

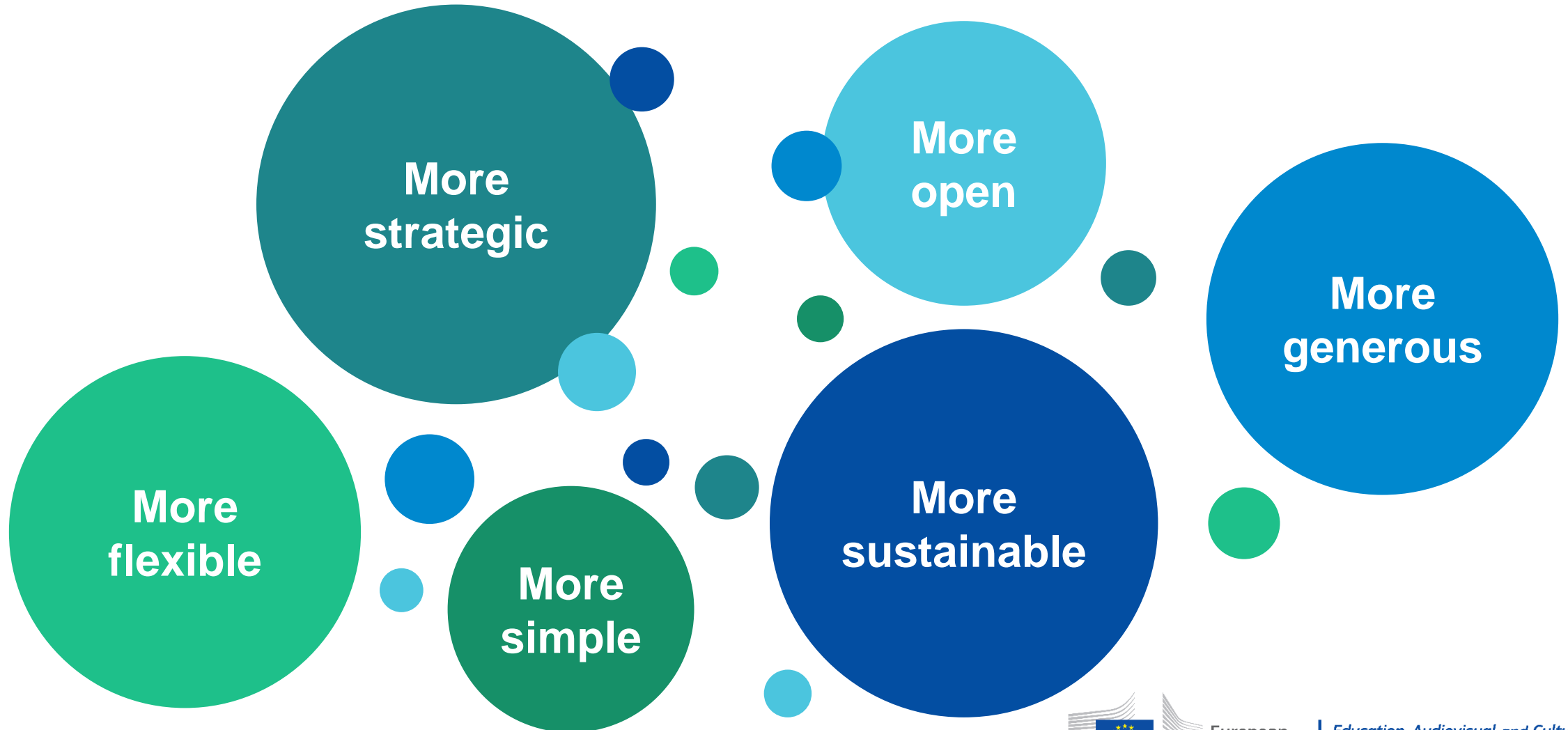


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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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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**



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Erasmus Mundus Masters at a glance...



- 535 Master programmes
- 610 different HEIs from 33 Programme countries
- 24,500 students worldwide
- Total budget of 1,7 billion €

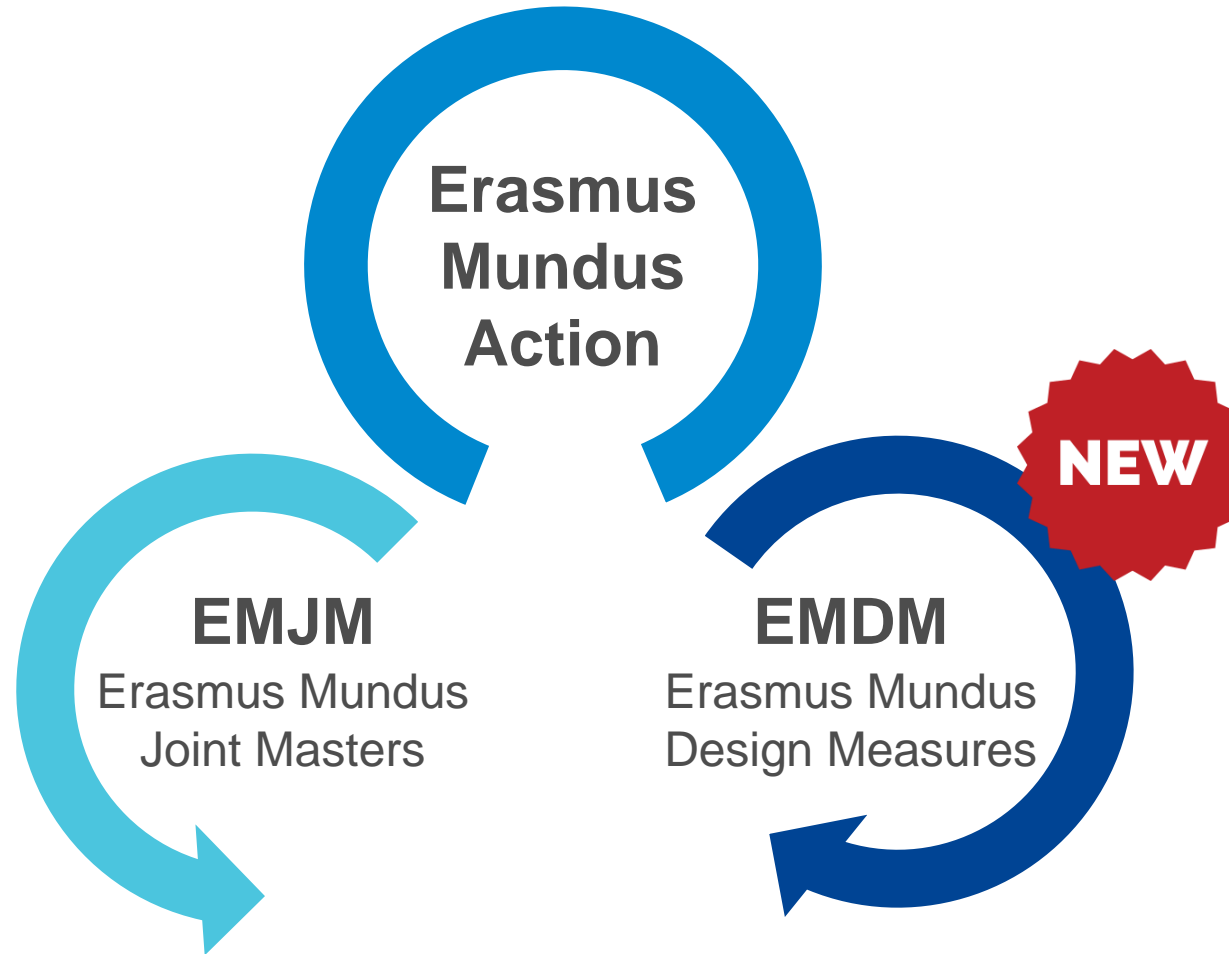
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Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027



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



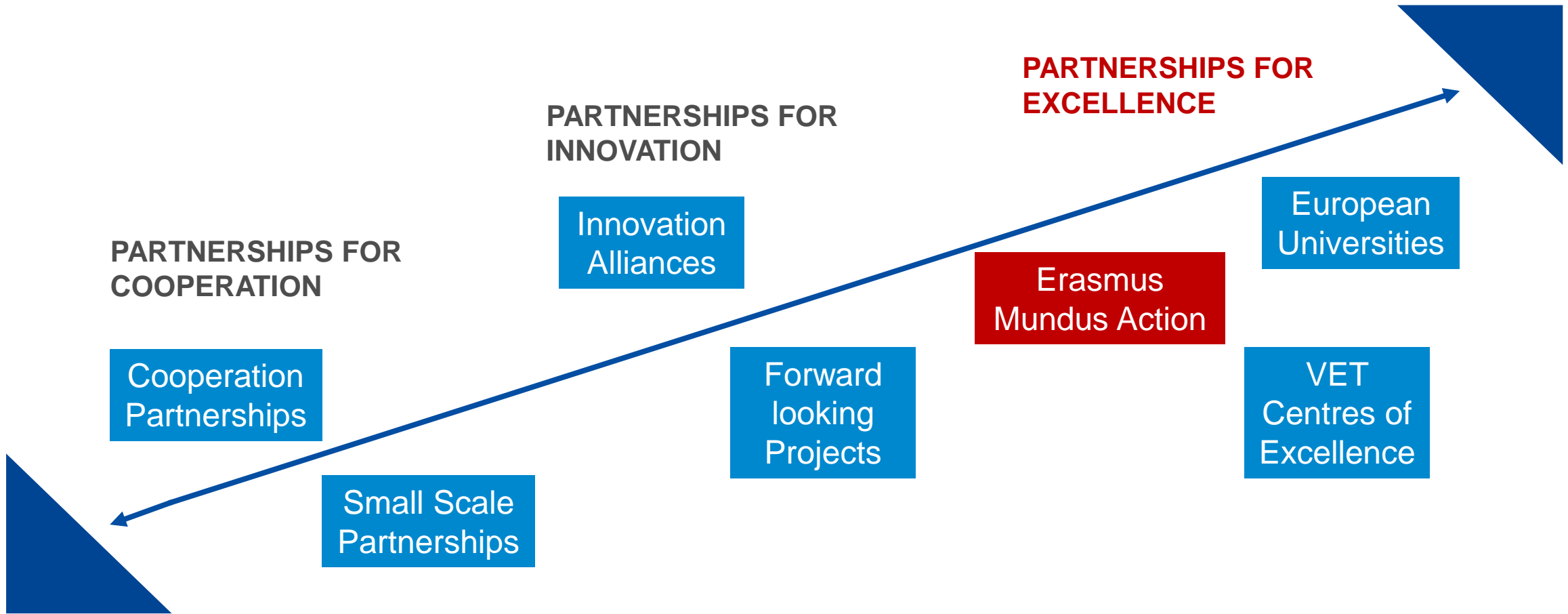
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Action**



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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



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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**

International cooperation

Programme Countries



EU Member States

+

**Non-EU
Programme
Countries:**

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

+

Partner Countries

**All other
countries
throughout the
world**

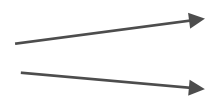




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Eramus Mundus Action – New terminology



- **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 Instrument)
- Heading 1 budget  **Heading 2** (Erasmus+ Programme)
- Heading 4 budget  **Heading 6** (External Action)



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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 Programme Countries
- **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 partner country HEIs**
- **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 6 academic years** 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 a Programme Country 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)

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EMJM Set-up (2)

Overview of editions

Academic year	1 Year Master course 60 ECTS		2 Year Master course 120 ECTS	
2021 (year of selection – signature of Grant Agreement)	1 st edition	Preparatory activities	1 st edition	Preparatory activities
2022	2 nd edition	1 st edition	2 nd edition	1 st edition
2023	3 rd edition	2 nd edition	3 rd edition	2 nd edition
2024	4 th edition	3 rd edition	4 th edition	3 rd edition
2025	5 th edition	4 th edition	5th edition	4th edition
2026	6th edition	5th edition		
2027 (end of contract)				

EMJM Set-up (3)



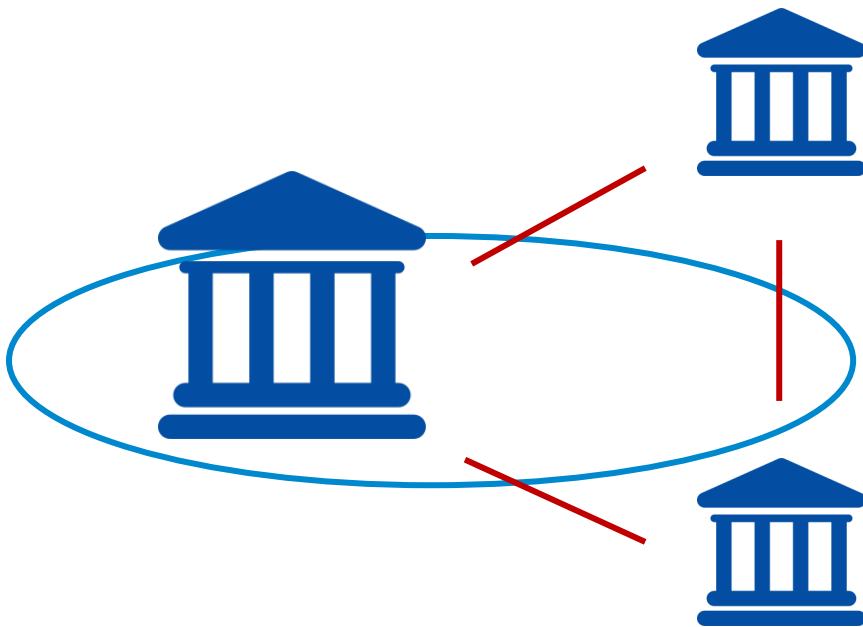
EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages


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 and private organisations in Programme & Partner countries
- Applications can be submitted by any eligible Programme or Partner country HEI
- ✓ Programme country HEIs: **valid ECHE**
- ✓ Partner country HEIs: **should commit to ECHE principles** in the Partnership Agreement
- ✓ Programme and partner country HEIs: **completed accreditation/evaluation of the master programme** 

Minimum consortium: **3 HEIs from 3 different countries** of which at least 2 must be Programme countries
+ optional

Other full academic or non-academic partners

Associated partners



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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**



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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>



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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**



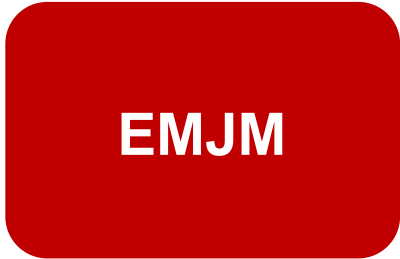
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EMJM FUNDING RULES



1 simplified EU GRANT



2 main targets



3 components
=
3 unit cost



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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		
	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		

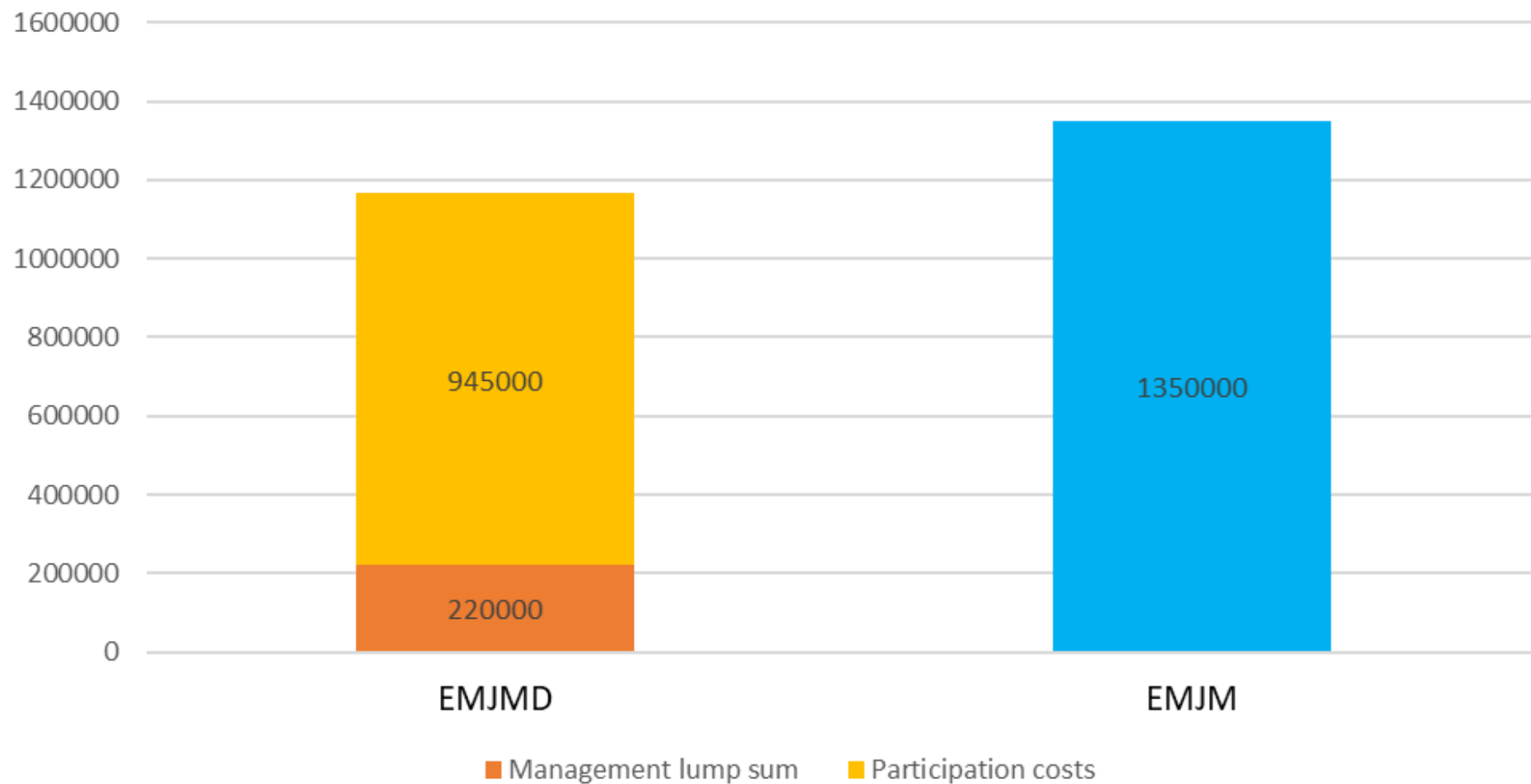
Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of 750€ /month 
How to calculate: € 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 programme and partner country students**



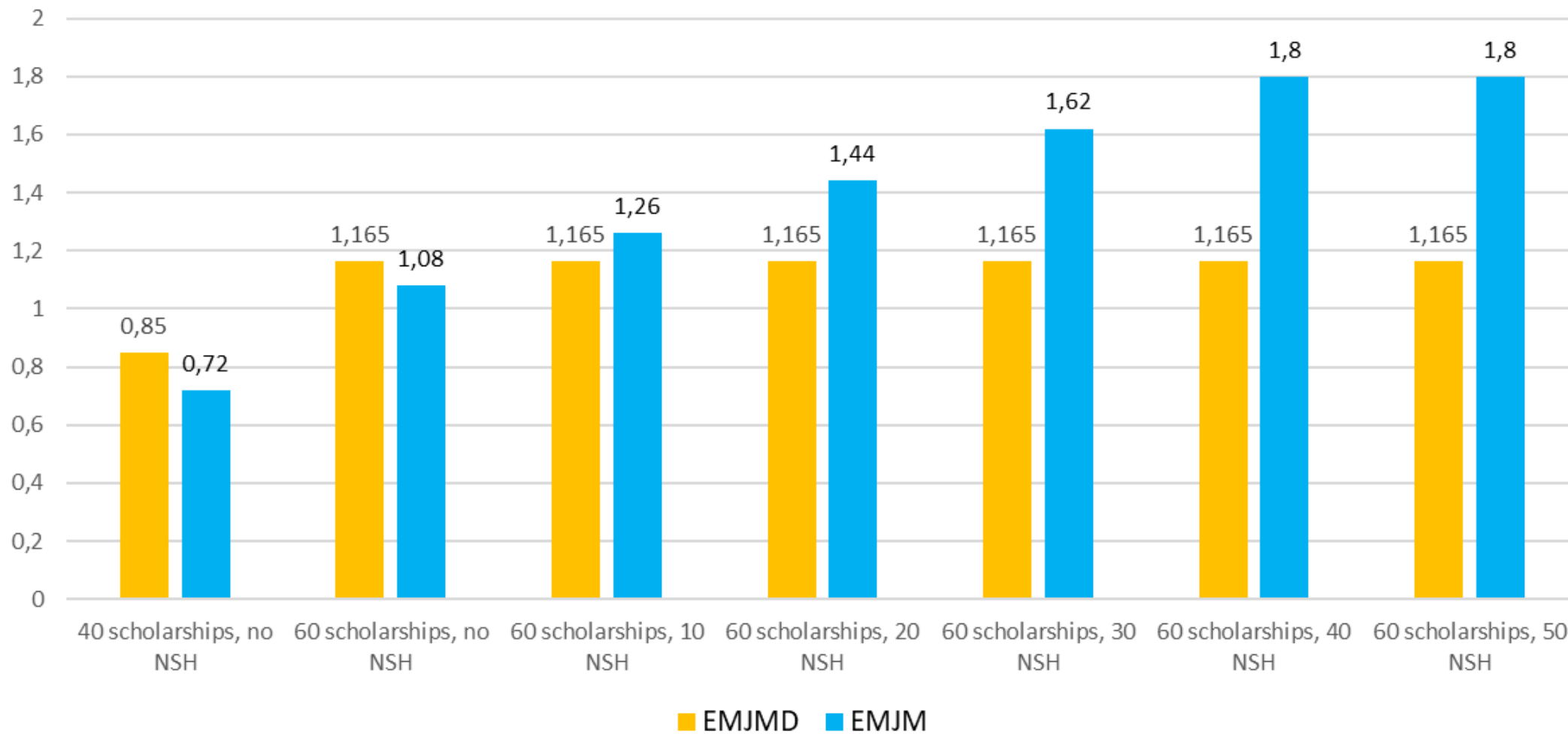
EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

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:

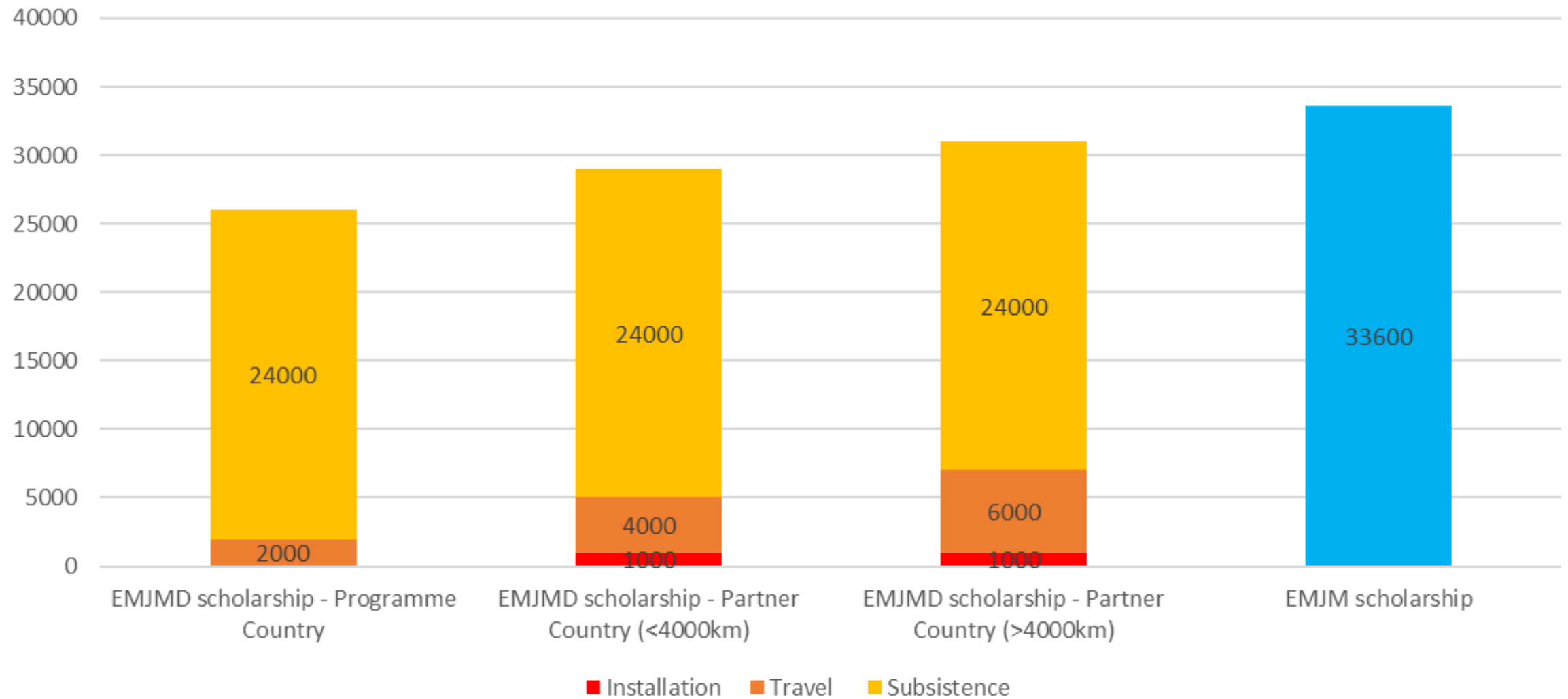
How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months x number of students
(cap of 60 students per EMJM project)

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

=> Same unit cost for programme and partner country students



EMJMD vs. EMJM - student scholarship 120 ECTS



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)



Additional funds (partner country students)

- Response to the EU External priorities (H6)
 - > EU financial Instruments IPA III (**tbc**) and NDICI for students **from partner countries**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for **the entire duration of the EMJM programme: approx. 24 scholarships**

=> max. amount provided: 1,238,400 Euros per grant

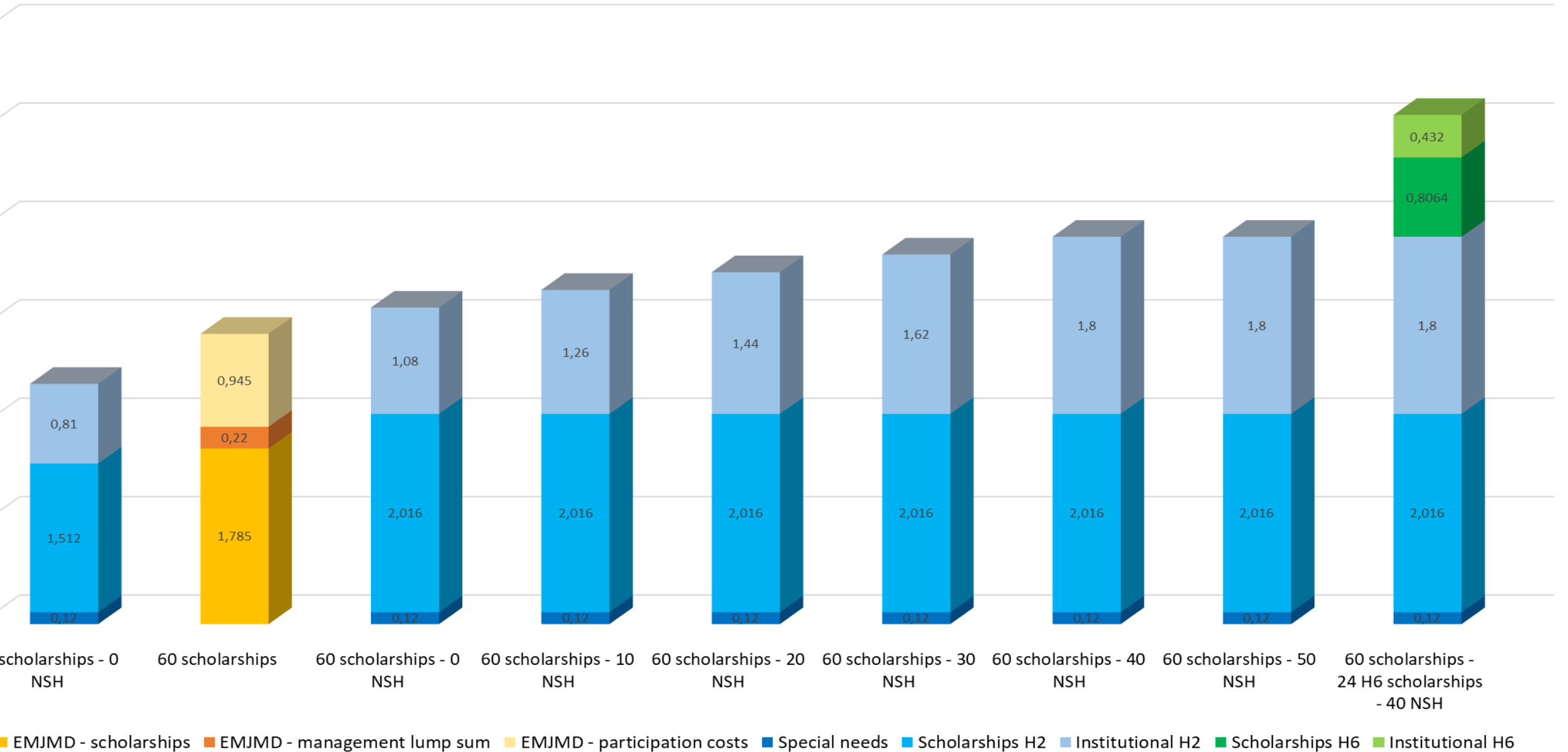


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Grant Composition EMJM

by number of scholarship holders & non-scholarship holders, 120 ECTS masters (million €)



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 programme and partner countries students
- **More inclusive** (particular support for students with **individual needs**)

EMJM call for proposals 2021

- ✓ Publication of Call: **tbc**
- ✓ Deadline: **tbc**
- ✓ Budget: ~ **98m € + ~ 24m € for Heading 6**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **25**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships: **max. 60 + approx. 24 for additional scholarships per project**



EMJM call for proposals 2021

Selection roadmap*

Milestones	Dates EMJMs
Publication of the call for proposals	tbc
Deadline for submission of applications	tbc
Expert assessment	tbc
Accreditation check of Masters	tbc
Award Decision	tbc
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	tbc
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	tbc
Start of projects	autumn

* *Dates to be confirmed*



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How to apply - eForm

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

To be completed!

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**", then "**Impact**" and then "**Quality**"



EMJM Award Criteria (1)

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

- ✓ overall aims and objectives of the project and relevance to the EMJM
- ✓ project rationale and how it responds to identified societal and labour market needs
- ✓ strategy to foster excellence and innovation
- ✓ strategy to increase the attractiveness, integration and internationalisation of the EHEA

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

- ✓ jointness/integration of the EMJM (e.g. design, implementation, quality assurance)
- ✓ contribution of mobile staff and invited scholars to teaching, training, research
- ✓ specific support for facilitating access to participants with individual needs
- ✓ strategy for risk assessment and mitigating measures

EMJM Award Criteria (2)

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

- ✓ consortium composition, complementarities of the partners, added value and benefits
- ✓ innovative character of the consortium, experience of partners, cooperation with non-educational actors
- ✓ institutional commitment, roles and tasks of partners and cooperation arrangements
- ✓ funding distribution and budget plan; mobilisation and management of complementary funding

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points)

- ✓ projections in terms of enrolled students, mobilisation of other funding, measures to ensure geographical balance of students
- ✓ promotion strategy to attract excellent students worldwide
- ✓ dissemination and exploitation strategy
- ✓ impact at system level, institutional level and individual level
- ✓ mid/long-term development and sustainability strategy



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Information about the programme (to be completed)

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2021
 - Funding & tender opportunities portal
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus website (new version available soon)
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees_en
current EMJMD website



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Other information sources

- ✓ Statistical factsheets on Erasmus Mundus 2014-2020 achievements: *coming soon*
- ✓ Report “Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme”
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/resources/implementing-joint-degrees-in-erasmus-mundus-action-erasmus-programme_en
- ✓ EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and follow-up event "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs":
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/events/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees-06-2019_en
- ✓ Policy paper: "EMJMDs - The story so far"
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/2_policy_paper_on_joint_degrees.pdf
- ✓ Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses - Best practice guide
 - <https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/sustainabilitysurvey2017.pdf>



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