



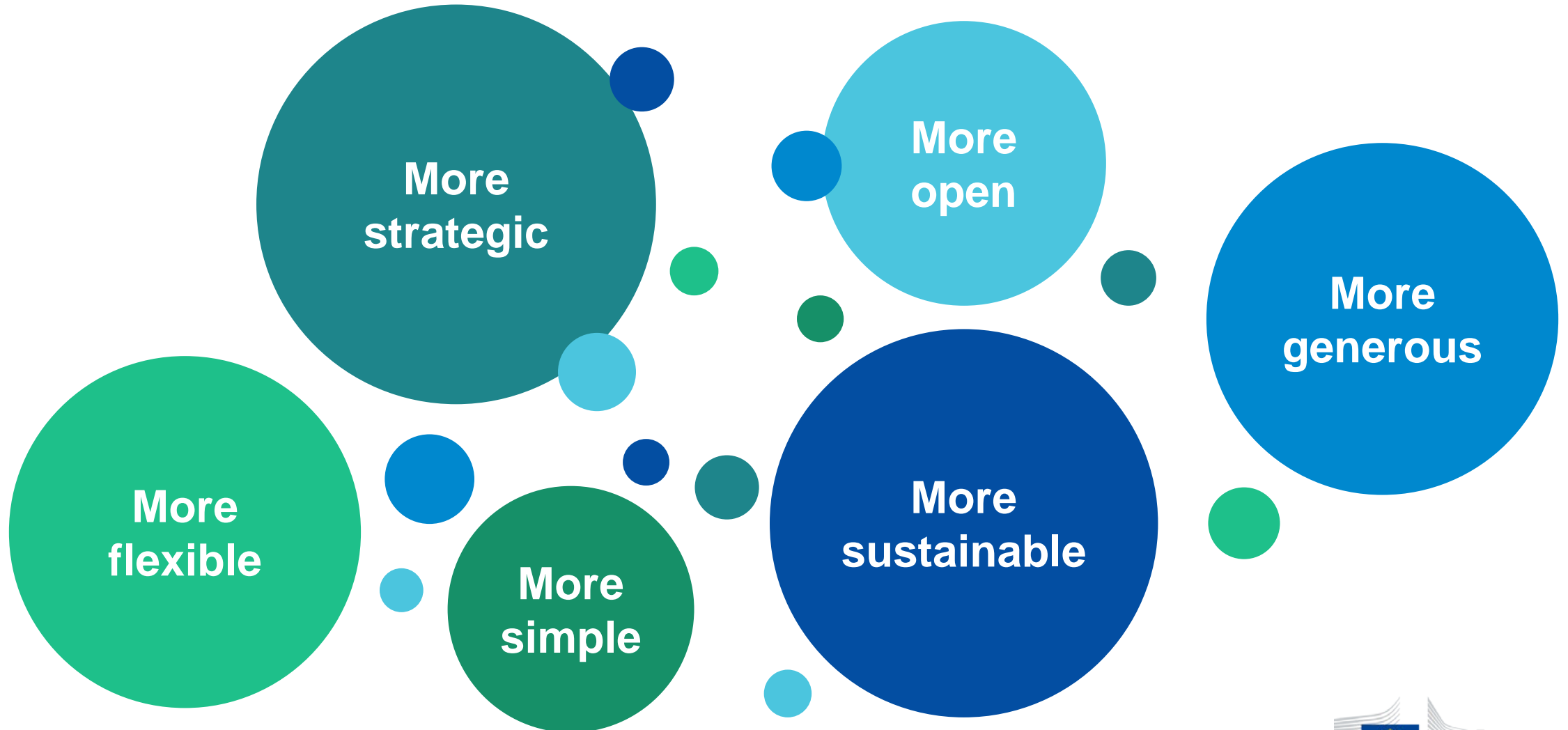
# Erasmus+

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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# Join Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027!



# 30 Years of achievements of Erasmus

**Erasmus  
Programme**

More than 4 million  
European students

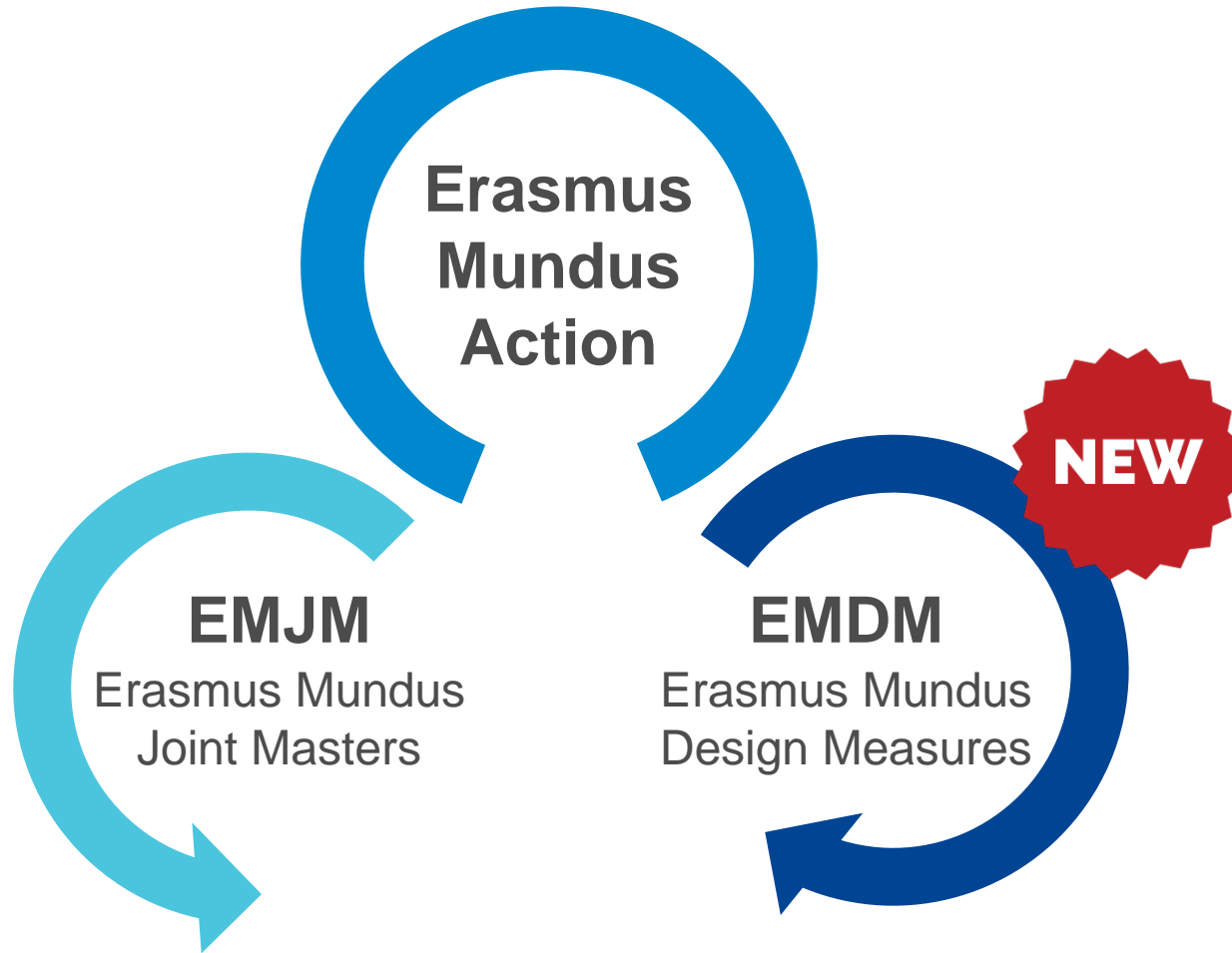
**Erasmus+  
Programme  
2014-2020**

Open to international  
dimension through  
academic  
exchanges  
worldwide with more  
funding

**New  
Programme  
2021-2027**

**Increased  
International  
dimension: HE,  
VET, Youth & Sport**

# Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027



# Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027



## New programme 2021-2027

**KA1**

Learning  
Mobility  
for  
Individuals

**KA2**

Cooperation  
for Innovation  
& Good  
practices

**KA3**

Support  
for  
Policy  
reform

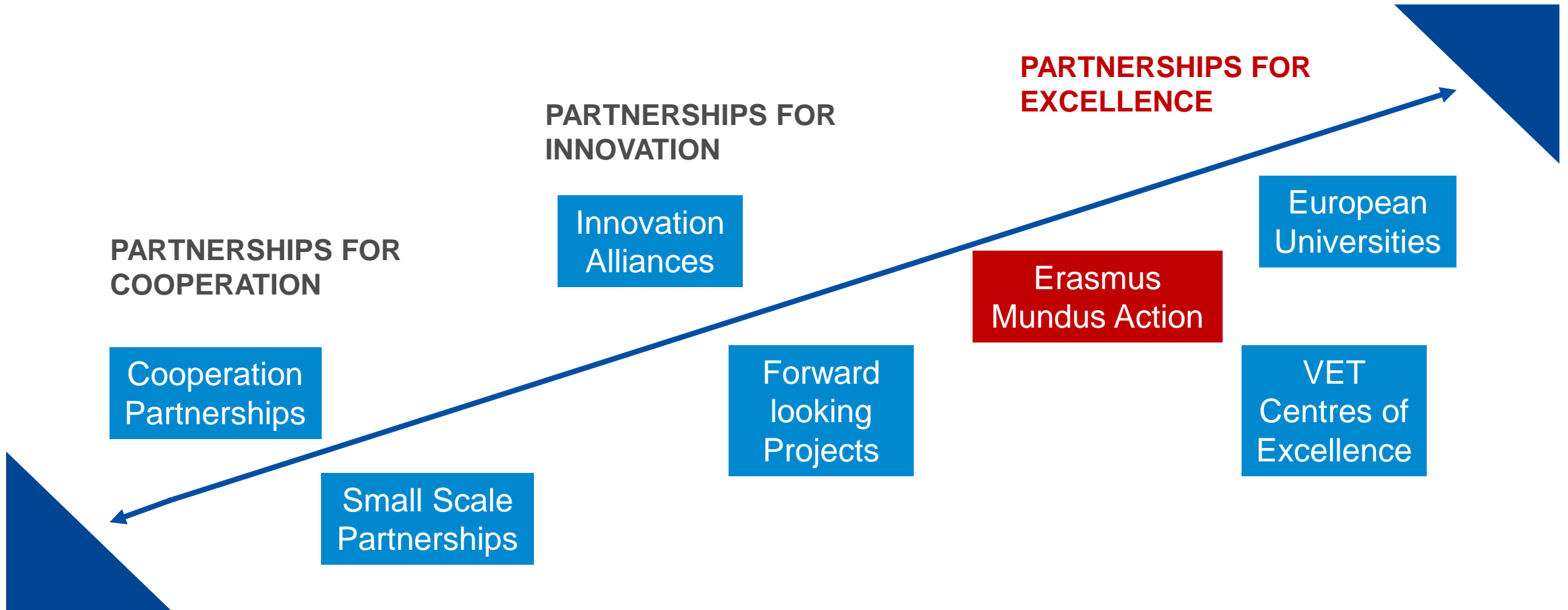


**EMJMD**



**Erasmus Mundus  
Action**

# Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models



# EMJM new strategic priorities



- Increased focus on institutional cooperation
- More internationalisation opportunities
- Simplification and more flexibility
- Increased impact of the EMJM scheme
- More attractiveness and excellence
- More sustainability
- More inclusiveness

# EMJM in brief...

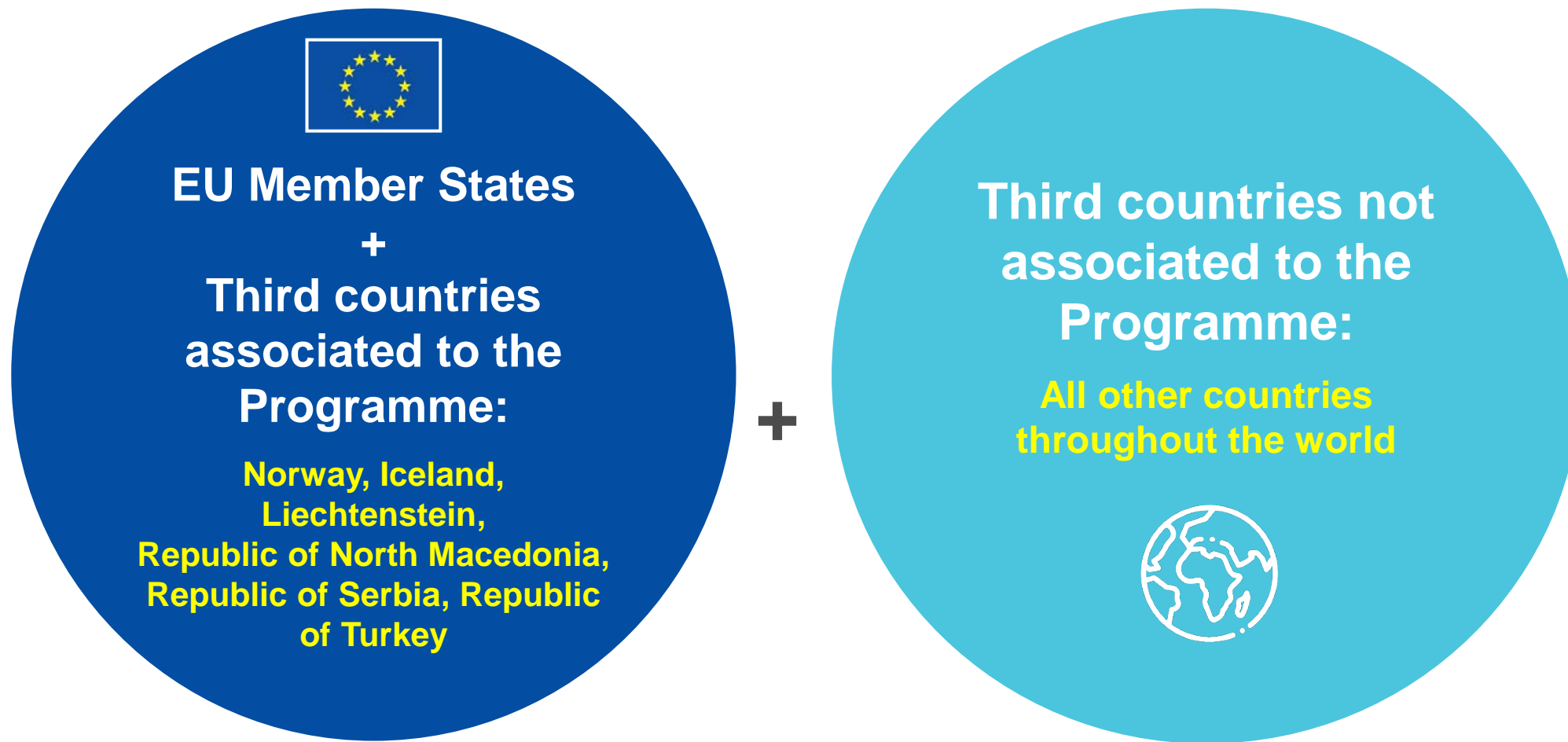
- ✓ A **high-level integrated & transnational** study programme at **MA level**
- ✓ A Master programme of **excellence open to all disciplines**
- ✓ Delivered by an **international consortium** of HEIs from different countries **worldwide** & other educational and/or non educational partners
- ✓ Offering **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**

# International cooperation



# Eramus 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 – main requirements (3)



- **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 for HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme**
- **Simplification of rules for scholars** – no official requirements anymore (e.g. minimum number of scholars or scholar weeks)

# 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 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities
2023	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition
2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition
2025	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition
2026	5 <sup>th</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> edition</b>
2027	<b>6<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>		
2028 (end of contract)				



# EMJM Set-up (3)

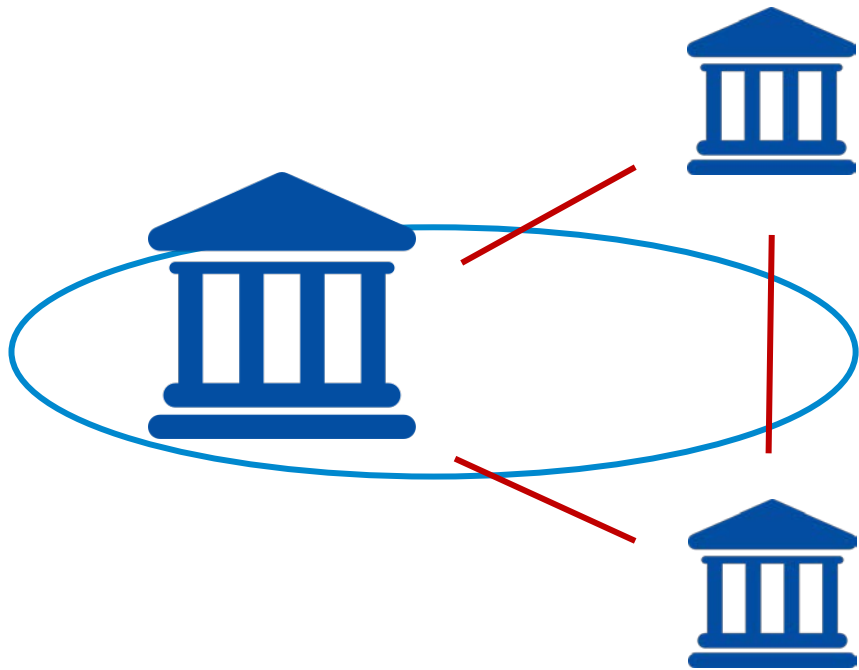


## EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

### More flexibility for EMJM consortia:

- Formal concept of **preparatory year and intake** abandoned – now rather preparatory activities/editions
- **More continuity and sustainability** after the EU funding
- **Simplified rule** for **geographical balance** (rule of max. 3 scholarship-holders of the same nationality per intake does not apply any longer)

# 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

# Opportunities for HEIs

**High  
visibility in  
an  
international  
programme  
of  
excellence**


**Structured  
and  
sustainable  
academic  
cooperation  
worldwide**

**Attractive  
simplified  
EU funding  
scheme**

**Selection of  
the most  
talented  
students  
worldwide**

# 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>

# Opportunities for Students

**High degree  
of expertise  
with a  
specialisation  
component**

**A unique  
mobility  
experience  
recognized  
by joint  
/multiple  
degree**

**Attractive  
EU  
scholarship  
for the best  
selected  
students**

**High  
employability  
through key  
competences  
and soft  
skills**

# EMJM FUNDING RULES



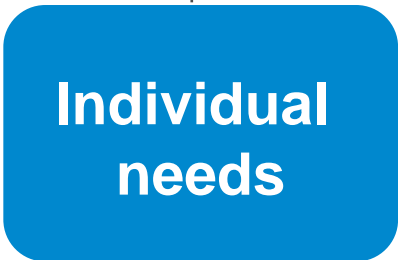
1 simplified EU GRANT



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	<i>Installation costs</i>	1000	1000	0	1400 / month	NA
	<i>Travel Costs</i>	3000 / year	2000 / year	1000 / year		
	<i>Subsistence costs</i>	1000 / month	1000 / month	1000 / month		
	<b>Total / month (120 ECTS)</b>	<b>1.300,00 €</b>	<b>1.200,00 €</b>	<b>1.100,00 €</b>		
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		

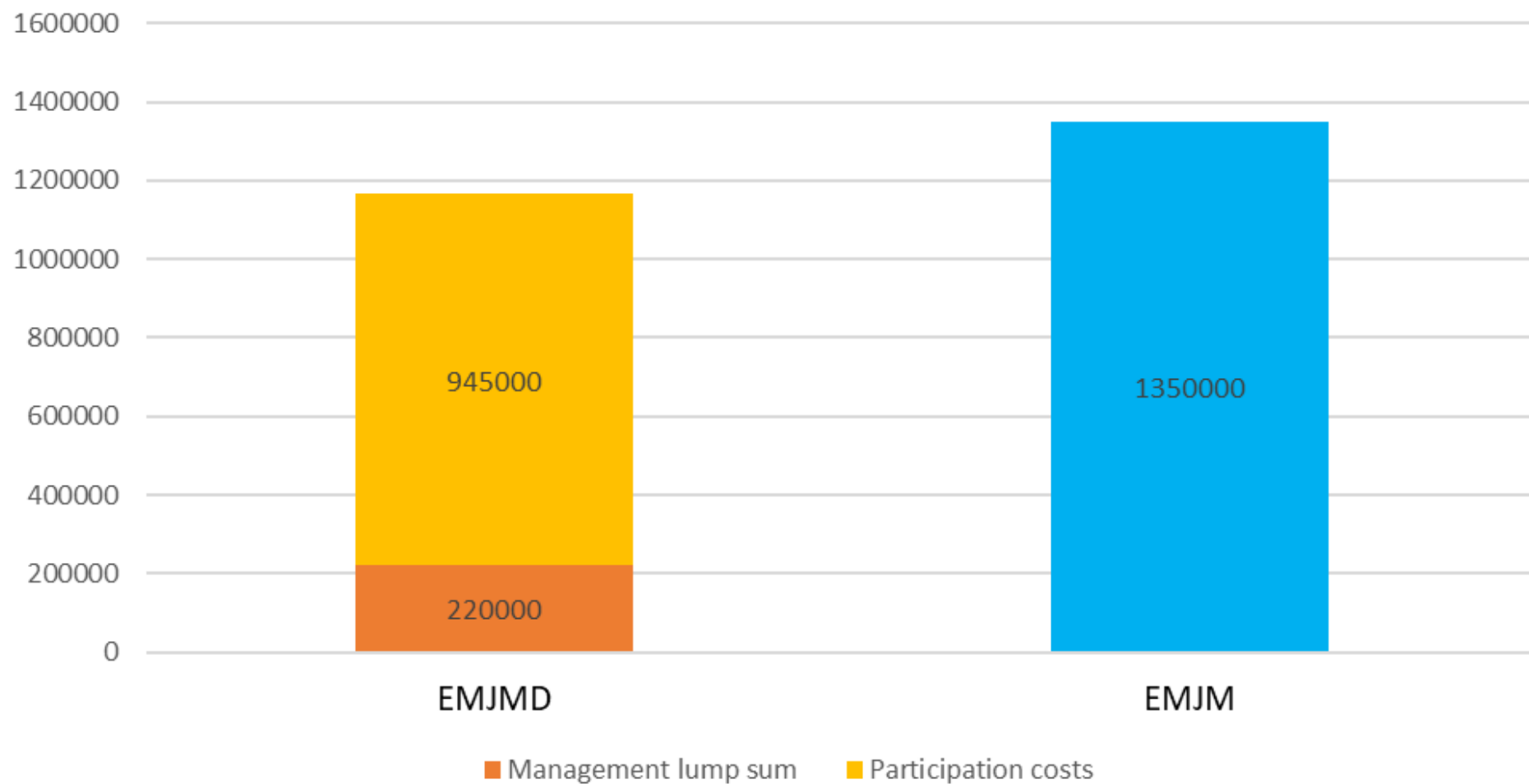
# Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of 750€/month   
How to calculate: €750 x n° of months x n° 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**



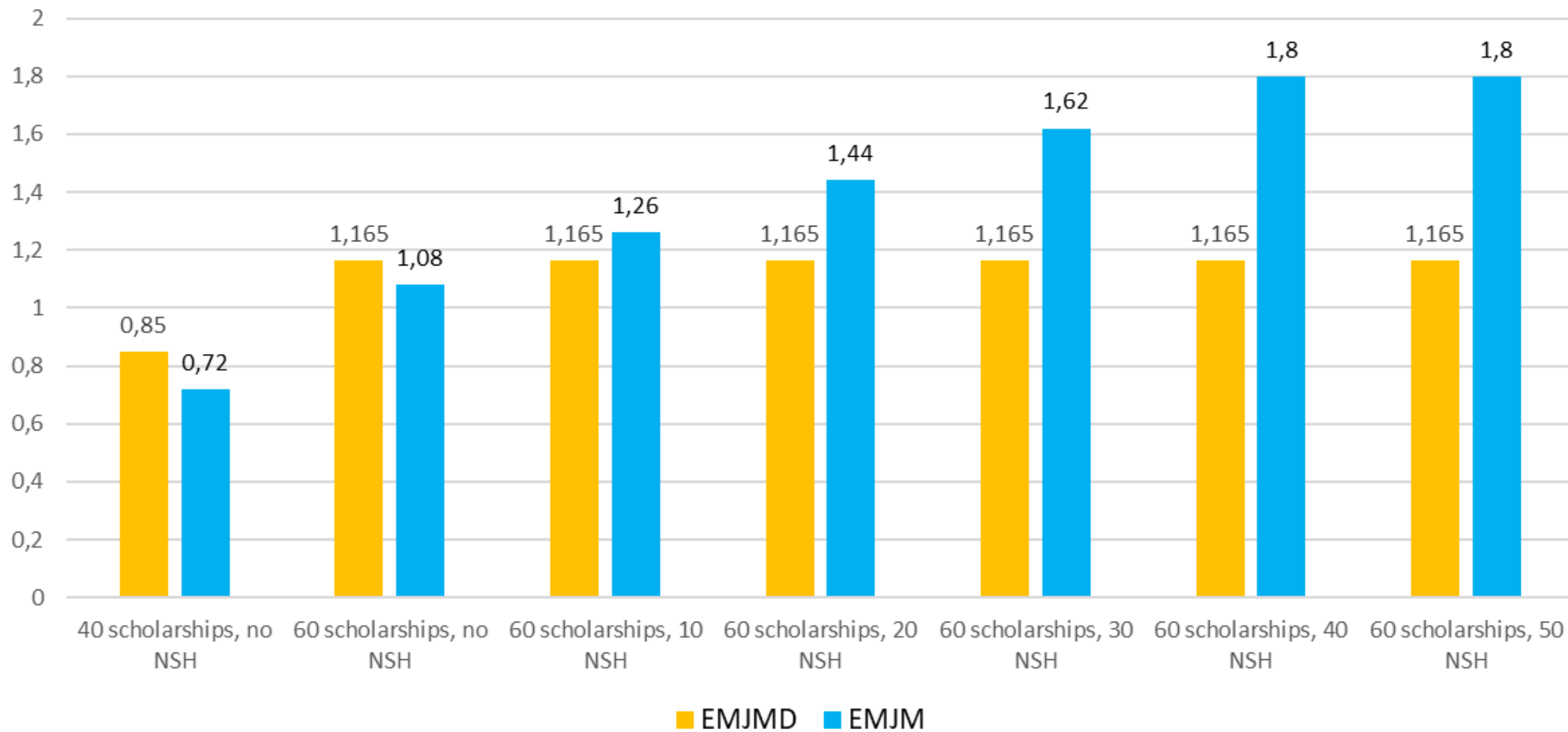
## EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

120 ECTS, 60 scholarship holders, 15 non-scholarship holders



# 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**

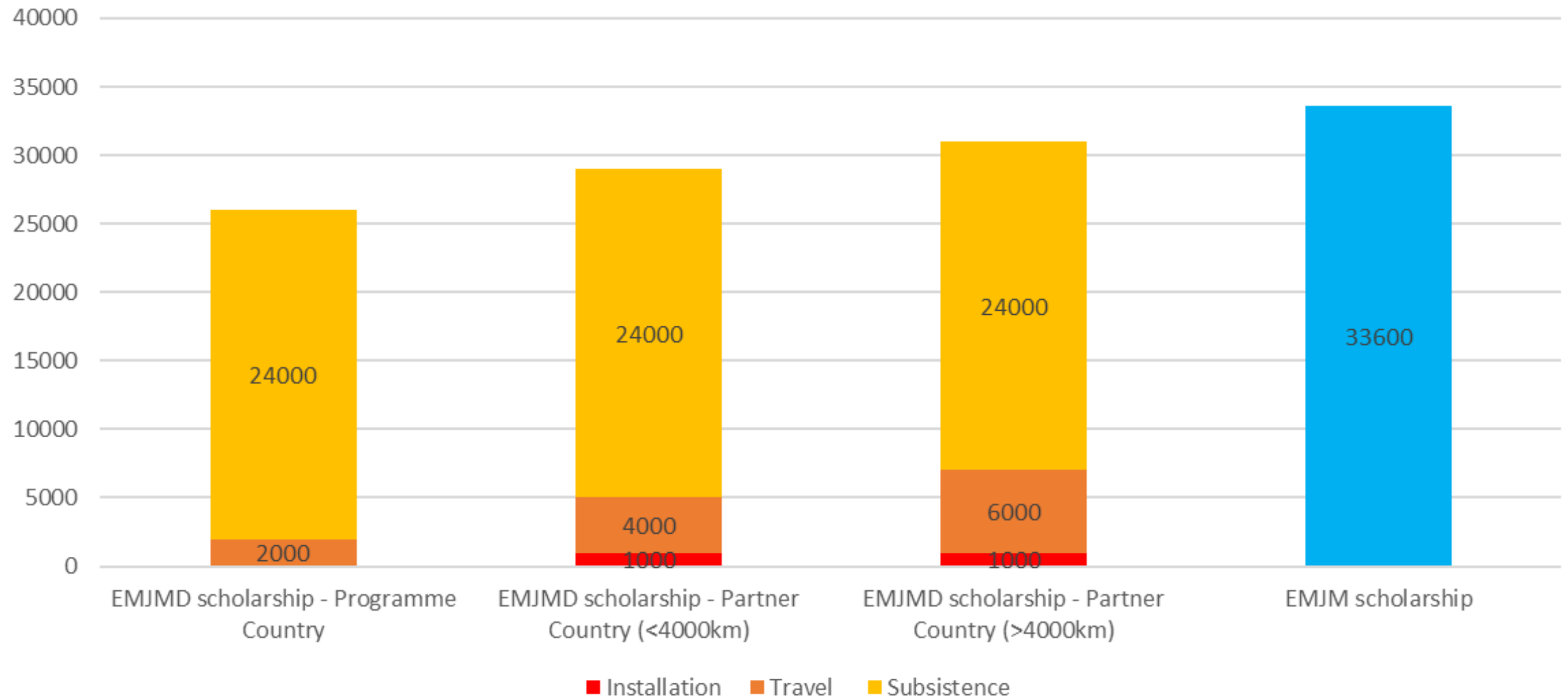
## At project level:

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

**NEW**

## 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**

# What is NEW ?



## EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

### 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)

### => 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 programme country students)
- Incentive to enrol **more students (sustainability)**
- **Same scholarship** for students from EU Member States, third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme
- **More inclusive** (particular support for students with **individual needs**)

# 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

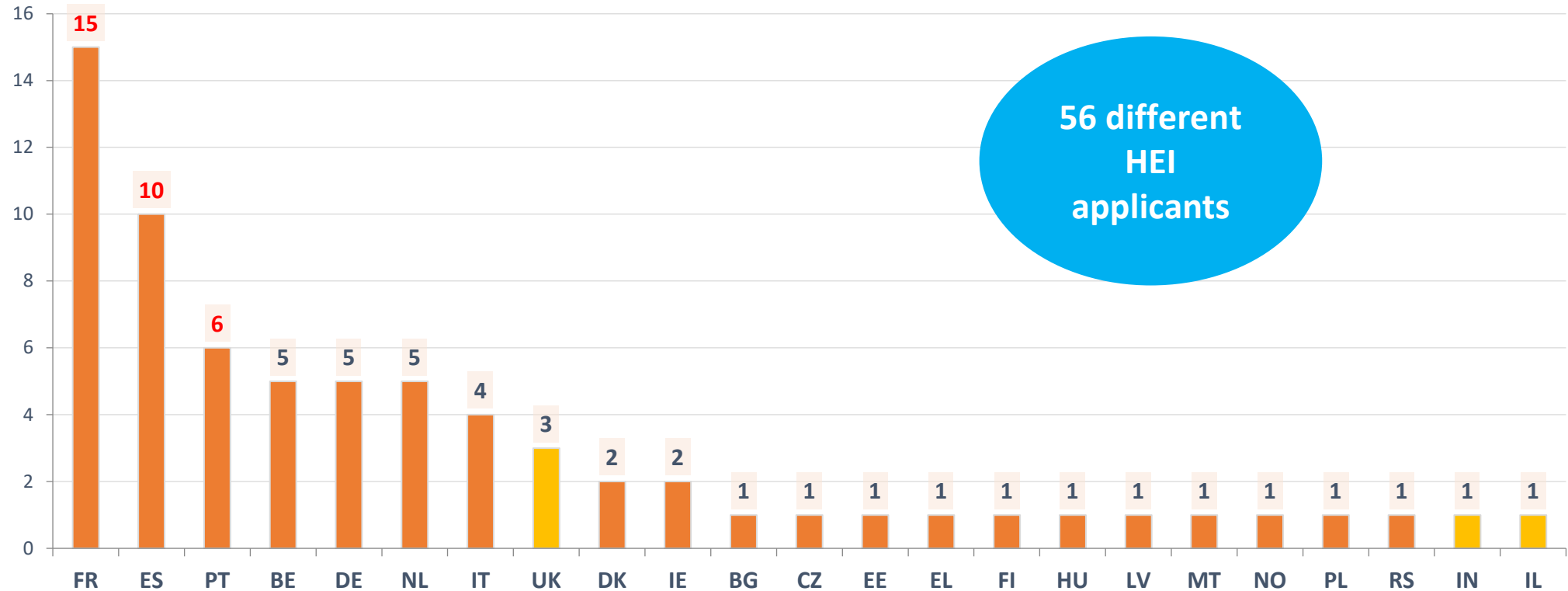
## Selection roadmap

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

# Applications EMJM 2021 – Facts & Figures

N° of coordinating organisations (# 70)

70 EMJM  
Proposals



56 different  
HEI  
applicants

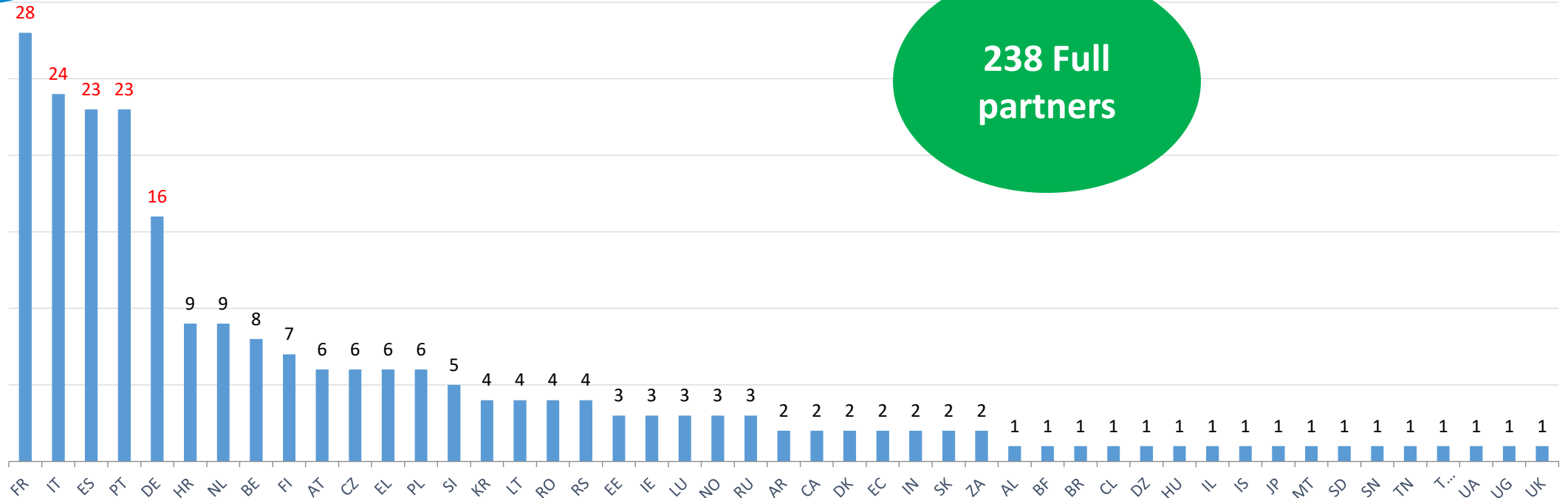
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COUNTRIES

# Applications EMJM 2021 – Facts & Figures

70 EMJM  
Proposals

N° of organisations as full partner (#238)

238 Full  
partners



47  
COUNTRIES

# Applications EMJM 2021- Involvement of third country institutions not associated to the Programme

70 EMJM  
Proposals

- **70 HEIs/coordinators** → 3 third country HEIs not associated to the Programme
- **238 full partners** → 31 third country HEIs not associated to the Programme
- **864 associated partners** → 320 institutions from third countries not associated to the Programme

**=> Average size per proposal  $\approx$  16**

# How to apply - eForm

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>

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](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](#)
- ✓ [Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme](#)
- ✓ [EMJMD Catalogue \(europa.eu\)](#)
- ✓ [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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