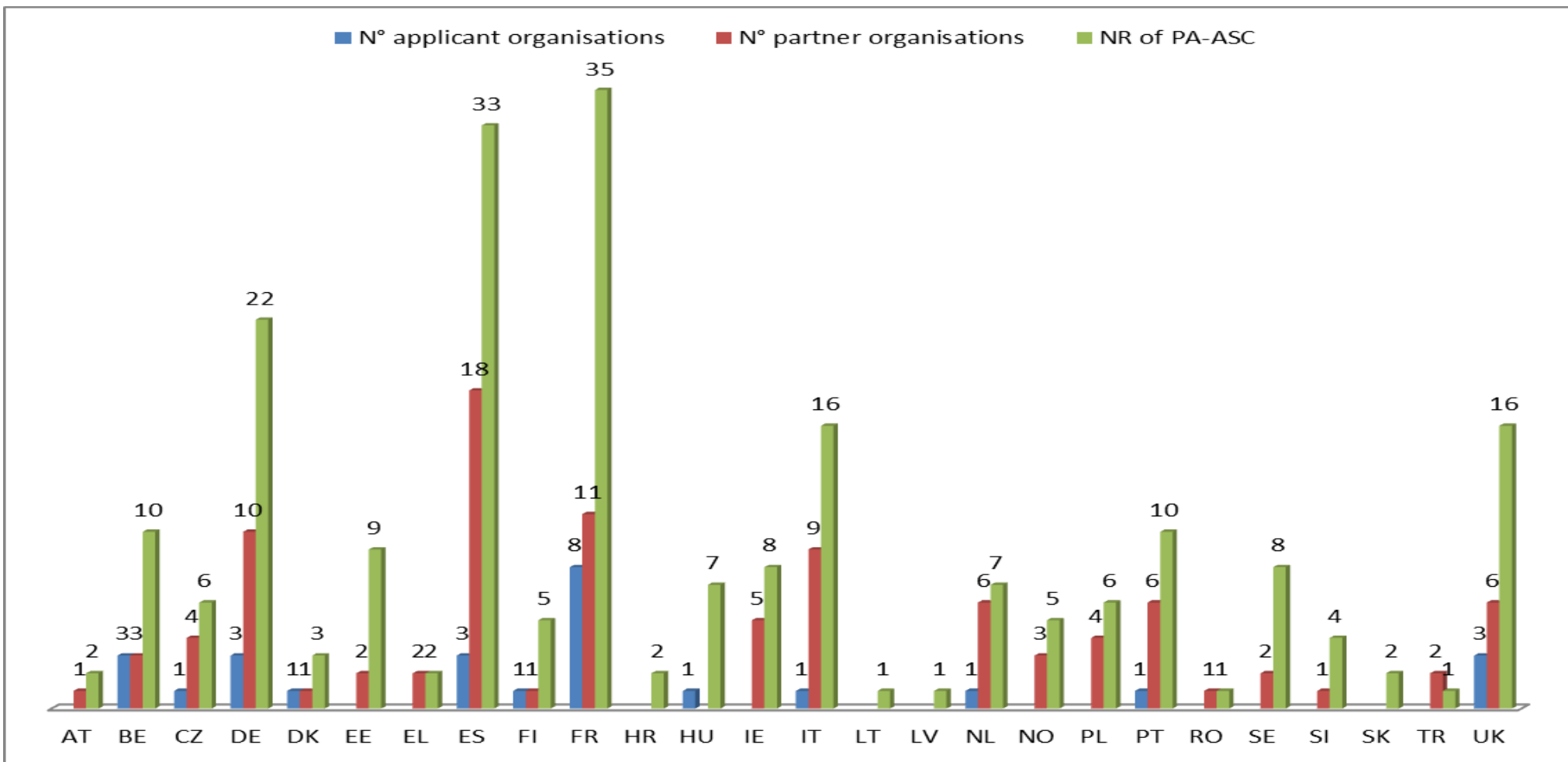
- **More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form:**  
[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/key-action-1-erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees-0\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding/key-action-1-erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees-0_en)
- Applications 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

# Erasmus+ EMJMD 2016 - Statistics on applications

## Participation of Programme Country institutions (Coordinators & Partners)



# Selected EMJMDs 2016: Programme Country Institutions



## Selection results 2014-2016

Application year	Total eligible	Selected	Succes rate	NL applications	NL selected (total)	NL Coordinatie selected
2014	58	11	19%	7	2	1
2015	72	15	21%	13	1	1
2016	89	27	30%	?	7	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

NL  
19%

## Former and new EMMC in Erasmus+

Application year	Total eligible	Completely new Masters	Completely new Masters %	former EMMC	former EMMC %
2014	58	50	86%	8	14%
2015	72	66	92%	6	8%
2016	89	58	65%	31	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>21%</b>

## ECTS and Degrees awarded

Application year	Total eligible	60 ECTS credits	90 ECTS credits	120 ECTS credits	only Joint degrees	Joint & Multiple degrees	only Multiple degree
2014	58	1	4	53	22	11	25
2015	72	1	6	65	33	13	26
2016	89	1	3	85	41	13	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>86</b>





## 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://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm)
  - [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus\\_en](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en)
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en)
- ✓ Practical details on *"How to prepare a competitive EMJMD proposal"*
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2017\\_emjmd\\_how\\_to\\_prepare\\_a\\_competitive\\_proposal-final.pdf](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2017_emjmd_how_to_prepare_a_competitive_proposal-final.pdf)
- ✓ 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/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/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](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2016_emjmd-selection_results_27.xlsx.pdf)



## Information sources (2)

- ✓ Policy paper: *"EMJMDs - The story so far"*
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2\\_policy\\_paper\\_on\\_joint\\_degrees.pdf](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2_policy_paper_on_joint_degrees.pdf)
  
- ✓ Reference guide for practitioners: *"Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)"*
  - <https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz>
  
- ✓ Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes
  - [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/tools/good\\_practices\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/good_practices_en.php)
  
- ✓ Erasmus+ e-tutorial on how to prepare a competitive proposal
  - [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/introduction-international-dimension-erasmus-plus\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/introduction-international-dimension-erasmus-plus_en)



## Information sources (3)

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