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Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM) & Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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Higher Education policy: updates and major reforms

- ▶ **1980 -2017:** No special requirements (HE, HEC, HEAC) for joint programs.
- ▶ **2018:** Bylaw of Higher Education, Higher Education Institutions, and AQACHEI were amended to include articles related to internationalization and joint programs; to enhance international competitiveness of higher education institutions through the development of capacities of their academic and administrative staff members (Article 3 of the Law of Higher Education and Scientific Research)



Requirements to establish new joint programs - HE Law

- Signed agreement
- Rank of the foreign HEI should be among the top first 500 universities
- Certificate should be signed and stamped by all HEIs
- Program should be accredited from the accreditation bodies in the partner countries
- Program should comply with the requirements of HEC
- HEC & AQACHEI rules will be applied to all participating institutions



Role of the Higher Education Council in Joint Programs

- HEC is the responsible body for approvals for establishing Joint Programs
- Universities must apply to the HEC to establish the joint program within the specified period for the applications.
- All needed documents including the signed agreement(s) should be submitted with the application.

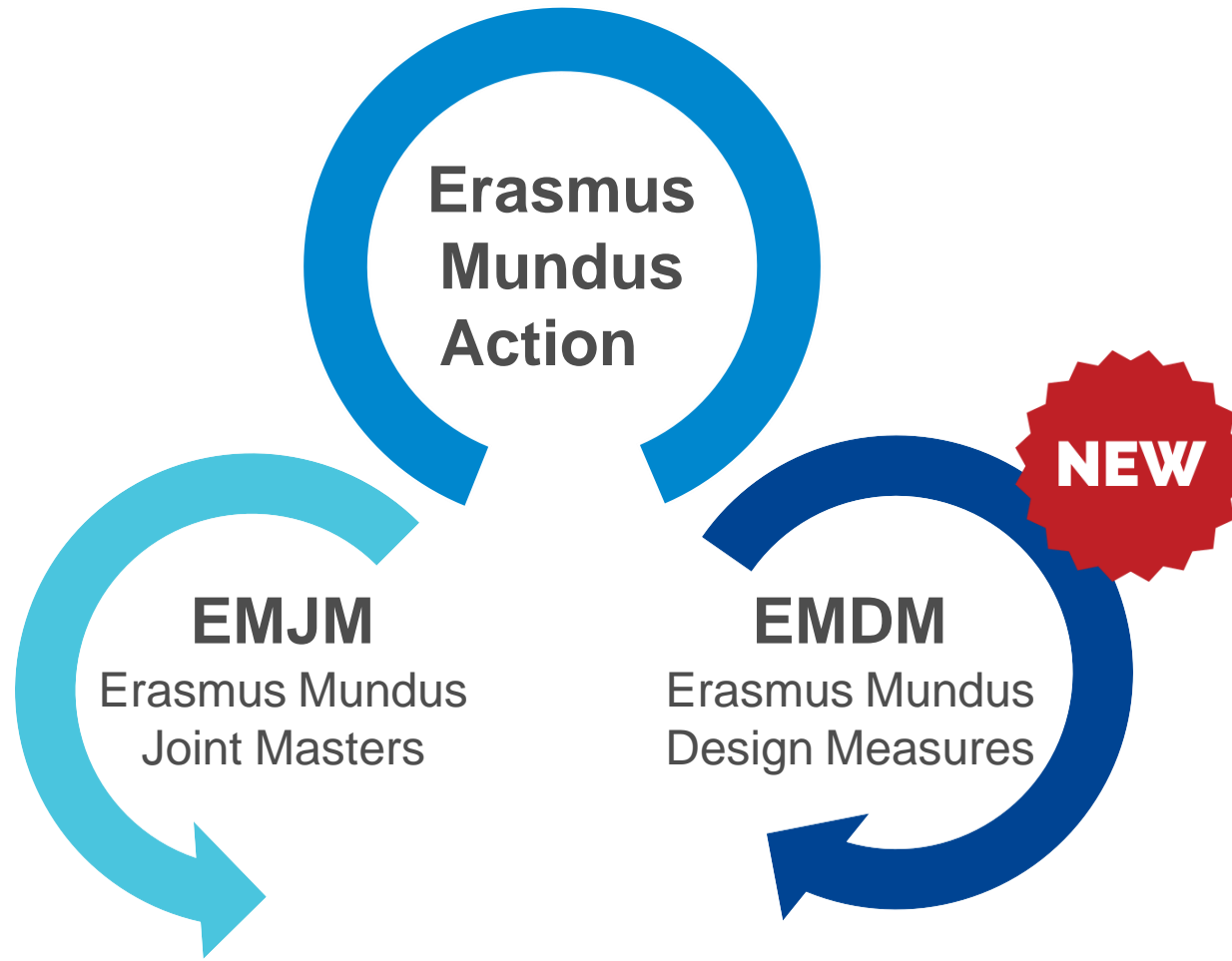


Accreditation requirements for establishing new joint programs - AQACHEI

- Foreign HEIs should be recognized by MOHE
- Foreign HEIs should be accredited from the accreditation bodies in that country, if applicable.
- Special accreditation from AQACHEI
- Lecturers should be from all participating HEIs
- AQACHEI will not look into the application, if the JO HEI(s) has any penalty of irregularity.
- Application with all documents (receipt, HEC approval, agreement, study plan, dispatching plan, resources....etc)
- Application could be submitted anytime once it gets approval from HEC



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
- ✓ Offering **high-level scholarships** to excellent students worldwide



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**



EMJM – main requirements (1)

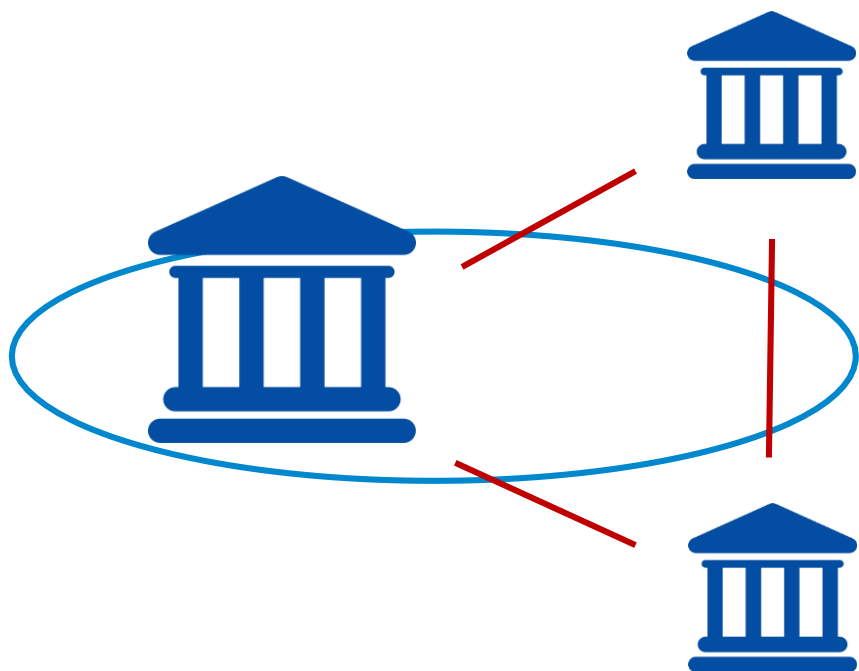
- a **jointly designed fully integrated curriculum** and **common implementation** procedures based on the Standards for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes in the EHEA (e.g. joint selection, promotion, common services, joint administrative and financial management, etc.)
- be delivered by a **consortium of at least three HEIs** from three different countries of which at least two must be EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme
- **international outreach to attract and enrol excellent students worldwide** (part of which may benefit from an EMJM scholarship)



EMJM – main requirements (2)

- **compulsory physical mobility** for all enrolled students – at least 2 study periods in two countries with a minimum duration of one academic semester each (different from the country of residence of students)
- **contribution of scholars/guest lecturers** to teaching, training and research activities
- delivery of a **joint degree or multiple degrees** (joint degrees are highly recommended where national legislation allows it)

➔ At application stage EMJM proposals must present fully developed joint study programmes, ready to run and to be advertised worldwide after their selection.



- Open to any public or private organisation established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible HEI from an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme
- ✓ HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: **valid ECHE**
- ✓ HEIs in third countries not associated to the Programme: **should commit to ECHE principles** in the Partnership Agreement
- ✓ HEIs from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme: **completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme**



Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme

+ optional

Other full academic or non-academic partners

Associated partners



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

- ✓ Filling the gap of the Erasmus Mundus Action by supporting the **development** of new joint master programmes
- ✓ Diversify the offer of Joint Master Programmes and encourage new academic cooperation by involving Erasmus Mundus **under-represented EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, and/or institutions from these countries, and/or thematic areas**



What is an EMDM project?



- ✓ Short duration **grant to support institutions** in the set-up of a new joint master programme in Europe (and beyond)
- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs
- ✓ **Independent funding scheme** from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)



Expected outcomes of an EMDM (1)

The jointly designed master should:

- ✓ Offer a **fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium** (involving at least three HEIs from three different countries, of which at least two must be EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme)
- ✓ Aim at **attracting excellent students** worldwide
- ✓ Include **physical mobility** for all recruited students
- ✓ Lead to either a **Joint degree** or **multiple degrees**



Expected outcomes of an EMDM (2)

Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master programme:

- ✓ 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)

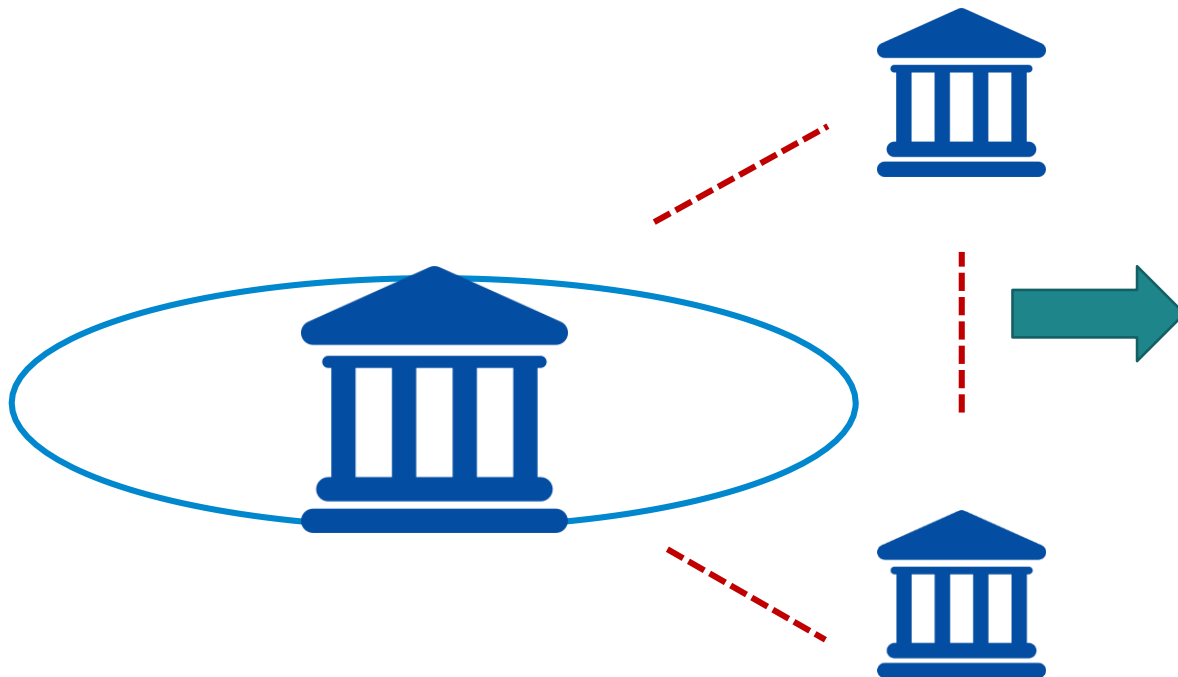


EMDM Set-up

- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (mono-beneficiary grant)
- ✓ **Fixed duration of 15 months**
- ✓ EU Grant: fixed **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 HEI in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme**

For HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: **valid ECHE**



Applications EMDM 2021- In brief

148 EMDM
Proposals

- **148** applications from **40** different countries
- **41** applications from third countries not associated to the Programme (~ 28%)
- Most represented third countries not associated to the programme: **Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Jordan, Morocco**
- **62** brand new HEI applicants



EMDM & EMJM call for proposals 2022 at a glance

- ✓ Opening of the Call: **November 2021 (tbc)**
- ✓ Deadline: **February 2022**
- ✓ Budget: **tbc**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: **approx. 55 (tbc)**





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How to apply?

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>



Information about the programme

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide (currently under revision):
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2022 on Funding & tender opportunities portal
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- ✓ [How to get a grant \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/how-to-get-a-grant) - General info for applicants on EACEA website



Other information sources

- ✓ [Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees \(2014-2020\)](#)
- ✓ [Statistical factsheets on Erasmus+ 2014-2020](#)
- ✓ [Report 'Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme'](#)
- ✓ [EMJMD catalogue](#)
- ✓ [EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes](#)
and [Follow-up event 2019 "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs](#)
- ✓ [Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees - The story so far](#)
- ✓ [Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide](#)

Thank you



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