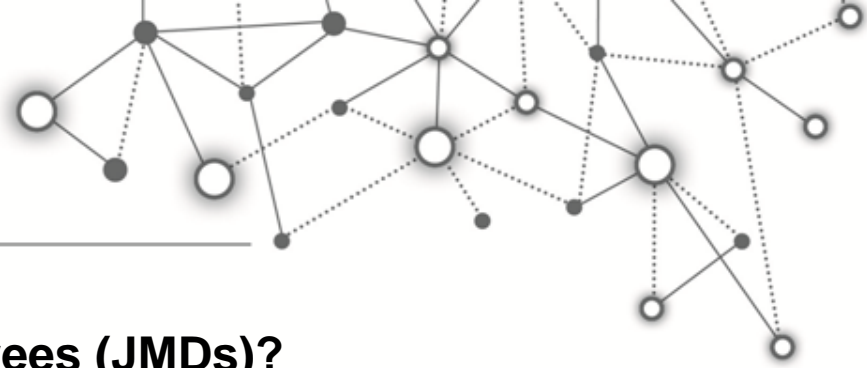




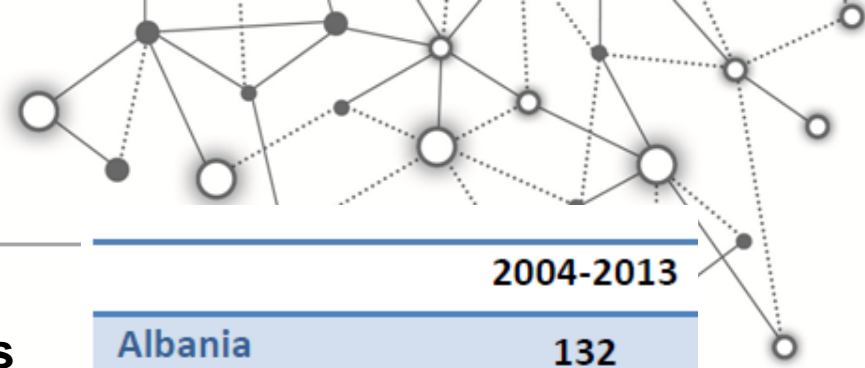
Key Features of Joint Master Degrees According to Erasmus+ Requirements

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What are Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees (JMDs)?

- Highly integrated international master programmes
- Selected and supported by the European Commission
- Expected to fund 350 projects (including Quality Review) and 25,000 students and staff over 7 years
- Developed & delivered by a consortium of Programme Country & if relevant also Partner Country universities
- Often involve non-academic partners
- Include a mandatory study period in *at least* two different Programme Countries
- Lead to the award of fully recognised joint or double/multiple degrees
- E+ Joint Master Degrees are not new – in 2004 to 2013 Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMCs) became a well-known brand worldwide



EMMCs: some results & achievements

- 2009-2013: 138 EMMCs – still active
- 2004-2013: Total number of participating scholarship holder

students: 13957

- In the 2nd phase (2009-2013): **9742**

- From all over the world
- 2004-2013: 799 students from WB →

- Internationalisation of HEIs
- Employability of students
- Integrated and compulsory mobility
- Attractiveness of EHEA
- Closer cooperation between EU and non-EU HEIs

2004-2013

Albania	132
Bosnia-Herzegovina	61
Croatia*	95
FYROM**	71
Kosovo***	32
Montenegro	36
Serbia	362
Serbia Montenegro	10
TOTAL	799



Other principles of Erasmus+ Joint Master Degrees

- **Excellence:** very **high selectivity** of the JMDs: only excellent joint master programmes will be selected and funded
- Implemented by consortia of **fully recognised HEIs**
- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide with a **priority of Partner Country students** (a minimum of 75 % for students from Partner Countries)
- Support to **invited scholars / guest lecturers** contributing to the JMD teaching/training/research activities
- **Joint degrees** encouraged but not mandatory (double/multiple degrees still eligible)
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by the Executive Agency (EACEA)



Consortium composition

- Applicant: a **HEI established in a Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the JMD consortium
- Minimum consortium composition: at least **3 HEIs** as full partners from at least **3 different Programme Countries**
- Open to **any public** or **private organisation** located in Programme or Partner Countries
 - Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
- Associated partners (optional): HEIs from any country, non-academic organisations: e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, complementary courses or possibilities for secondment or placement. Not considered as part of the JMD consortium
- **Recommended:**
 - Plan with more partners in case one of them falls out.
 - Involve different kinds of partners as soon as in the planning phase to ensure employability and sustainability



Mobility tracks:

- Students study in at least two different Programme Countries of the JMD consortium
- Various mobility patterns exist, usually differences between 1- and 2-year JMDs and study fields
- Mobility must fit the structure and content of the curriculum (clear added value)
- Let the students of the same or several JMD intakes meet (summer and winter schools, workshops, induction weeks, graduation ceremonies)
- Expose students to the socio-economic environment relevant to their field of study (internships, research projects)



EU Grant will vary indicatively between **2 and 3 million EUR**:

- Lump sum for **consortium management** (including at least 4 invited scholars/guest lecturers per intake)
170 000 EUR => 20 000 EUR for the preparatory year + 50 000 EUR per intake
- Fixed number of **student scholarships** for 3 intakes (between 13-20 per intake)
- "Quality Review" process at mid-term, opening the possibility for the funding of up to 3 additional intakes



Student scholarships:

- full scholarship covering tuition, travel and living costs, visa costs and health and accident insurance
- competitive with other international postgraduate scholarship schemes
 - travel allowance *1 000 - 3 000 EUR per academic year*
 - installation allowance *1 000 EUR - Partner Country students only*
 - fixed monthly allowance for all scholarship holders *1 000 EUR*
 - coverage of the students' participation costs (incl. tuition fees):
 - *max. 9 000 EUR / year - Partner Country students*
 - *max. 4 500 EUR / year - Programme Country students*



Award criteria / 1

- Applicants have to answer the criteria in detail

Relevance of the project (max. 30 points out of 100)

- Objectives of the Action
- Attractiveness of EHEA, identified and relevant needs
- European excellence, innovation, competitiveness + **expectations of Partner Countries**
- Academic programme and the learning outcomes should lead to competences and skills that enhance employability of graduates
- Interaction between the JMD and non-academic partners sustainability
- Jointness, integration



Award criteria / 2

Quality of the project design and implementation (max. 30 points out of 100)

- Joint curriculum, institutional commitment
- Course structure, modules, mobility paths, involvement of guest lecturers
- Common methods of examination, use of ECTS, performance assessment
- Recognition of the degree, accreditation status
- Information for students/scholars, services offered (accommodation, language training, insurance, administration etc.)
- Students' rights and obligations (academic, administrative, financial), cf. student agreement
- Arrangements for integration and networking of students (cultural, academic)



Award criteria / 3

Quality of the project team and the cooperation arrangements

(max. 20 points out of 100)

- consortium composition, expertise of each partner related to the field of study
- roles, duties, resources
- mechanisms for jointly managing the student application/selection process
- calculation of student participation costs, budget distribution



Award criteria / 4

Impact and dissemination (max. 20 points out of 100)

- expected impact and how it will be measured
- promotion and dissemination activities
- internal and external evaluation mechanisms
- mid-/long/term development and sustainability strategy
- involvement of employers



How to apply?

- **Next Erasmus+ Call for Applications is scheduled to be published in **September 2014****
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_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) *All partners!*
 2. Create your electronic application form using your PICs
 3. Fill in the eForm
 4. Attach completed versions of the attachments (budget calculation, answers to the Award Criteria) within the eForm
 5. Submit the eForm on-line



**Good luck
and
thank you for
your
attention!**