

# Erasmus+ 2021-2027 Erasmus Mundus Actions

Erasmus Mundus call 2026 for Finnish applicants



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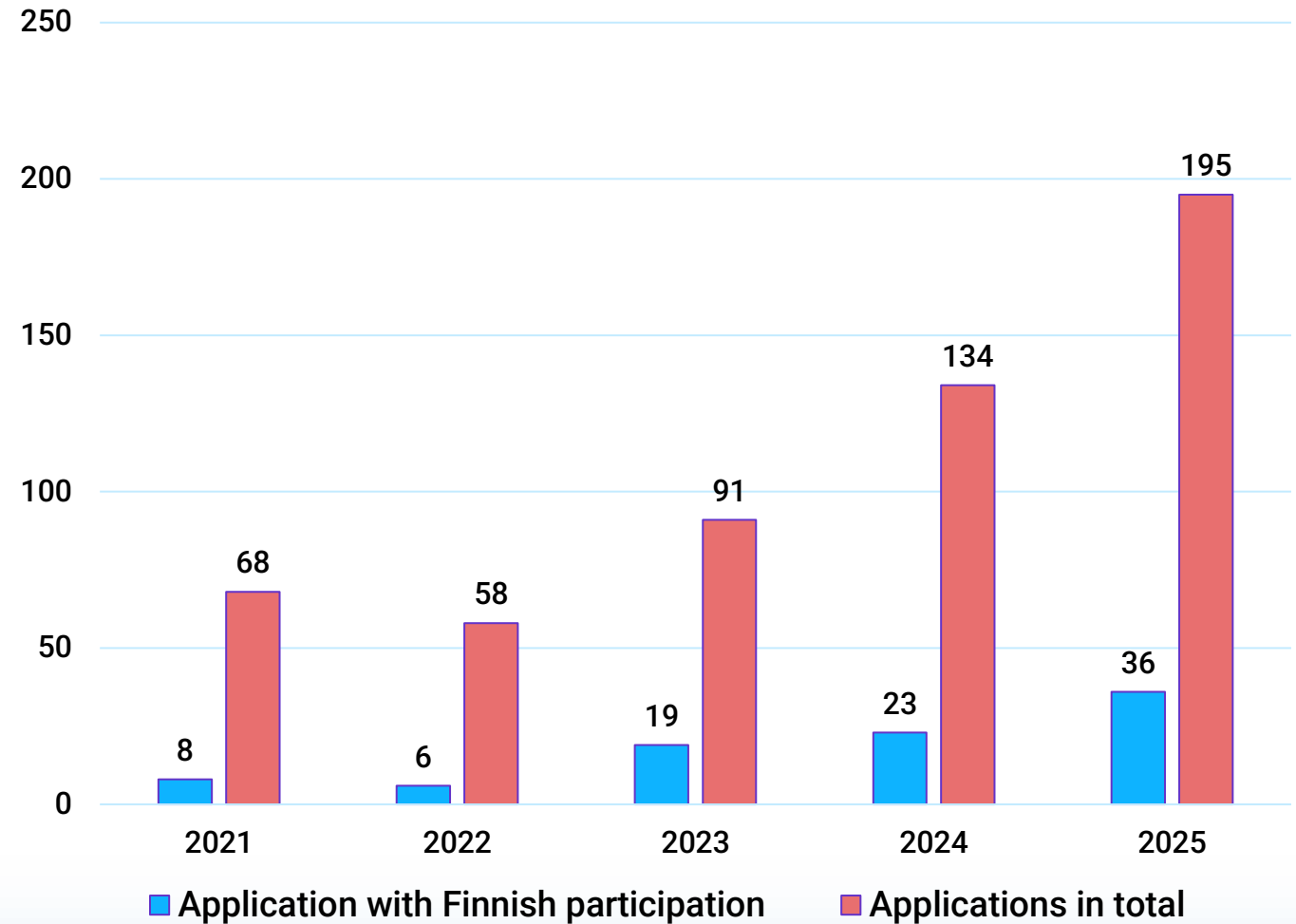
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# Erasmus Mundus action in Finland

Application volumes, funded projects and joint degrees in  
the Finnish context

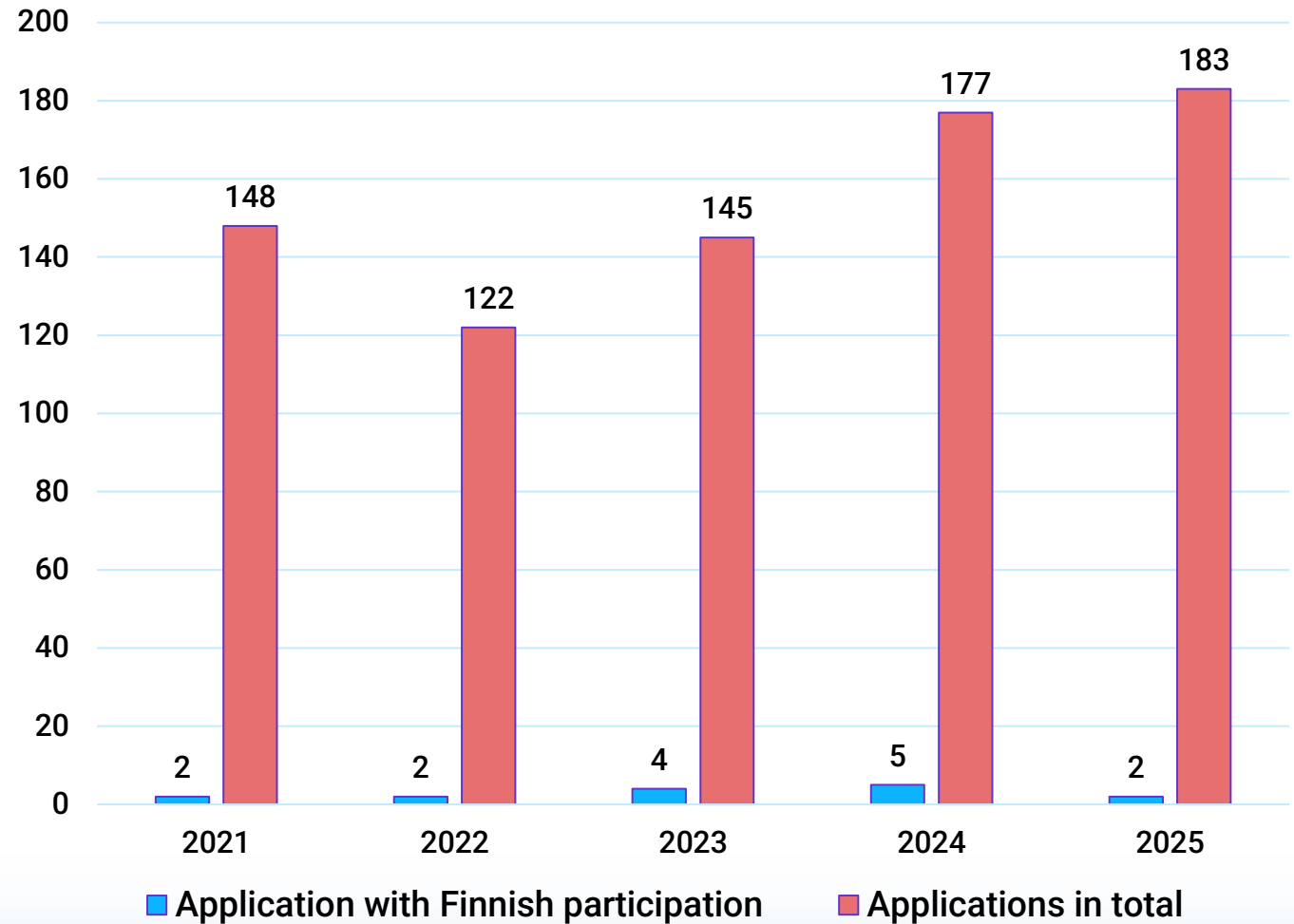
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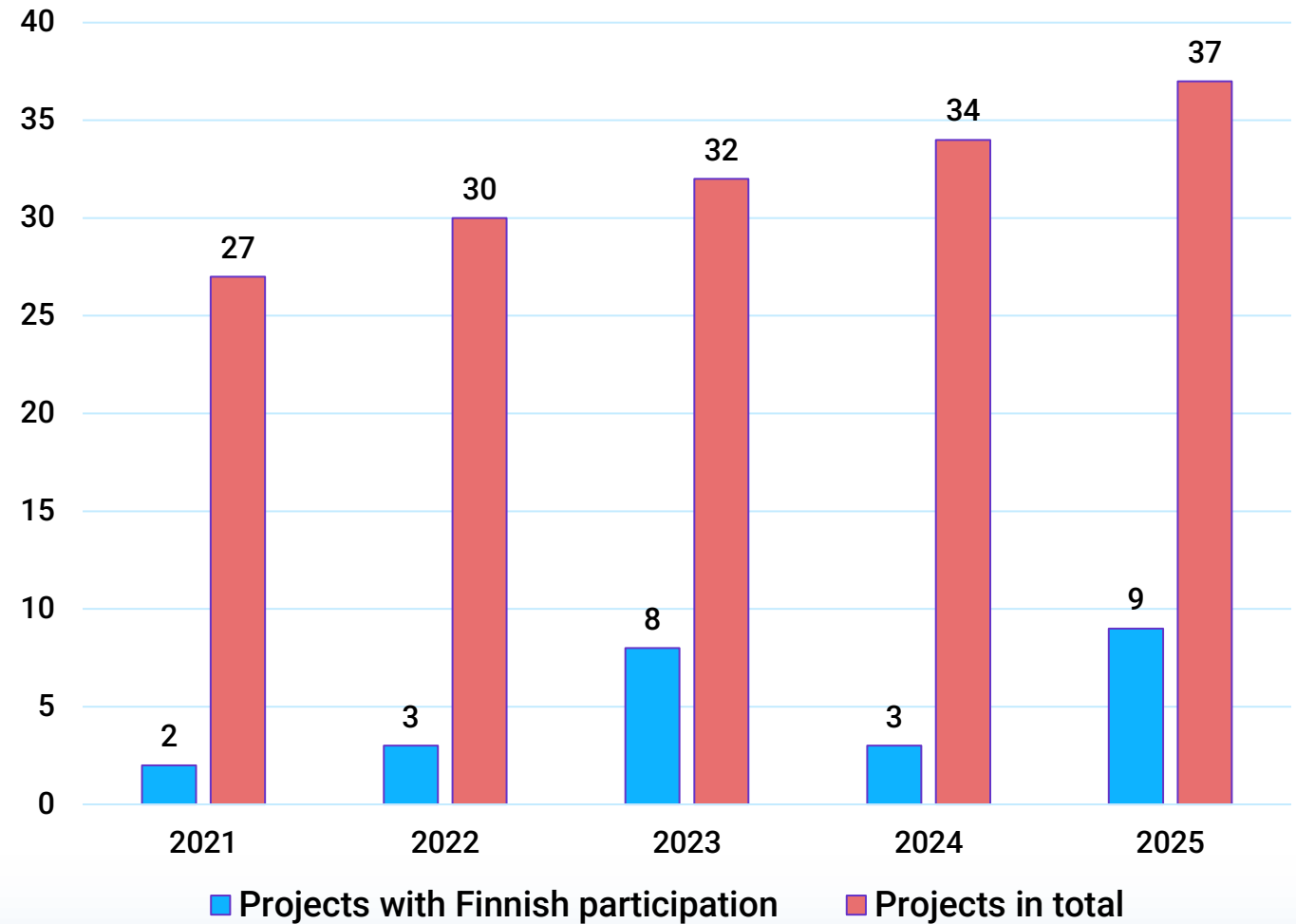
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Applications  
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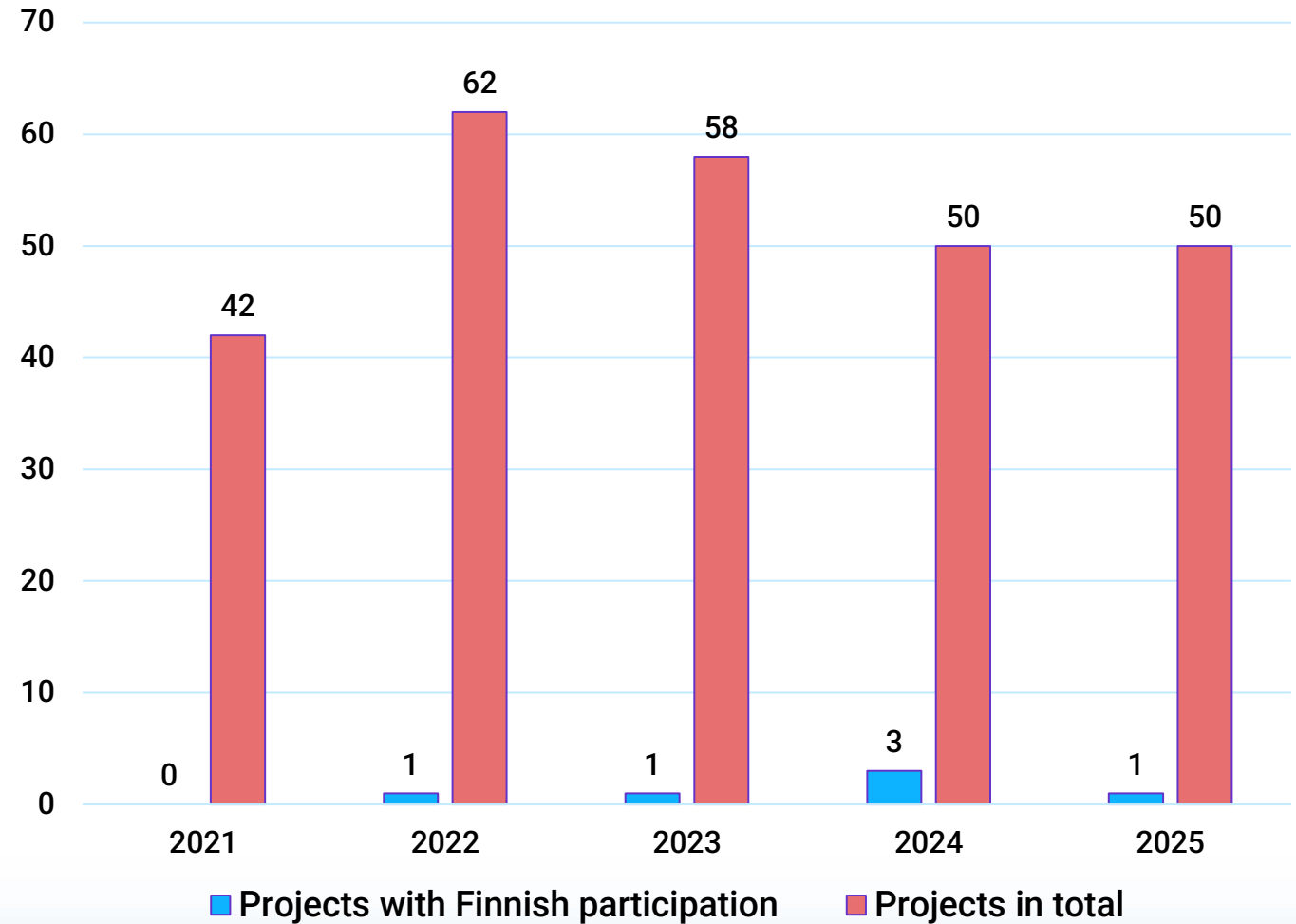
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# A joint programme = a joint degree?

- A joint degree = a single diploma issued by at least two HEIs
  - Multiple degrees = two or several diplomas issued by at least two HEIs
  - A combination of the above
  - With the case of **Erasmus Mundus**, awarding delivery of a joint degree or multiple degrees (joint degrees are highly recommended where national legislation allows it)
- The consortium must decide what kinds of degree certificates and other documents are issued upon completion of the Erasmus Mundus programme
  - If the higher education institutions award a joint degree certificate, they need to decide on the content of the degree certificate, its signatories and the layout

# Joint degrees in the Finnish context 1/2

- *When studies leading to a degree have been organized in a joint programme, the degree certificates must contain information on **all degrees and degree certificates** awarded on the basis of the same studies, and **all universities** awarding the degrees – regardless of whether joint or multiple degrees are being awarded*
- *In a joint programme a Finnish HEI awards degree certificate in the language of the programme and in addition a Finnish or Swedish certificate must be issued.*

Section 3(2) of the Government Decree on University Degrees and Specialisation Programmes (794/2004); Section 1(3) of The Government Decree on Universities of Applied Sciences (1129/2014); Section 26 of the Government Decree on University Degrees and Specialisation Programmes (794/2004); Section 10 of the Government Decree on Universities of Applied Sciences (1129/2014)



# Memorandum on issues related to international joint degrees and issuing of diplomas

- The Finnish National Agency for Education has prepared a Memorandum on issues related to international joint degrees and issuing of diplomas
- The memorandum was updated in 2021
- Link:  
[https://www.oph.fi/sites/default/files/documents/Memorandum\\_International%20joint%20degrees.pdf](https://www.oph.fi/sites/default/files/documents/Memorandum_International%20joint%20degrees.pdf)
- Please read this carefully, it will give you national context for cooperation

# Joint degrees in the Finnish context 2/2

- *In the context of international collaboration, Finnish HEIs have the possibility to down- or upscale their degrees to 60, 90 or 120 ects enable the awarding of joint degrees in the context of international collaboration*
  - Valtioneuvoston asetus ammattikorkeakouluista, 3 § (19.12.2019/1294)  
Opintojen mitoitus ja laajuus
  - Valtioneuvoston asetus yliopistojen tutkinnoista ja erikoistumiskoulutuksista annetun valtioneuvoston asetuksen muuttamisesta, 13 § (1295/2019)  
Ylempään korkeakoulututkintoon johtavien opintojen laajuus
- *The HEIs decide about such scaling of degrees themselves in respect to the degrees they are entitled to award.*

# Accreditation

- In Finland, there is no accreditation procedure for individual degree programmes
- EDUFI offers a template all Finnish HEIs may use to showcase that the planned Erasmus Mundus degree complies with the Finnish system of degrees
- The templates are available at OPH's Erasmus Mundus website

## EMJM proposal / Attachment explaining the national situation regarding University status, degree-awarding rights and accreditation in Finland

The universities in Finland are regulated by the Universities Act (558/2009). The Act lists all the universities which receive government funding and award Finnish university degrees. [Name of university] is governed by this Act. Individual degrees and degree programmes are not accredited in Finland. The provisions pertaining to the degrees awarded by the universities, the objectives of the degrees, the structure of the studies and other study requirements and the degrees to be conferred by each university (educational responsibility) are enacted by Government Decree (794/2004). Provisions pertaining to a more explicit distribution of some educational responsibilities among the universities are enacted by Ministry of Education and Culture Decree (1451/2014). According to above mentioned legislation [name of university] has the right to offer programmes and award 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle university degrees (Master's degrees) in the field of [name of field].

## EMJM proposal / Attachment explaining the national situation regarding University of Applied Sciences status, degree-awarding rights and accreditation in Finland

The universities of applied sciences in Finland are regulated by the Universities of Applied Sciences Act (932/2014). According to the Act universities of applied sciences need an operating license granted by the Government in order to receive government funding and award degrees (List of licenses <https://minedu.fi/toimiluvat>). Individual degrees and degree programmes are not accredited in Finland. The provisions pertaining to the degrees awarded by the universities of applied sciences, the objectives of the degrees and the structure of the studies and other study requirements are enacted by Government Decree (1129/2014). [Name of university of applied sciences] has an operating license granted by the Government which states that [name of university of applied sciences] has the right to offer programmes and award 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle university of applied sciences degrees (Master's degrees) in the field of [name of field].

# Tuition fees – New law

- According to Finnish law Finnish HEIs should charge tuition fees from non-EU/EEA students enrolled in a foreign-language degree programme. New law accepted and will be implemented 2025.
- Finnish HEIs cannot charge tuition fees from EU/EEA students enrolled in a foreign-language degree programme.
- In the new law (EV 94/2024 vp) Erasmus Mundus students with a grant are an exception:
  - **10 § Tutkintoon johtavasta vieraskielisestä koulutuksesta perittävät maksut**
    - Maksua ei kuitenkaan peritä: 6) Euroopan unionin rahoittamassa Erasmus Mundus -ohjelmassa opiskelevalta Erasmus Mundus -apurahan saajalta.
- In this E+ period, there is no longer the category of "participation costs" in Erasmus Mundus → the costs of organizing the programme is compensated through the institutional cost unit
  - Tuition fees are a matter for the consortium to discuss and decide, and possible fees do not effect the size of the student grant in any way
  - It is recommended to find alternative scholarships or other type of financial support for those that study in the programme as non-scholarship holders → attractiveness and sustainability

# New Law – applicant fees are introduced

- 12 a § Hakemusmaksu
- Opetushallitus perii tutkintoa opiskelemaan hakevilta lukukausikohtaisen hakemusmaksun. Maksun suorittaminen on hakemuksen käsittelemisen edellytys.
  - **Maksua ei kuitenkaan peritä: 7) siltä, joka hakee opiskelijaksi Euroopan unionin rahoittamaan Erasmus Mundus -ohjelmaan.**
- *Hakemusmaksu koskee vain Opintopolku-järjestelmän kautta toteutettavia hakuja. Hakemusmaksua ei peritä sellaisissa kansainvälisissä yhteis- ja kaksoistutkinto-ohjelmissa, joissa käytössä on muu hakujärjestelmä ja joissa hakemukset käsittelee muu kuin suomalainen korkeakoulu. Kansallisissa kaksois- ja yhteistutkinnoissa hakemusmaksu peritään silloin kun hakija hakeutuu ensimmäiseen yhteis- tai kaksoistutkintoon kuuluvaan koulutukseen. Maksua ei peritä, jos yhteistyökorkeakoulun jo valitsema opiskelija siirtyy opiskeleman toiseen korkeakouluun. Ensimmäisen korkeakoulun on tällöin jo tullut tarkastaa hakijan hakukelpoisuus sekä asiakirjat, ja haku tulisi suorittaa muualla kuin Opintopolussa.*

# New law – Tutions fees

- Korkeakoulun on perittävä muuhun kuin suomen- tai ruotsinkieliseen ammattikorkeakoulututkintoon tai ylempään ammattikorkeakoulututkintoon johtavaan koulutukseen hyväksytyiltä opiskelijoilta vähintään koulutuksen järjestämisestä aiheutuvat kustannukset kattavat maksut lukuvuodessa. (EV 94/2024 vp)
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- *Kaksois- ja yhteistutkinnoissa korkeakoulun täytyy periä maksua vain siltä osin, että kyseiselle korkeakoululle koulutuksen järjestämisestä aiheutuvat kustannukset tulevat katetuiksi. Esimerkiksi jos puolet koulutuksesta järjestetään ulkomaisessa kumppaniyliopistossa ja kumppaniyliopisto vastaa kustannuksista omalta osaltaan, tarvitsee suomalaisen korkeakoulun periä lukuvuosimaksuja vain itse järjestämänsä puolikkaan osalta. Lukuvuosimaksun voi opiskelijan puolesta suorittaa myös kumppaniyliopisto, joka on perinyt sen opiskelijalta.*

# Key documents and websites

- [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2026](#)
- [EACEA's Session on 2026 call 11.12.2026](#)
- [EACEA's Erasmus Mundus Catalogue](#) (updated yearly)
- [20 Years of Erasmus Mundus- publication 2024](#)
- Meetings regarding European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (EA): [Cluster meeting](#) (2018) and [Follow-up event](#) (2019)
- Planning and delivering jointness in Erasmus Mundus Master's Programmes: [State of play report](#) (2024)

## Following publications from previous programme period(s):

- Statistical factsheets: [Achievements of Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees in 2014-2020](#)
- Publications:
  - [Implementing joint degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme \(2020\)](#)
  - [Erasmus Mundus joint master degrees - The story so far \(2016\)](#)
  - [Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus master courses \(2017\)](#)



# Lot 1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master

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# EMJM Call 2026 and requirements for taking part as an organization

- Deadline: **12 February 2026** at 17:00 (Brussels time)
- Budget: ~ 130 m €
- Nr. of projects: ~ 30-35
- Nr of scholarships per project: max. 50 + max. 20 additional scholarships for students from 8 target regions
- 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 academic or non-academic full partners or Associated partners
- Applications can be submitted by **any eligible HEI** worldwide
- Open to public or private organisations worldwide, but not as coordinator
- HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme: **valid ECHE (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education)**
- 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**

# What is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master programme and main requirements?



Delivery of a **joint or multiple degree**, (e.g. joint selection, promotion, common services, joint administrative and financial management, etc.)



**Generous scholarships** to excellent students worldwide, international outreach to attract and enroll students worldwide



**Jointly designed, fully integrated** transnational master programme



Master of Excellence **open to all disciplines**



Delivered by a consortium of at least **3 HEIs from 3 different countries**, at least 2 most be from EU memberstates and third countries associated to the programme



Compulsory **physical mobility** for all enrolled students, at least 2 periods in two countries



Contribution of scholars/guest lecturers to teaching, training and research activities

# How does an EMJM look like?



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)



At least 2 study periods in 2 countries (of which at least one in an EU MS or a 3rd country associated to the Programme, both different from the country of residence of students)



Start of the 1st edition no later than the academic year following the year of project selection



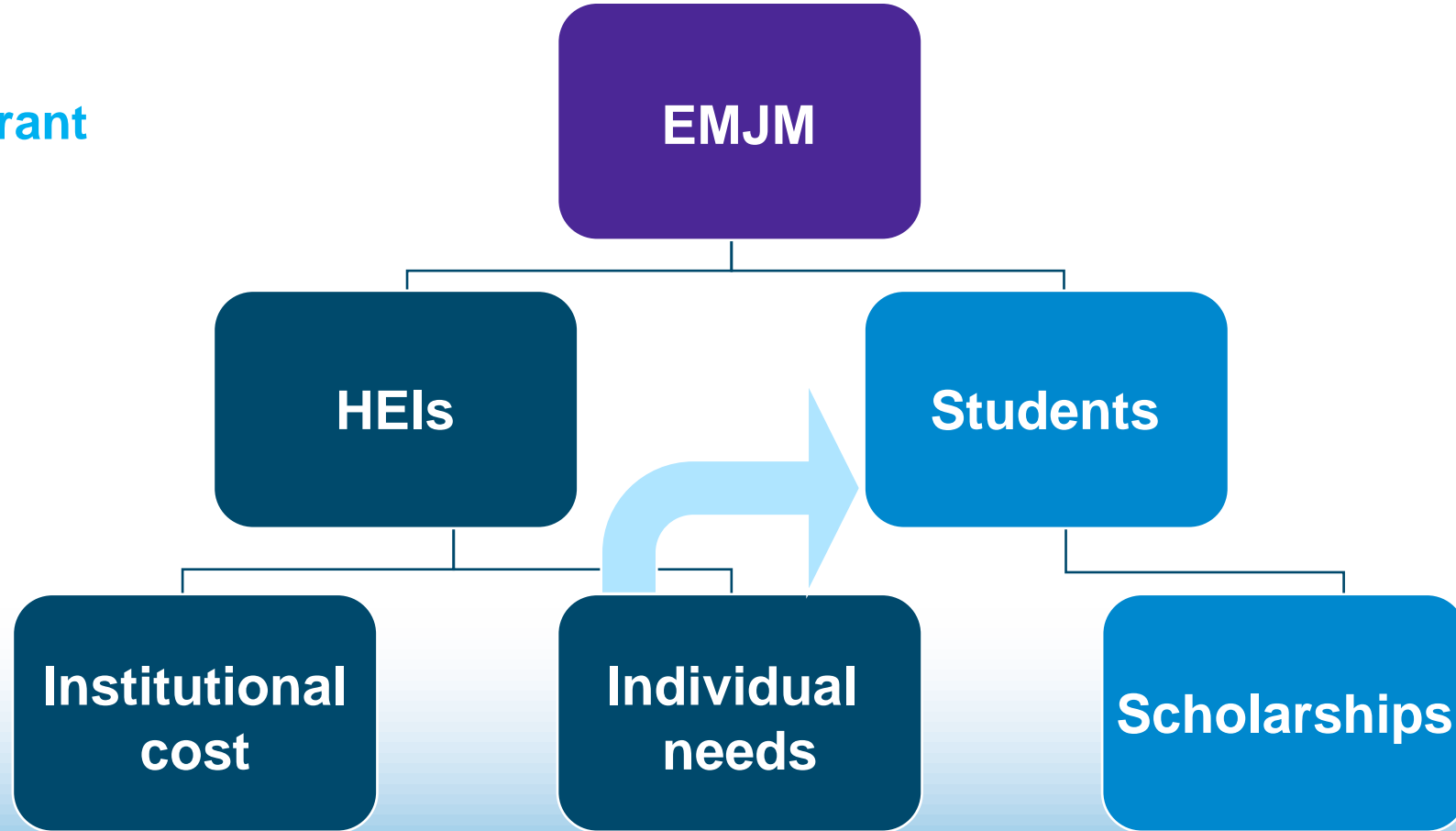
Geographical balance of students:  $\leq 10\%$  of total scholarships per project awarded to students of the same nationality (does not apply to additional scholarships for targeted regions)

# EMJM Funding Rules

1 simplified EU grant

2 main targets

3 components:  
3 unit cost



- 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

# EMJM Funding

- 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 €**
- Individual needs
  - **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)**
- Student scholarship
  - **Full Scholarship** to cover subsistence, installation and travel + fee waiver
  - **A single unit cost per scholarship holder**  
How to calculate:  $\text{€ } 1400 \times \text{number of months}$  (min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)  
**=> max. amount per student: 33 600 Euros**
  - How to calculate:  $\text{€ } 1400 \times \text{number of months} \times \text{number of students}$  (cap of 50 students per EMJM project)  
**=> max. amount per project: 2,016,000 Euros per grant**
- **Additional funds** (for students from 8 target 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: 2 under IPA III and 18 under NDICI**  
**=> max. amount provided: 1,032,000 Euros per grant**



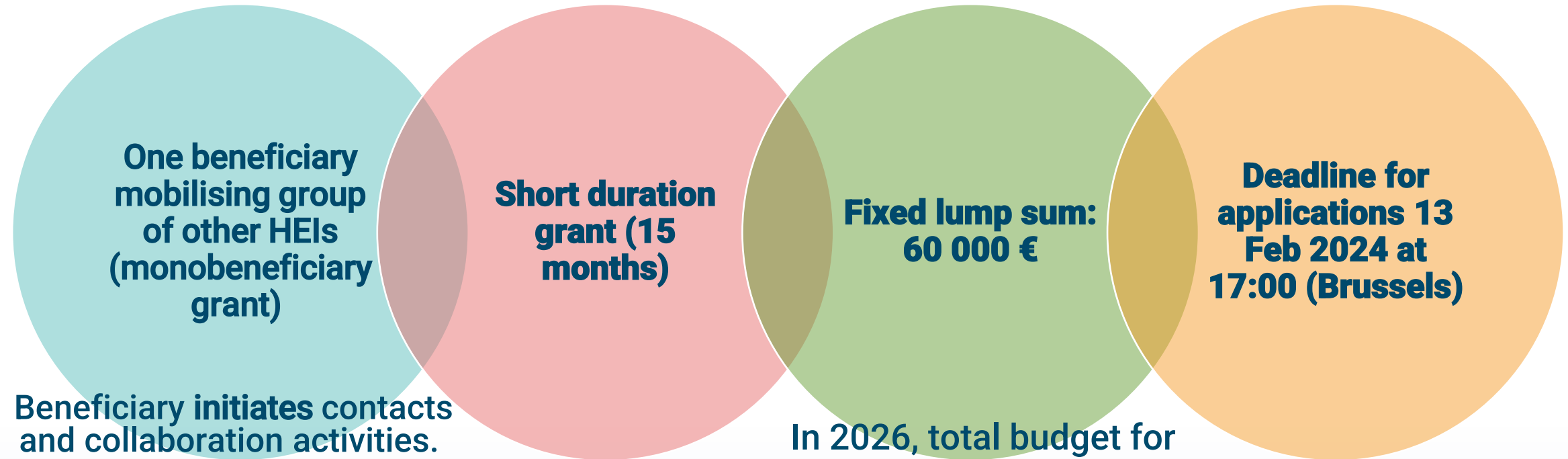


# **Lot 2: Erasmus Mundus Design Measures**

Interested in Erasmus Mundus, but not yet ready for an EMJM?



# EMDM set-up and requirements



Beneficiary initiates contacts and collaboration activities.

At application stage, beneficiary should **identify** the participating organisations (but they will not take part in signing the grant agreement).

In 2026, total budget for EMDM approx. 3 M € (for around 50 projects)

# Requirements for taking part as an Organisation

Applications can be submitted by any HEI:

- in an EU Member State,
- third country associated to the Programme

Other requirements:

- **Valid ECHE** (Erasmus Charter for Higher Education) for HEIs in EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme

Note the EMDM should offer a fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium (involving at least three HEIs from three different countries, of which at least one from an EU Member State or third country associated to the programme and one from a third country not associated to the Programme) -> Some of the actions of the EMDM project should take part in partner countries



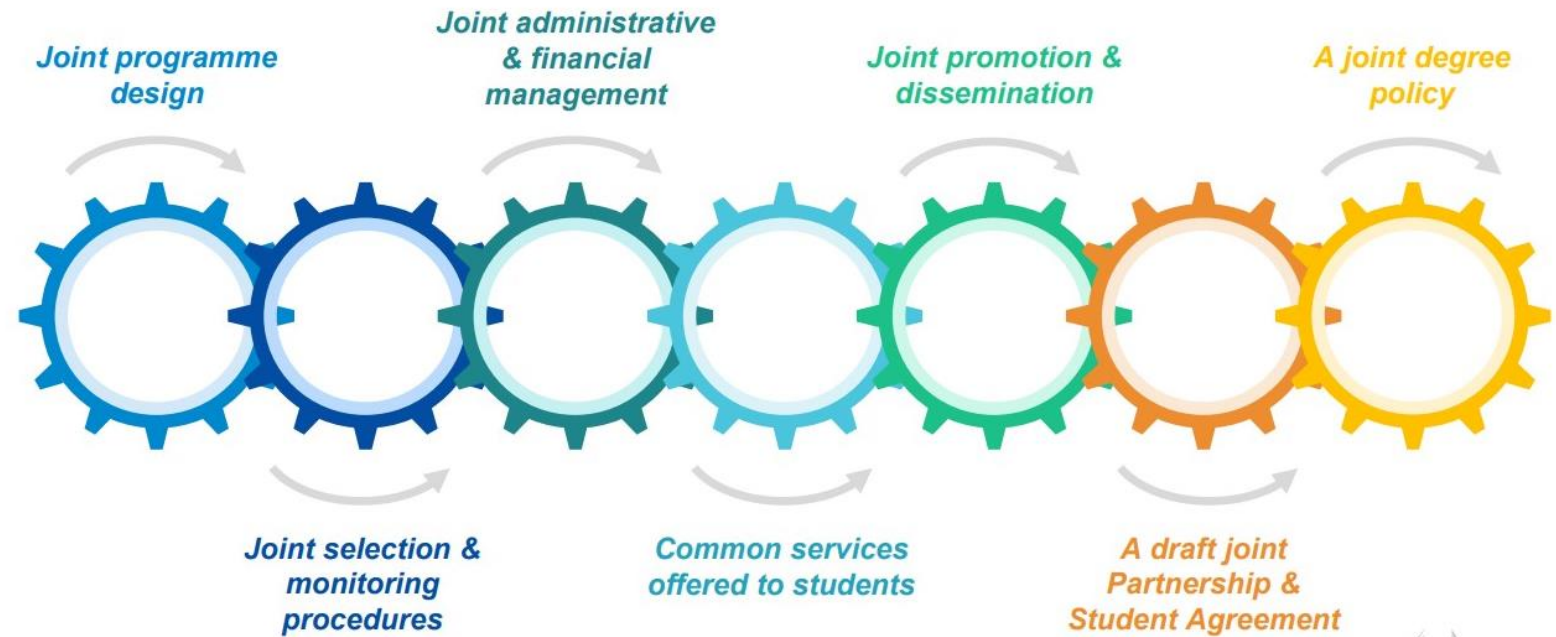
# Expected outcomes of an EMDM (1 / 2)

By the end of the funding period, the jointly designed Master should:

1. Offer a **fully integrated curriculum** delivered by a consortium of HEIs  
--> composed by **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
2. Aim at **recruiting excellent students worldwide**
3. Include **compulsory physical mobility** for all recruited students
4. Lead to either a **joint degree or multiple degrees**

## Expected outcomes of an EMDM (2 / 2)

Also, the project is expected to have **designed joint mechanisms:**



**Further encouraged to:** at least launch any accreditation/evaluation process and explore the opportunities offered by the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (if national legislation allows).

# EMDM Funding

- The lump sum contribution will cover costs directly linked to the **activities necessary to set up the new Master programme**, such as:
  - meetings and conferences
  - studies/surveys
  - accreditation/evaluation process
  - staff costs, travel and accommodation costs,
  - administrative costs and sub-contracted activities, in so far as relevant for the implementation of the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures.

# Thank you!

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