

## Erasmus+ international actions

### What is new in the 2018 call?

#### *Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees*

- Next year is the first year that the entire budget is spent on future contracts, and not legacy projects from 2007-2013. As such we anticipate funding for around 45 new programmes. With more money available we can move to four intakes of students (up from three in Erasmus+ so far), after an initial (optional) preparatory year.
- In the interests of administrative simplification, the 75% share of scholarships awarded to Partner Country students will now be based on the total Heading 1 and Heading 4 budgets combined.

#### *Jean Monnet*

- No major changes this year except to broaden the definition of the "local policy makers" invited to events to promote outreach. At the request of the Committee of the Regions, this definition has been widened to include mayors and local councillors.

#### *Capacity Building in Higher Education*

- The Special Mobility Strand (SMS) has been removed. There was little interest of applicants for this option and where it was chosen, it has been poorly implemented.
- There are three priority areas instead of four. Following a review and simplification of the CBHE priority areas as the NAs had pointed out some redundancies and some areas that were not clear for applicants.
- The minimum number of Programme Countries required in a consortium has been dropped from three countries to two. This change was suggested by DG DEVCO and is supported by DG EAC. This further reinforces the fact that these consortia are for the benefit of Partner Countries who should make up the majority of each consortium.
- Future CBHE projects will be offered two options for the start of the eligibility period 15 November 2018 or 15 January 2019. This will mitigate the current problems with PIC validation which have made some projects lose valuable contract time.

#### *International Credit Mobility*

- The biggest change is the introduction of traineeships for students between Programme and Partner Countries, and in both directions. This is an increasingly popular part of the intra-European programme and has been long awaited for International Credit Mobility. We have been promoting the new opportunity heavily with the National Agencies.
- Next year will be the second annual window for Tunisia (after the success of 2017) and hopefully the first of two annual windows for West African countries (to be confirmed).
- Following a review by DG BUDG, the Erasmus+ grant rates for decentralised actions have changed. For ICM, the individual support rates have been increased for students and staff, in both directions. Moreover, a new €20 minimum travel band has been introduced, and the grant rate for the highest travel band has been increased to €1,500. Finally, following feedback from the National Agencies, the organisational support (OS) rate has been set at €350 per participant, with no change beyond 100 participants.



# THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION OF ERASMUS+ IN HIGHER EDUCATION 2018

## An overview for organisations interested in applying for the programme

International Credit Mobility (ICM)	Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD)	Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)	Jean Monnet Activities (JMA)
<b>What does it offer?</b> Student and staff mobility between Programme* and Partner* countries. The traineeship or study period abroad must be part of a student's study programme to complete a degree	<b>What does it offer?</b> High-quality international integrated master degree programmes with EU-funded scholarships to attract the brightest students to study in Europe	<b>What does it offer?</b> Support to modernise and reform higher education institutions and systems in the eligible Partner Countries**	<b>What does it offer?</b> Excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide
<b>Who can apply to manage a grant?</b> Higher education institutions established in a Programme country*	<b>Who can apply to manage a grant?</b> Any higher education institution established in one of the Erasmus+ Programme Countries* may submit an application on behalf of the consortium that delivers the EMJMD	<b>Who can apply to manage a grant?</b> Higher education institutions, associations, an organisation of HEIs, national/international rector, teacher or student organizations, established in a Programme Country* or in an eligible Partner Country ** can apply on behalf of the consortium	<b>Who can apply to manage a grant?</b> Depending on the activity, higher education institutions or other organisations active in the European integration area, or in the field of European integration studies, association of professors and researchers specialising in European Union Studies, established in any country of the world
<b>Where to apply</b> To the National Agency of the Programme Country* in which the applicant organisation is based: <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact_en#tab-1-0">http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact_en#tab-1-0</a>	<b>Where to apply</b> To the EACEA in Brussels : <a href="https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en">https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en</a>	<b>Where to apply</b> To the EACEA in Brussels: <a href="https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices/capacity-0_en">https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-2-cooperation-for-innovation-and-exchange-good-practices/capacity-0_en</a>	<b>Where to apply</b> To the EACEA in Brussels: <a href="https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/jean-monnet_en">https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/jean-monnet_en</a>
<b>Call for Proposals</b> Opens: October 2017 Closes: 1 February 2018 at 12:00 Brussels time (for projects starting on 1 June 2018)  Budget: Around € 140 million	<b>Call for Proposals</b> Opens: October 2017 Closes: 15 February 2018 at 12:00 Brussels time (for projects starting between August and October 2018)  Budget: Around € 120 million + some € 25 million for 'targeted regions'	<b>Call for Proposals</b> Opens: October 2017 Closes: 8 February 2018 at 12:00 Brussels time (for projects starting on 15 November 2018 or on 15 January 2019)  Budget: Around € 140 million	<b>Call for Proposals</b> Opens: October 2017 Closes: 22 February 2018 at 12:00 Brussels time (for projects starting on 1 September 2018)  Budget: Around € 12 million + plus € 3 million for certain Partner Countries
<b>Who else can participate in the project?</b> These are typically bilateral partnerships involving a HEI from the Programme country* and one from the Partner Country**	<b>Who else can participate in the project?</b> Other organisations such as enterprises, public bodies, NGOs and research institutes from Programme Countries or Partner countries may also participate in the EMJMD consortium as partners or associated partners	<b>Who else can participate in the project?</b> Higher education institutions and any public or private organisation active in the labour market or in the fields of education, training and youth, established in a Programme* or in an eligible Partner Country**	<b>Who else can participate in the project?</b> Depending on the activity, HEIs or other organisations active in the field of European integration or European integration studies, or association of professors and researchers specialising in European Union Studies, established in any country of the world

\* Programme Countries refers to all EU Member States and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey.

\*\* Partner Countries refers to other countries in the world. Check the Erasmus+ Programme Guide to check which specific countries are eligible for each action.