



ERASMUS+

Key Action 1

**Erasmus Mundus
Joint Master Degrees EMJMDs**

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A single integrated programme



EMJMD

Specific activities:

- Jean Monnet
- Sport

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

...in brief:

- ✓ Highly integrated Master study programmes delivered by international HEI consortium
- ✓ No restriction in disciplines
- ✓ 3 consecutive student intakes
- ✓ Award of a joint or multiple Master degree

- ✓ Increased budget for the 7-year-period
 - around **1 billion €**
 - allowing to support **~350 EMJMDs** and
 - **~30.000 scholarship holders** - 75% for students from Partner Countries



International cooperation: Programme Countries & Partner Countries

Programme Countries

EU Member States:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Other Programme Countries:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway,
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey

Partner Countries

All other countries throughout the world

EMJMD - structure

- Integrated international Master programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
- Developed and delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme Countries & Partner Countries (if relevant)
- Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS credits), optional preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum) – covered by one Grant Agreement
- Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme Countries (no virtual mobility)
- Fully recognised and accredited joint / multiple Master degrees

EMJMD - main aims

- ✓ **Quality improvements, innovation, excellence, internationalisation of HEIs**
- ✓ **Increase quality and attractiveness of the EHEA – supporting EU External Action in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master students worldwide**
- ✓ **Improve competences, skills, employability of Master graduates**
- ✓ **Improve relevance for the labour market through an increased involvement of employers**

EMJMD - main characteristics (1)

- **Attractiveness and Excellence:** very high selectivity of EMJMDs, only excellent joint master programmes selected and funded
- **"Jointness"** - Integration of the course design and structure, recognition/accreditation of degrees
- Although not mandatory **Joint Degrees are strongly encouraged** (double/multiple degrees still eligible)
- Bridging **academic** and **job-market needs** (trans-disciplinary approach), **employability** of graduates

EMJMD - main characteristics (2)

- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide, **priority** on Partner country students (**minimum of 75 %**)
- **Invited scholars/guest lecturers** contribute to the teaching/training/research activities
- Worldwide **visibility**
- **Sustainability** after EU funding
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by EACEA in coordination with European Commission / DG EAC

Opportunities for HEI's

High degree
of visibility in a
programme of
Excellence

Multiannual
grant
agreement
and
personalised
management
support by
EACEA

Attractive EU
co-funding
scheme

Select top
students
worldwide

Opportunities for students



Top academic expertise and specialisation options



Unique mobility experience recognised joint/multiple degree



Full scholarships with attractive financial envelope



Support by consortium partners and EMA

EMA = Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association


Lessons learnt from EM Master Courses (EMMCs) 2004-2013

- Invest in **internship programmes**
- **Participation of non-academic organisations** in curriculum development and performance evaluation
- Develop **complementary competences** for EM students
- **Business and marketing plans** for financial sustainability
- Outreach activities to **raise visibility** and **recognition** of awarded **joint degrees** among academia and business community

New elements in the 2016 EMJMD Call

❖ Preparatory year is no longer mandatory

❖ Streamlined award criteria including different weighting

 Additional scholarships for 9 targeted regions (14 geographical windows), financed by EU external funding instruments (including ACP countries – EDF budget)

❖ Simplified application and assessment for award of additional scholarships for targeted regions of the world 

❖ Increased and guaranteed number of EMJMD scholarships (15 scholarships per intake, plus possibility for additional scholarships for targeted regions) and number of EMJMD projects planned to be funded (27 EMJMDs)



Taking part as an Organisation (1)

- EMJMDs are open to **public** or **private** organisations in **Programme** or **Partner Countries**
 - HEIs
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
- **Applicant** must be **HEI** established in **Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the EMJMD consortium.
- **Minimum EMJMD consortium composition**: **3 HEIs as partners (including the coordinator)** from at least **3 different Programme Countries**



Taking part as an Organisation (2)

- **HEIs established in a Programme Country:**



Accreditation at national level of each degree-awarding Master programme on the basis of which the EMJMD programme is composed – required at application stage

- **Cooperation** with HEIs and other eligible participating organisations from **Partner Countries** (benefits: specific expertise, visibility to students and employers, promotion, etc.)
- **Associated partners (optional):** specific tasks/activities, e.g. dissemination, knowledge and skills transfer, internships, etc.

EMJMD Award Criteria

- Relevance of the project (max 40 points)
 - Quality of the project design and implementation (max 20 points)
 - Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements (max 20 points)
 - Impact and dissemination (max 20 points)
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- **First step: 75% (30 points)** of the maximum allocated points for "**Relevance**"
 - **Second step:** only those proposals that have passed the first step will be assessed against the remaining award criteria
 - To be considered for funding, proposals must score **at least 70 points overall**



Additional scholarships for 9 targeted regions

- ✓ Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/countries of the world (14 geographical windows)

African, Caribbean, Pacific countries (ACP), Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbouring countries, Gulf countries

- ✓ Financed through the EU external funding instruments
- ✓ For Asia, Central Asia and Latin America regions **specific priorities** apply!
- ✓ For Middle East, there is a **specific window for Iran**

Award Criterion for additional scholarships (1)

Indicatively, consortia may receive **around 4 additional student scholarships per intake** - per EMJMD edition (3 intakes/editions per contract → **~ 12 scholarships**)



ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION

Only projects that have passed the first step of the selection process ("Relevance") will be assessed against the **additional criterion** which will cover **all targeted regions**, for which additional scholarships have been applied for.

Award Criterion for additional scholarships (2)

Relevance of the project in the targeted regions (max 5 points)

- The proposal describes the **methods** used to **attract highly talented students from the targeted region(s)**.
 - The proposal encourages **cooperation with HEIs** and/or other eligible participating organisation from **Partner Countries in the targeted region(s)**. The **added value** of such cooperation to the EMJMD is clearly explained.
- **To be considered for funding the proposal must score at least 2,5 points under this criterion**

EMJMD funding rules

The EU grant for an EMJMD will be indicatively ~ **3 million €**

HEIs: Contribution to the consortium management costs (incl. costs for invited scholars and guest lecturers)

- 50.000 € per student intake (= 150.000 € in total) + 20.000 € for optional preparatory year

Students: max 25.000 € per academic year and per scholarship

Actual amount varies according to:

- * EMJMD's length of studies (60, 90 or 120 ECTS credits)
- * Student's country of residence
- * EMJMD level of participation costs

EMJMD students scholarships grants

	Students from Partner Countries	Students from Programme Countries
Contribution to participation costs	up to <u>9.000 € per year</u>	up to <u>4.500 € per year</u>
Contribution to travel costs	<u>2.000 € per year</u> if residence is less than 4.000 km from EMJMD coordinator <u>3.000 € per year</u> if residence is 4.000 km or more from EMJMD coordinator	<u>1.000 € per year</u>
Contribution to installation costs	<u>1.000 €</u>	-
Living allowance (max 24 months)	<u>1.000 € per month</u> (<u>not</u> when in country of residence, and max 3 months in any Partner Country)	<u>1.000 € per month</u> (<u>not</u> when in country of residence)



How to apply Erasmus+ EMJMD call for proposals 2016

- Deadline: 18 February 2016 – 12:00 CET
- Budget: ~ 57 M€ + ~ 19 M€ for "targeted regions"
- Nr. of projects: ~27 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project:
 - ~15 (around 45 per Grant Agreement)

plus

 - ~4 (around 12 per Grant Agreement) for targeted regions
- Award decision: by July 2016

How to apply - eForm

- **More information on the EMJMD call for proposals and application form:**
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_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)
 2. Create your electronic application form using your PICs
 3. Fill in the eForm
 4. Attach completed versions of the attachments within the eForm
 - *Description of the project (Step 1, Step 2, if applicable Targeted regions), Grant request table, Declaration on honour and Partners' Mandates, Other relevant annexes*
 5. Submit the eForm on-line



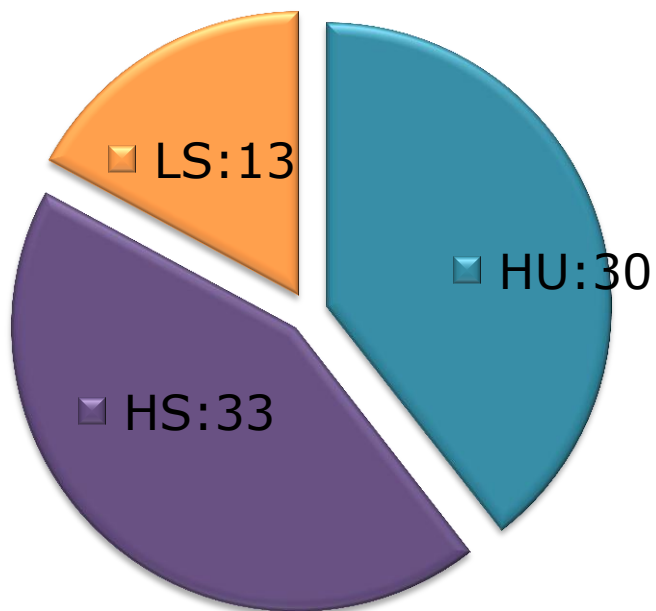
Taking part as an individual

- ❖ **Students apply directly to the EMJMD consortium.**
All on-going EMJMDs offering scholarships are included in the EMJMD catalogue available under the following link:
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en
- ❖ **EMJMD scholarship holders:**
 - must have a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
 - must **not have received** an Erasmus Mundus Master Course and/or Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorate scholarship/fellowship in the past
 - can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes
 - must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium

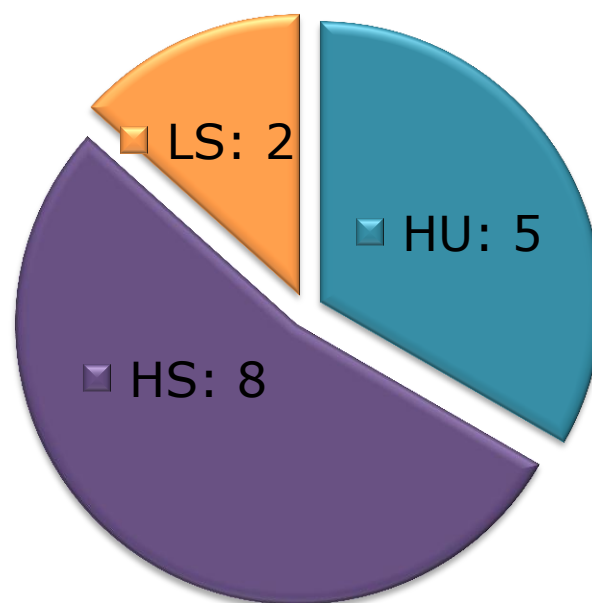
Erasmus+ selection results 2015 – EMJMDs by academic discipline

■ LS = Life Sciences ■ HU = Humanities ■ HS = Hard Sciences

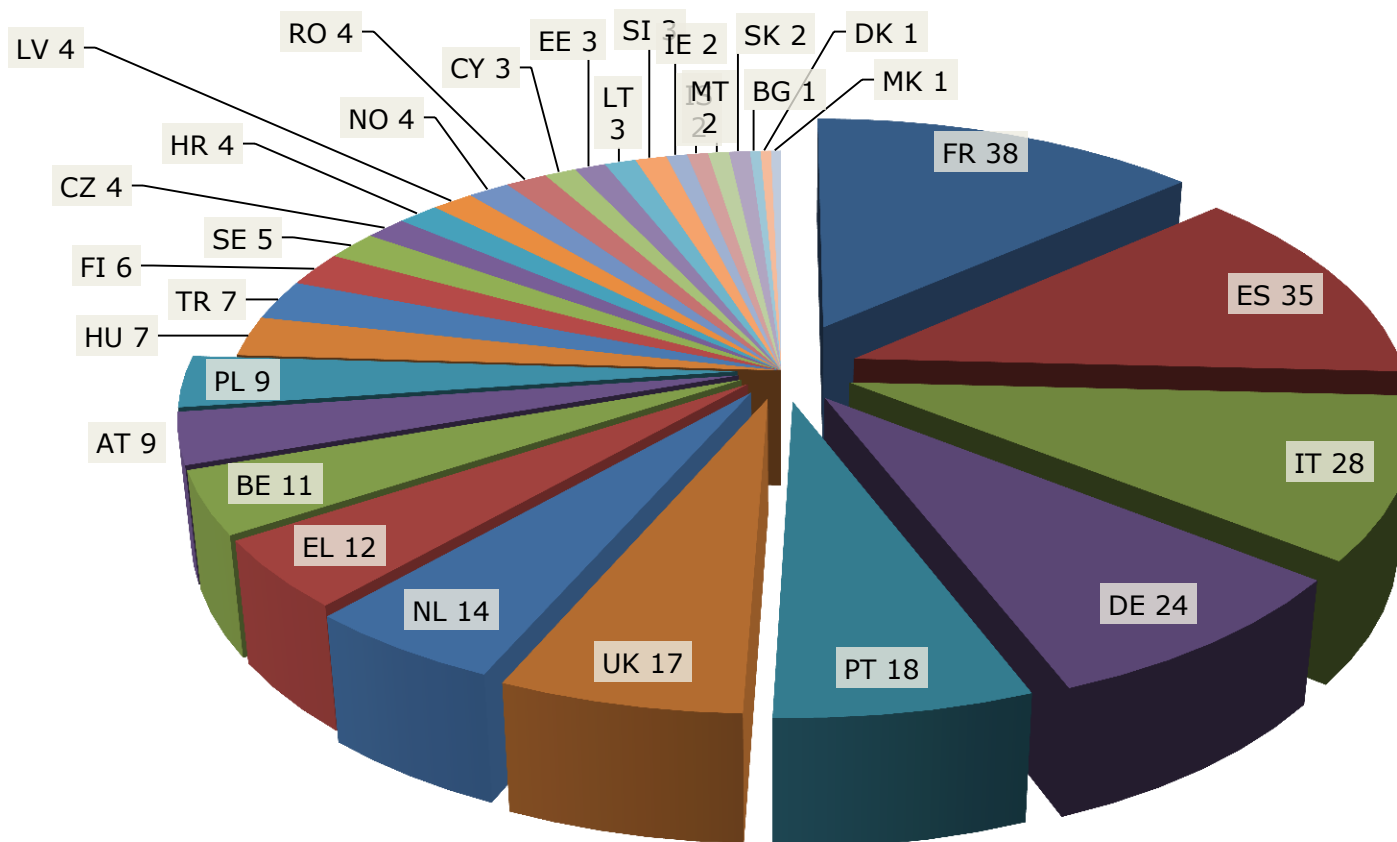
Applications: 76



Selected Projects: 15



Programme Country institutions in EMJMD applications 2015 (Coordinators & Partners)

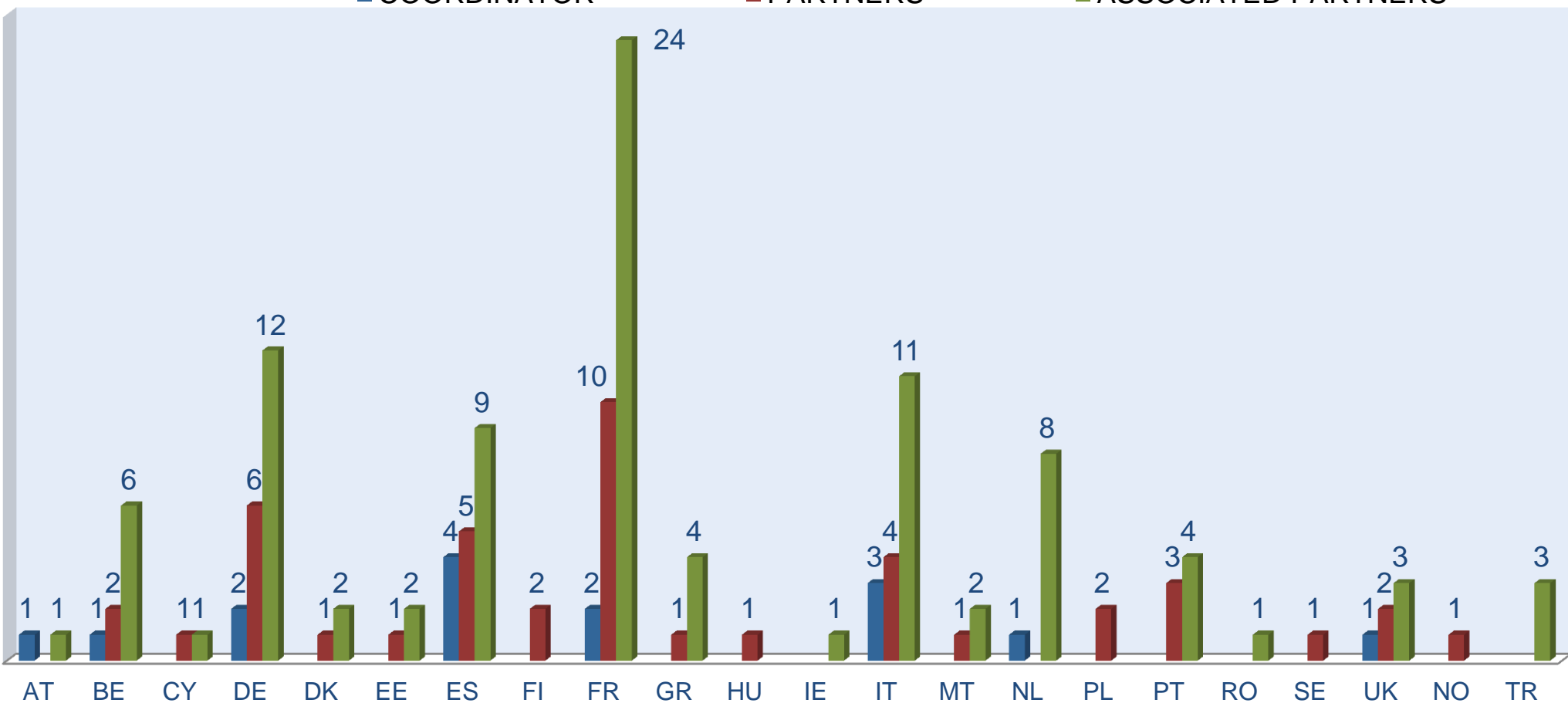




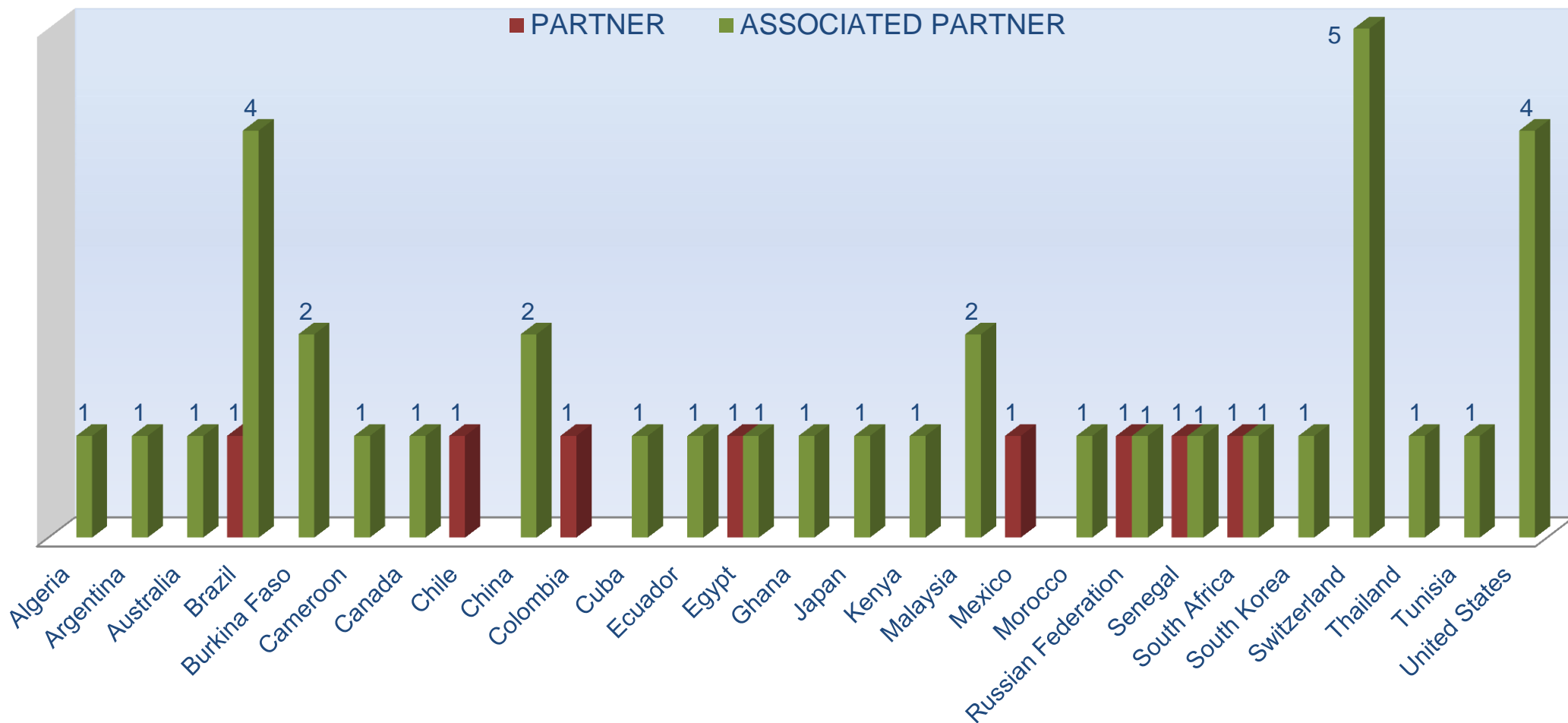
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Selected EMJMDs 2015: Programme Country Institutions

■ COORDINATOR ■ PARTNERS ■ ASSOCIATED PARTNERS



Selected EMJMDs 2015: Partner Country Institutions



Example of EMJMD – selected under the 2015 call for proposals

- **Title:** EMMC MECHATRONIC ENGINEERING (EU4M)
- **Coordinator:** UNIVERSIDAD DE OVIEDO - ES
- **Partners (4):**
 - HOCHSCHULE KARLSRUHE-TECHNIK UND WIRTSCHAFT - (DE)
 - ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DE MECANIQUE ET DES MICROTECHNIQUES - (FR)
 - NILE UNIVERSITY - (Egypt)
 - IVANOVO STATE POWER ENGINEERING UNIVERSITY - (Russia)
- **Associated Partners (8):**
 - Six from Programme Countries => 2 (DE), 3 (ES), 1 (FR)
 - Two from Partner Countries => 1 (Cuba), 1 (Egypt)
- **Grant Awarded :** 2.641.000 € - 53 EMJMD scholarships for 3 intakes:
43 scholarships (9 Programme C. + 34 Partner C.) + 10 additional for targeted regions
- **Duration:** 60 months (5 years)



Information sources (1)

- ✓ Information on Erasmus+ and EMJMD (Programme Guide, call for proposals 2016, application procedure, etc.)
 - http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

- ✓ EMJMD consortia selected in 2014 and 2015
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/selection_results_en_25112014.pdf
 - https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/e_2015_emjmd_selected_for_funding_2015.07.28_atc.pdf



Information sources (2)

- ✓ Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes
 - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/good_practices_en.php

- ✓ The "Joint Degrees from A to Z (JDAZ)" project: Joint Programmes from A to Z - A reference guide for practitioners
 - <https://www.nuffic.nl/en/expertise/jdaz>

- ✓ "Joint International Master Programmes: lessons learnt from Erasmus Mundus" (free of charge e-brochure)
 - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/joint-international-master-programmes-pbEC0313346/>



Information sources (3)

- ✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for individuals *"Come to study or teach in Europe"* in *English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese*
 - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/come-to-study-or-teach-in-europe-pbNC0313339/>

- ✓ Erasmus+ short leaflet for institutions *"Work together with European higher education institutions"* in *English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Arabic, Chinese*
 - <http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/work-together-with-european-higher-education-institutions-pbNC0213245/>



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