



Erasmus+

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- Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)
- Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM) ***NEW***

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Erasmus Mundus Masters at a glance...



- 535 Master programmes
- 610 different HEIs from 33 countries (EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme)
- 24,500 students worldwide
- Total budget of 1,7 billion €



EU Member States

+

**Third countries
associated to the
Programme:**

**Norway, Iceland,
Liechtenstein,
Republic of North Macedonia,
Republic of Serbia, Republic
of Turkey**

+

**Third countries not
associated to the
Programme:**

**All other countries
throughout the world**



Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027



New programme 2021-2027

KA1

Learning
Mobility
for
Individuals

KA2

Cooperation
for Innovation
& Good
practices

KA3

Support
for
Policy
reform

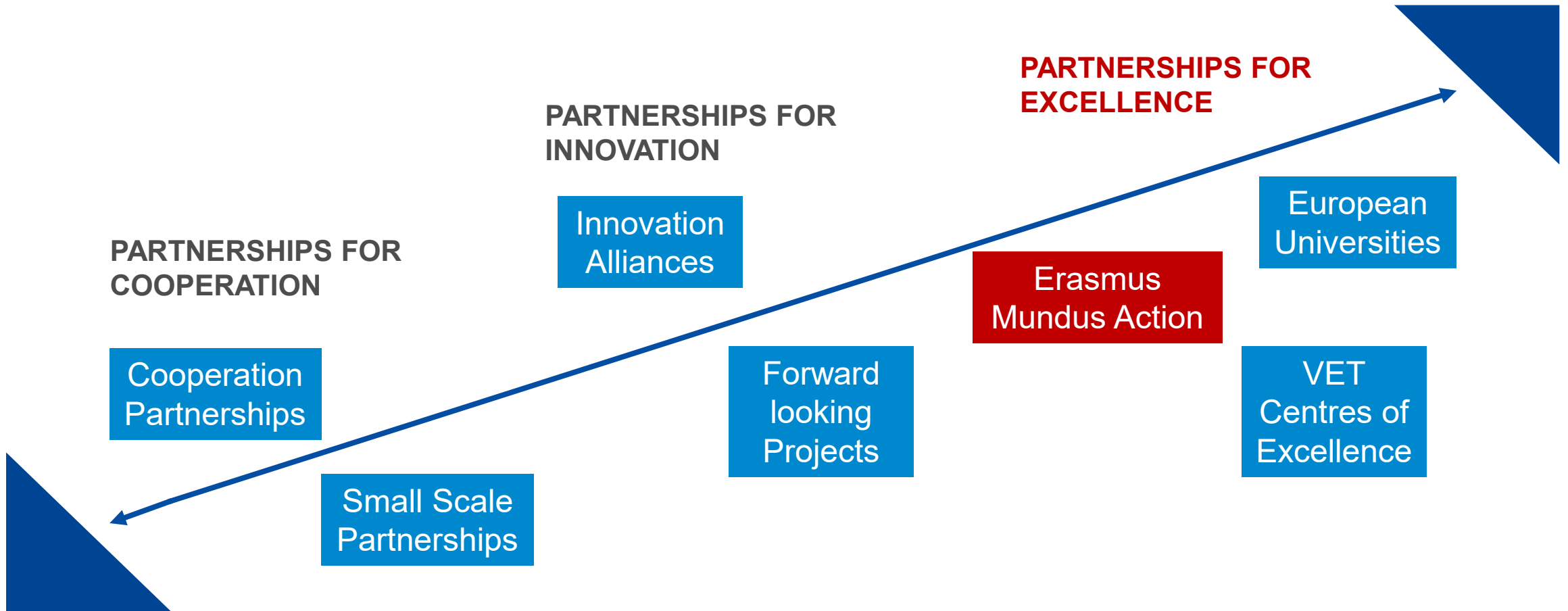


EMJMD

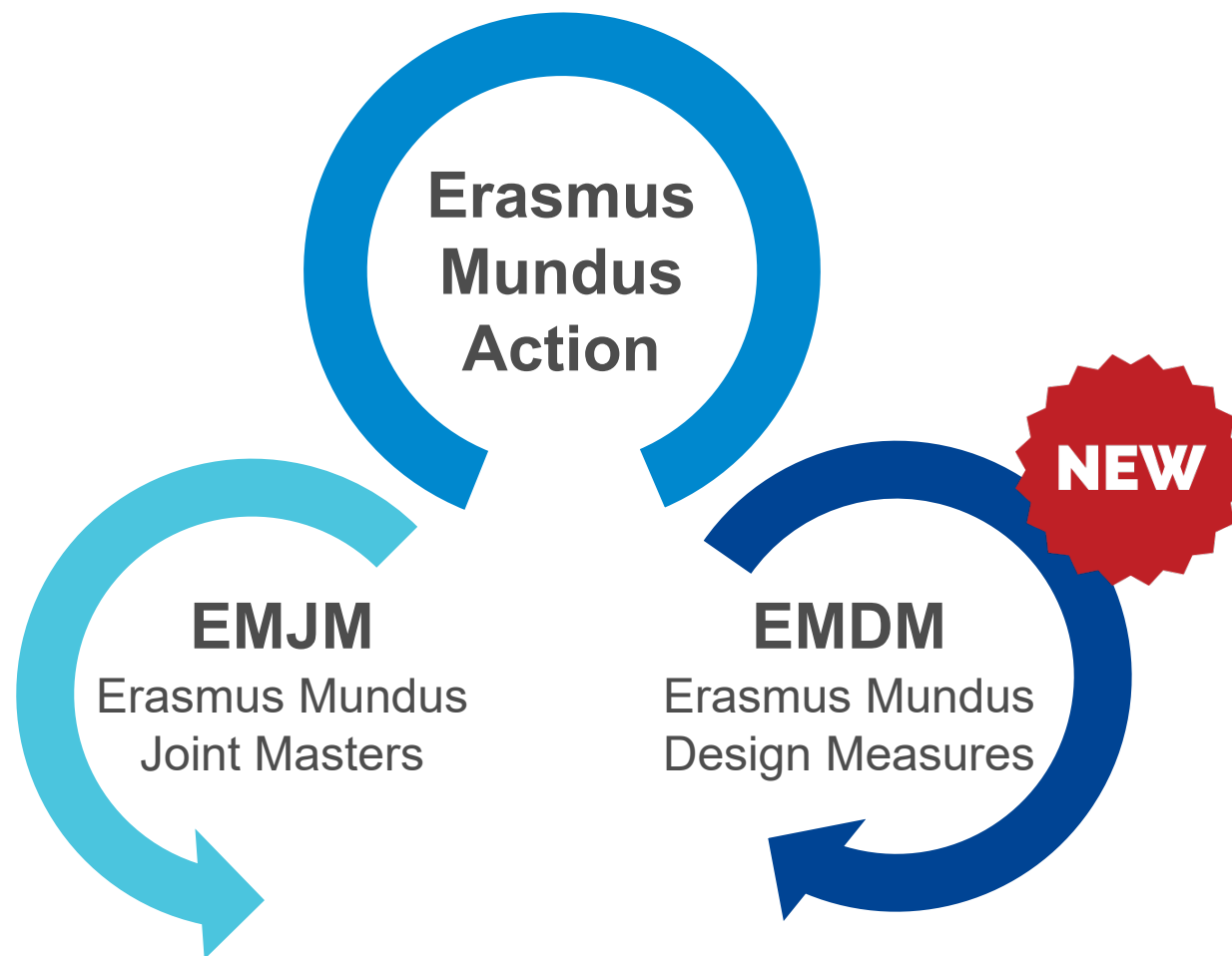


**Erasmus Mundus
Action**

Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models



Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027



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)

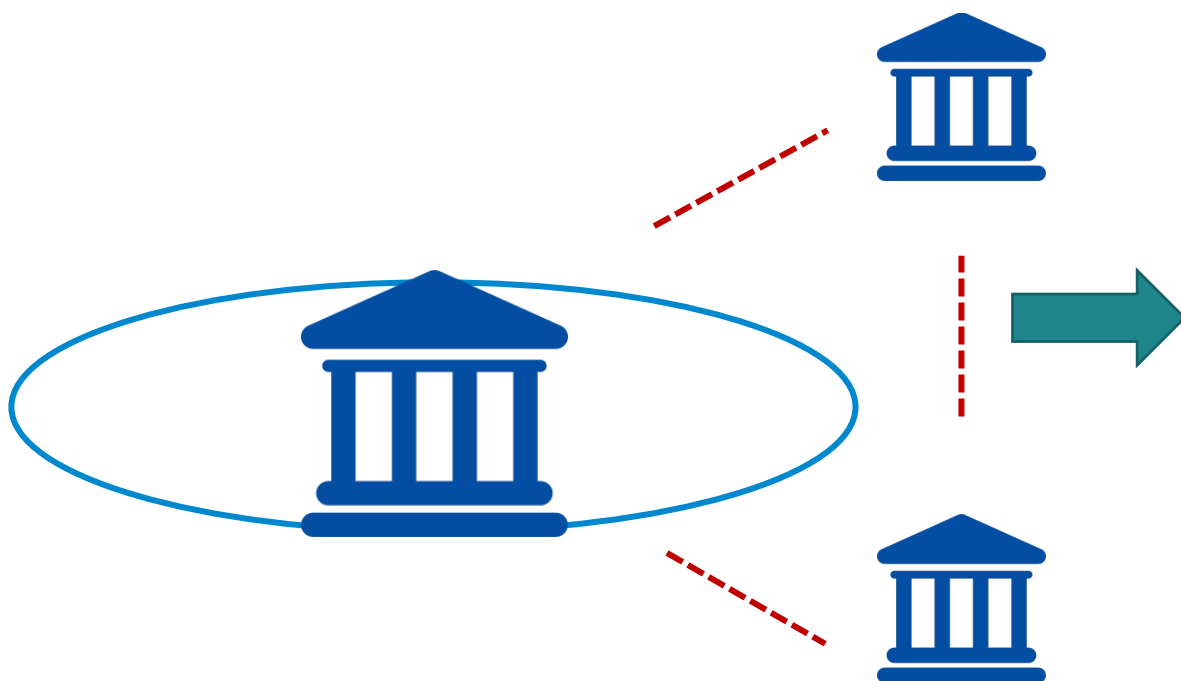
Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master programme:

- ✓ 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**

EMDM 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)**



Erasmus+ EMDM call for proposals 2022

Selection roadmap

Milestones	Indicative dates EMDMs
Opening of the call for proposals	November 2021
Deadline for submission of applications	February 2022
Expert assessment	March/April 2022
Award Decision and notification to applicants	June/July 2022
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	July/August 2022

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>

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**" and then "**Impact**"

EMDM Award Criteria (1)

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

- ✓ **Background and general objectives**
- ✓ **Needs analysis and specific objectives:** e.g. rationale for the design of a highly integrated Master programme, potential to involve Erasmus Mundus under-represented EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, institutions from these countries and/or thematic areas
- ✓ **Complementarity with other actions and innovation:** e.g. project ambition compared to the offer of existing Master programmes

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

- ✓ **Concept and methodology:** e.g. strategy to achieve the objectives and expected outcomes
- ✓ **Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy**
- ✓ **Project teams, staff and experts:** e.g. foreseen operational resources, definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team

EMDM Award Criteria (2)

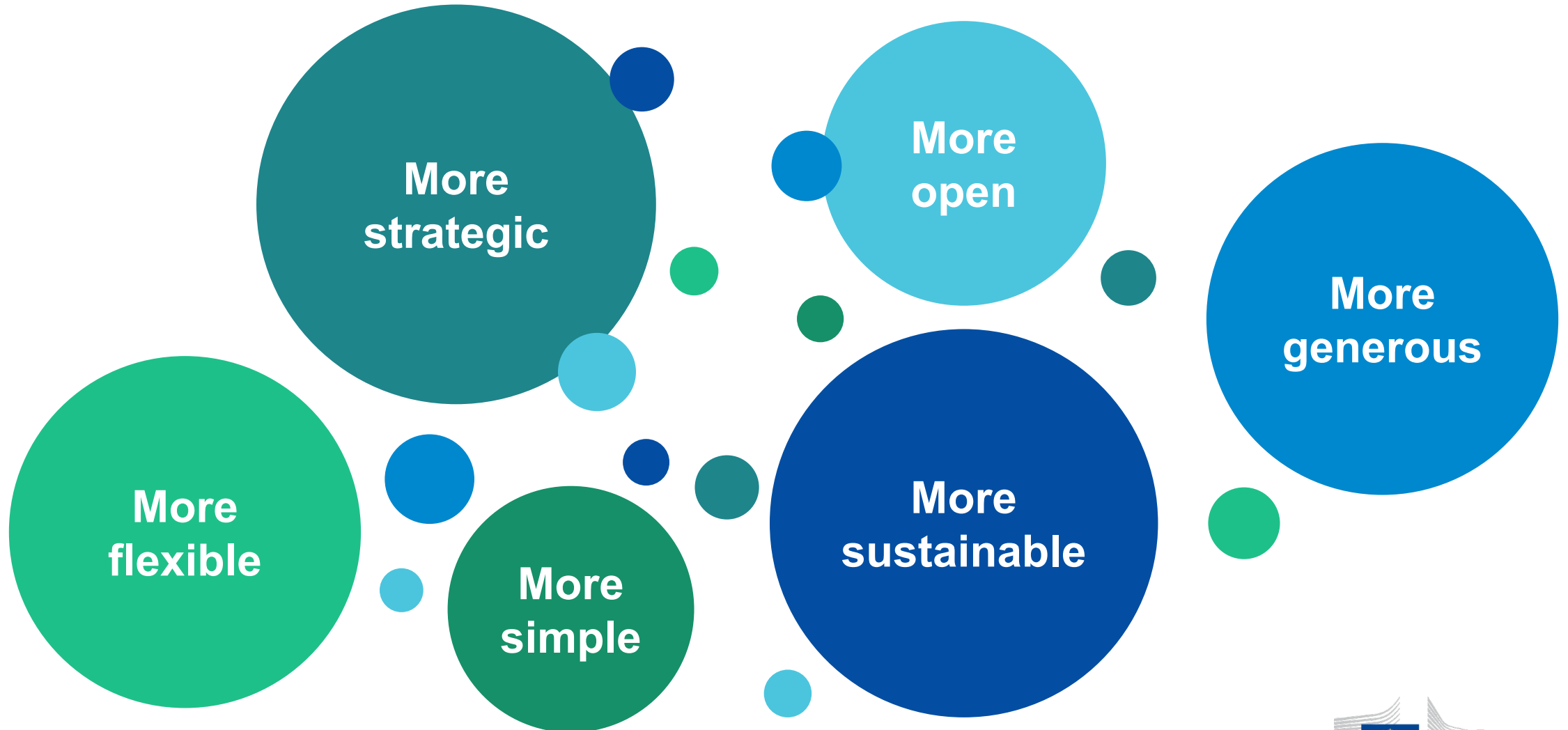
❖ **Quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements** (max 20 points)

- ✓ **Consortium set-up:** e.g. expected role of the participating organisations, rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ **Impact and ambition** of the EMDM project
- ✓ **Communication, dissemination and visibility:** activities foreseen for the promotion and dissemination of the new Master programme and project outcomes
- ✓ **Sustainability and continuation:** envisaged measures for the sustainability of the new Master programme and identification of possible sources of funding

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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**



Erasmus Mundus Action – New terminology

- **New name** : EMJMD becomes EMJM – Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters
- Erasmus Mundus Action: **2 independent lots** 
 - EM Joint Masters
 - EM Design Measures
- **Enrolled students**: both scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders
- **Edition** replaces intake (full master programme cycle of either 120, 90 or 60 ECTS)
- **New financial instrument for external action NDICI** (Neighbourhood, Development and International cooperation – Global Europe Instrument)
- Heading 1 budget  **Heading 2** (Erasmus+ Programme)
- Heading 4 budget  **Heading 6** (External Action: IPA III + NDICI)

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.

EMJM Set-up (1)

- **Fixed Grant Agreement of 74 months** independently from the length of the master
- **Commitment to enrol a certain number of students** per project
- **At least 4 master editions** lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)
- **Start of the 1st edition** no later than the academic year following the year of project selection
- **At least 2 study periods in 2 countries** (of which at least one in an EU Member State or a third country associated to the Programme and both different from the country of residence of students)
- **Geographical balance of students:** no more than 10% of total scholarships per project awarded to students of the same nationality (does not apply to additional scholarships for targeted regions)



EMJM Set-up (2)

Overview of editions

Academic year	1 Year Master course 60 ECTS		2 Year Master course 120 ECTS	
2022 (year of selection – signature of Grant Agreement)	1 st edition	Preparatory activities	1 st edition	Preparatory activities
2023	2 nd edition	1 st edition	2 nd edition	1 st edition
2024	3 rd edition	2 nd edition	3 rd edition	2 nd edition
2025	4 th edition	3 rd edition	4 th edition	3 rd edition
2026	5 th edition	4 th edition	5th edition	4th edition
2027	6th edition	5th edition		
2028 (end of contract)				



What is NEW ?

EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages (1)

More flexibility for EMJM consortia:

- **Continuity**, no major changes to the overall concept of joint masters
- Emphasis put on **all enrolled students** - with the aim to recruit more non-scholarship holders
- Increased international cooperation - **more opportunities HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- Formal concept of **preparatory year and intake** abandoned – now rather preparatory activities/editions



EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages (2)

- **Simplified rule** for **geographical balance** (rule of max. 3 scholarship-holders of the same nationality per intake does not apply any longer)
- **Simplification of rules for scholars** – no official requirements anymore (e.g. minimum number of scholars or scholar weeks)
- **More continuity and sustainability** after the EU funding
- **Simplification of funding mechanism:**
 - Only 3 types of unit costs
 - Previous costs for travel and/ or installation now fully integrated in the scholarship unit cost
 - Previous participation cost now fully integrated in the institutional unit cost

(only for scholarship holders)

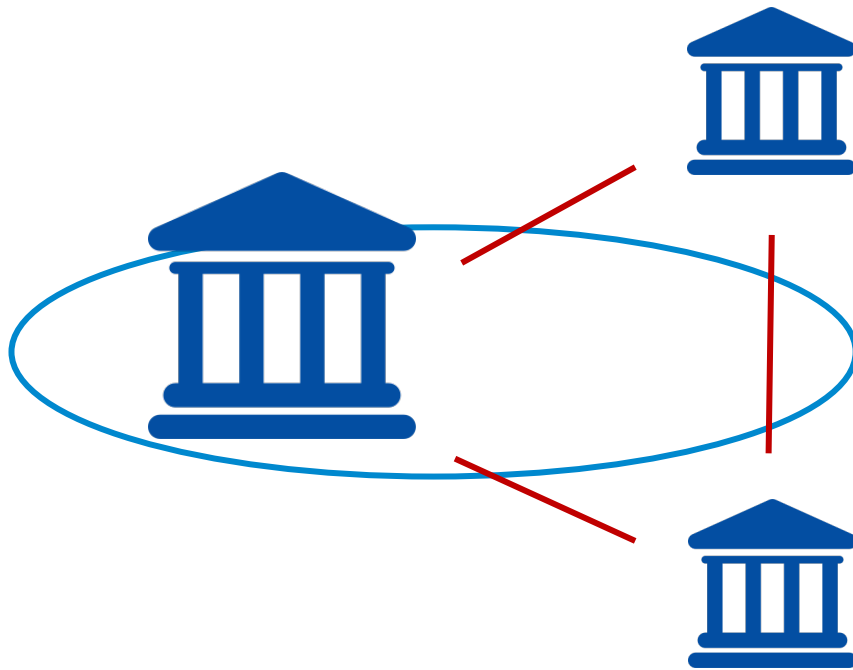


EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages (3)

=> **Simplified management mechanism and more flexibility for HEIs**

- **Scholarships** are **also paid for study periods** in the **country of residence** of students
- **Increased budget** for HEIs and for students (especially students from EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme)
- Incentive to enrol **more students (sustainability)**
- **Same scholarship** for students from EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme
- **More inclusive** (particular support for students with **individual needs**)

Taking part as an Organisation



- 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

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>



EMJM FUNDING RULES



1 simplified EU GRANT



2 main targets



3 components
=
3 unit cost



Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

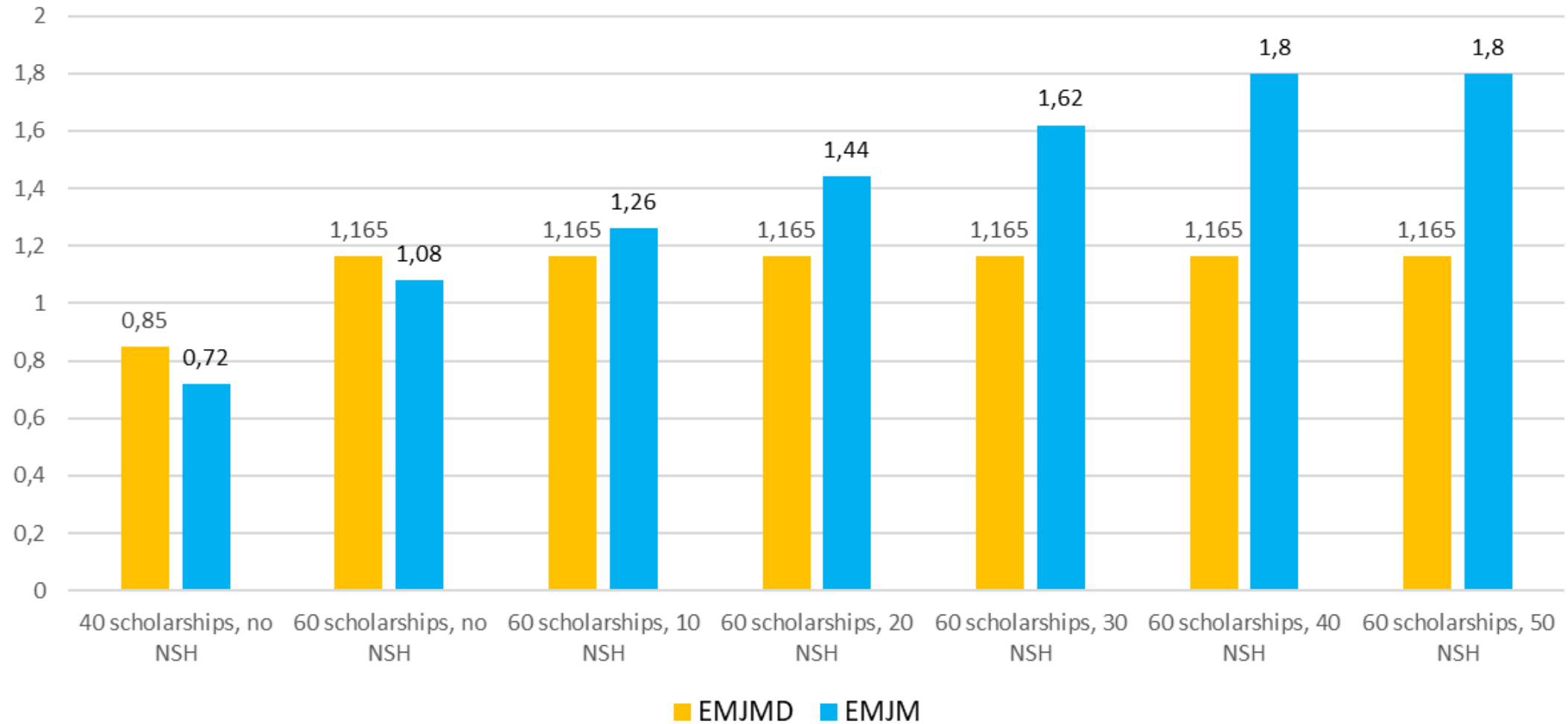
	EMJMD (€)				EMJM (€)	
		Partner country student (>4000km)	Partner Country student (<4000km)	Programme Country student	Scholarship holders	Non-scholarship holders
Scholarship part	Installation costs	1000	1000	0	1400 / month	NA
	Travel Costs	3000 / year	2000 / year	1000 / year		
	Subsistence costs	1000 / month	1000 / month	1000 / month		
	Total / month (120 ECTS)	1.300,00 €	1.200,00 €	1.100,00 €		
Institutional part	Participation costs	4500 / semester	4500 / semester	2250 / semester	750 / month	
	Management lump sum	20.000 / preparatory year				
		50.000 / intake				
Special Needs	NA				3.000 to 60.000	

Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of 750€ /month 
How to calculate: $\text{€ } 750 \times \text{n}^\circ \text{ of months} \times \text{n}^\circ \text{ of enrolled students}$ (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)
=> max. amount per project: 1.800.000 €
- **Same unit cost for scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders**
- **Same unit cost for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme**

EU Grant Contribution to institutions: EMJMD vs. EMJM

120 ECTS masters, million €, by scholarship holder / non-scholarship holder (NSH)



Student scholarship

At student level:

➤ **Full Scholarship** to cover subsistence, installation and travel + fee waiver

➤ **A single unit cost per scholarship holder**

How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months
(min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)



=> max. amount per student: 33 600 Euros

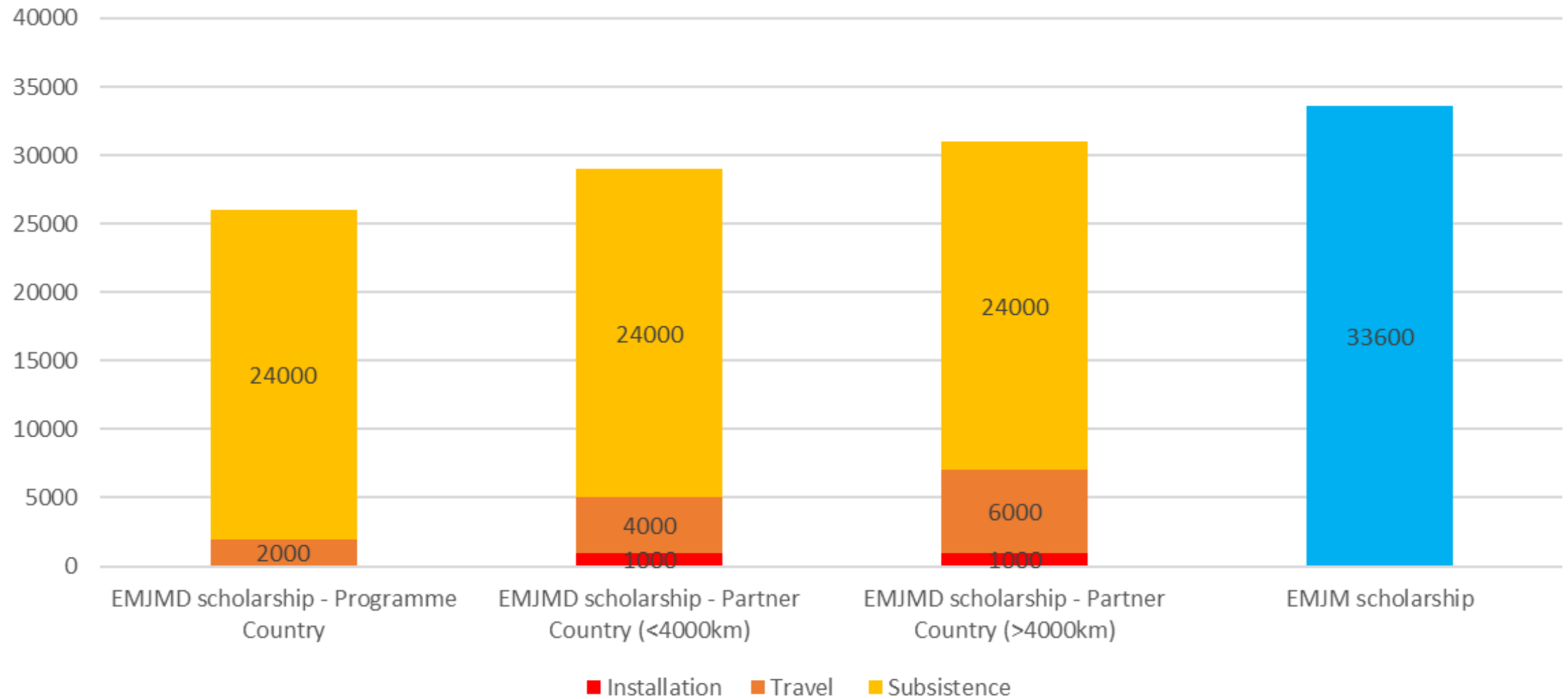
At project level:

How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months x number of students
(cap of 60 students per EMJM project)

=> max. amount per project: 2,016,000 Euros per grant

=> Same unit cost for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

EMJMD vs. EMJM - student scholarship 120 ECTS



Individual needs

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At student level:

- Contribution based on individual needs of students:
10 different unit costs varying between € 3.000 – € 60.000
=> if below € 3000: to be covered by institutional costs

At project level:

Awarded at contracting stage:

0, 1 or 2 units costs of € 60 000

=> max. amount per project: € 120 000

=> For all enrolled students (scholarship holders and non-scholarship holders)

Additional funds (for students from targeted regions)

- Response to the EU External priorities
-> EU financial Instruments IPA III and NDICI for students **from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for **the entire duration of the EMJM programme: maximum amount for IPA III and NDICI to be confirmed**

EMJM call for proposals 2022

- ✓ Opening of the Call: **November 2021 (tbc)**
- ✓ Deadline: **February 2022**
- ✓ Budget: **tbc**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: **~ 27 (tbc)**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships per project: **max. 60 + additional scholarships for students from targeted regions (tbc)**



EMJM call for proposals 2022

Selection roadmap

Milestones	Indicative dates EMJMs
Opening of the call for proposals	November 2021
Deadline for submission of applications	February 2022
Expert assessment	March/April 2022
Accreditation check of Masters	March/April 2022
Award Decision	June 2022
Notification of applicants and publication of results	July 2022
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	July/August 2022
Start of projects	autumn

How to apply - eForm

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Applications to be submitted using an eForm with attachments

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**" and then "**Impact**"

EMJM Award Criteria (1)

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

- ✓ **Background and general objectives**
- ✓ **Needs analysis and specific objectives**
- ✓ **Complementarity with other actions and innovation**

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

- ✓ **Concept and methodology**
- ✓ **Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation strategy**
- ✓ **Project teams, staff and experts**
- ✓ **Cost effectiveness and financial management**
- ✓ **Risk management**

EMJM Award Criteria (2)

❖ Quality of the partnership and the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)

- ✓ **Consortium set-up:** e.g. rationale for the consortium composition, innovative character of the consortium and inclusion of partners with different levels of experience, definition of roles and tasks of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
- ✓ **Consortium management and decision-making:** e.g. cooperation arrangements, governing bodies and management tools, institutional commitment of the partners

❖ Impact (max 20 points)

- ✓ **Impact and ambition:** e.g. impact at system level, institutional level and individual level, projections in terms of enrolled students, measures to ensure country balance of students
- ✓ **Communication, dissemination and visibility:** e.g. promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
- ✓ **Sustainability and continuation:** e.g. mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy beyond EU funding, mobilization of other funding sources



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 \(europa.eu\)](#) - 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](#)

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