The Erasmus Mundus programme

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Erasmus Mundus
Erasmus Mundus - general objectives

- Enhance the quality of European HE through international co-operation
- Improve the development of human resources
- Promote dialogue and understanding between peoples and cultures
- Promote Europe as a centre of excellence in learning around the world
Policy context → programme aims

- Promote European Higher Education
- Improve career prospects of students
- Promote intercultural understanding

Erasmus Mundus Programme

Bologna

EU External Relation Policies

Lisbon / EU 2020 Strategy
Erasmus Mundus - what does it offer?

- Action 1 - Joint Programmes with scholarships
- Action 2 - Partnerships with scholarships
- Action 3 - Promotion of European higher education
Erasmus Mundus - what does it offer?

**Action 1 - Joint Programmes**

- Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (EMMCs)
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJDs)
What is an Erasmus Mundus course?

A course (masters or doctorate)...

developed and delivered by a consortium of universities...

located in at least three European countries and...

co-ordinated by a European university (non-European universities can be partners)
Since 2004, more than 500 universities...

have developed more than 130 joint masters and 34 doctoral courses...

attended by more than 10,000 students and 2,000 academics...

in a wide range of disciplines...
from this...  

...to this
from this...  

...to this
An example of a course:
MESPOM - Master of Science in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management

- Lund University, Sweden
- Central European University, Hungary
- University of Manchester, UK
- University of the Aegean, Greece
- Middlebury College & Monterey Institute of International Studies, US
- University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Developing and implementing integrated solutions for environmental challenges, especially with an international dimension

2-year Masters
S1 & 2: Hungary + 1 month Greece
S3: specialised track (Sweden/UK)
S4: thesis at any partner
Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates

- 3 – 4 year integrated programme at doctoral level
- Promotes development of Joint Doctorate model in Europe
- Supports young researchers
- 34 EMJDs available in 2012/2013
- 120 doctoral fellowships selected in April 2011
Erasmus Mundus Action 1 - Scholarships & Mobility

- Full-study scholarships for students and researchers of exceptional quality (worldwide)
- Scholarships for academics to teach on EMMCs
- Obligatory mobility for students and PhD candidates in at least 2 European countries
- Possibility for mobility towards non-European countries
- Masters/Doctorates programmes select five annual “intakes”
Erasmus Mundus Action 1
Maximum scholarships

Participation / living / travel costs included

- EMMC (24 months, non-European) max EUR 48,000
- EMMC (24 months, European) max EUR 23,000
- EMJD (36 months, non-European, laboratory-based with employment contract) max EUR 129,000
- EMJD (36 months, European, non-laboratory-based without employment contract) max EUR 61,200
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Action 2 - Partnerships

- Large partnerships between HEIs from EU + non-EU HEIs from a specific region
- Emphasis on co-operation and transfer of know-how
- Scholarships of varying length (1 month to 3 years)
- Bachelor, master, doctorate, post-doctorate students + HE staff (training, teaching, research activities)
- Mobility not linked to specific programmes (all programmes on offer in partner HEIs can be followed)
Erasmus Mundus Action 2
Maximum scholarships

Amounts vary according to level & length of study
Examples:

- Masters (22 months) max EUR 29,650
- Doctorate (34 months) max EUR 62,550
- Post-doctorate (10 months) max 23,750
- Staff (3 months) max EUR 7,725
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Action 3 - Promotion of European HE

In 2010-11, priority was given to projects that:

- promote European HE in specific geographical areas
- improve services for international students and doctoral candidates
- address the international dimension of Quality Assurance
- help strengthen relations between European HE and research
- promote European study opportunities for doctoral candidates
Applying to Erasmus Mundus as an institution

Annual call for proposals
- Launch in December
- Deadline: 30 April
- Selection: July

Applicants must be EU institutions
- Non-EU institutions may be full partners

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus
Applying for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship

Action 1 EMMC or EMJD

- Review all the Masters and Doctorates
- Select the course that interests you
- Apply directly to the coordinating HEI
- Applications for AY 2013-2014:
  - Last quarter 2012
  - check consortium website for more specific dates
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Action 2 partnership

- Doctorate/post doctorate/staff only
- Registered at / Supported by a partner HEI
- Partnerships announced July 2012
- Apply directly to the coordinating HEI
- Applications may open from August 2012 (Action 2 mobility)
Benefits for universities

- Establish lasting links between institutions
- Improve quality of teaching and students
- Put in place mechanisms to facilitate mobility and degree recognition
- Increase university visibility, attractiveness worldwide
- Enhance reputation through involvement in excellence programmes
Benefits for students/academics

- Participate in high-level masters/doctoral courses
- Receive double/multiple/joint degree from consortium of excellent universities
- Acquire in-depth knowledge of Europe + European HE
- Improve linguistic skills, intercultural experience
- Improve employability of students through recognition of qualifications and study periods abroad
- Academic exchange of knowledge, ideas, contacts
Erasmus Mundus Thailand

- Promotion through (EHEF) Education Fairs
- Results 2011:
  - 6 new international university consortia (7 TH university partnerships (Thammasat, Chulalongkorn, Ubon Ratchathani, Burapa, AIT, Bangkok))

Scholarships

- >300 Masters students
- >100 undergraduate to post-doctorate scholarships (Action 2)
Useful links

Erasmus Mundus website
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus

Erasmus Mundus Alumni & Students Association
http://www.em-a.eu

Study in Europe website
http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe