



Higher Education International Centralised Actions Erasmus+ call of 2024

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What will we cover today?

- Erasmus Mundus (Design Measures and Joint Masters)
- Jean Monnet
- Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education
- European Universities
- Alliances for Innovation

How to apply to centralised actions?

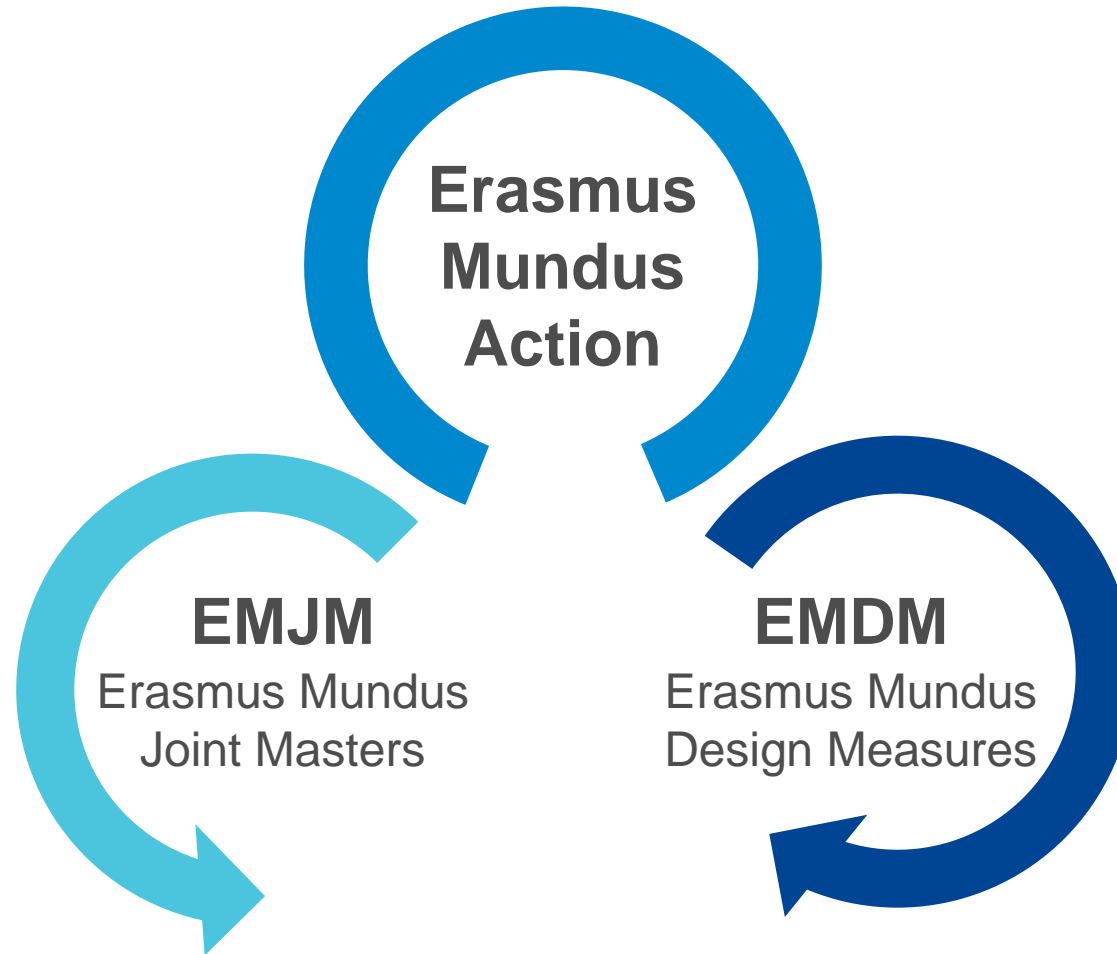
- Funding opportunities for 2021-2027 and information on how to apply are announced on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- Pay particular attention to the instructions given on the Portal under Topic conditions and documents



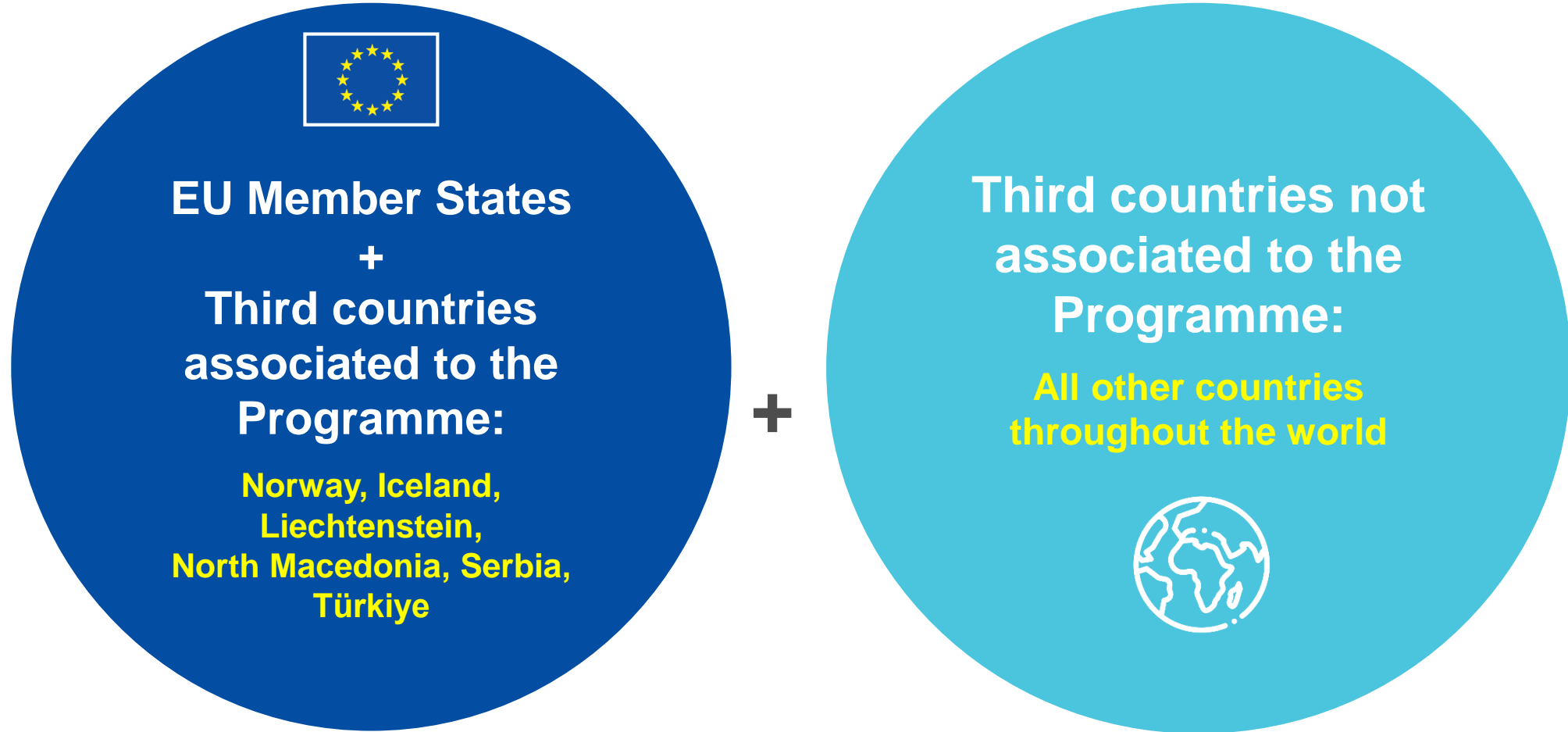
Erasmus+

Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027



International cooperation



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



Start with an Erasmus Mundus Design Measure and launch the basis for a joint programme

What is an EMDM project?

- ✓ Short duration **grant of 15 months to support institutions** in the set-up of a new joint master programme in Europe (and beyond)
- ✓ **One beneficiary** mobilising a group of other HEIs (mono-beneficiary grant)
- ✓ EU Grant: fixed **lump sum contribution of 55 000 euro** (for costs linked to the activities necessary to set up the new joint master programme)



Independent funding scheme from EMJM (independent calls for proposals)

Expected outcomes of an EMDM (1)

The jointly designed master should:

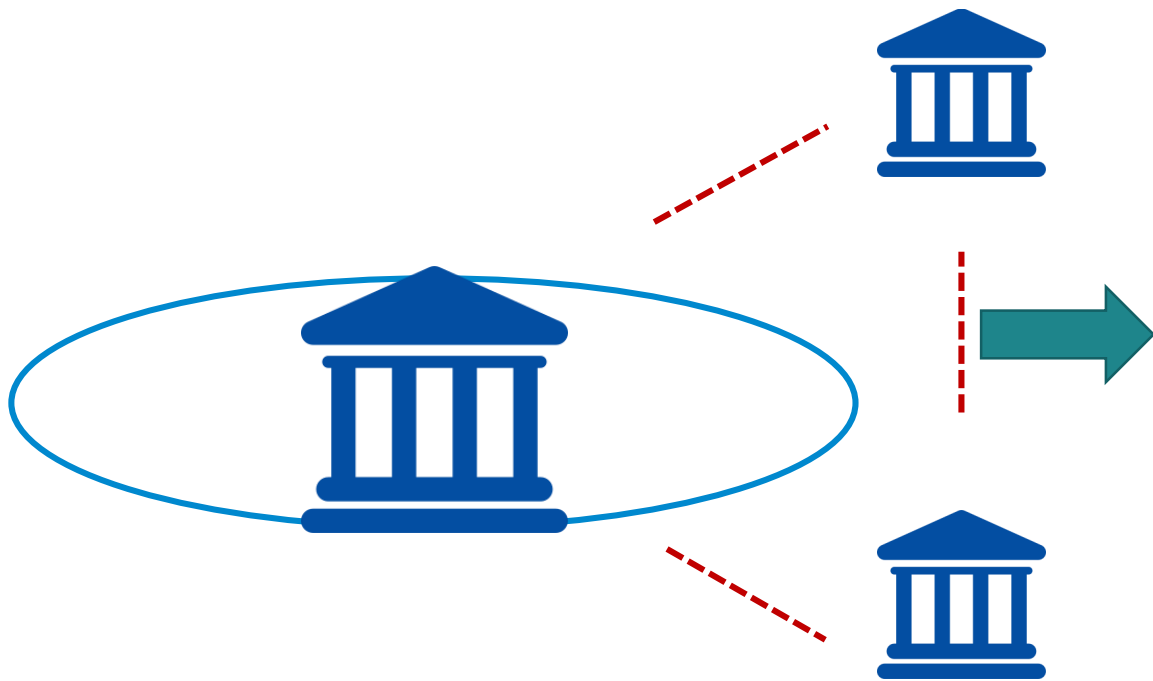
- ✓ Offer a **fully integrated curriculum delivered by a consortium** (involving at least three HEIs from three different countries, of which at least two must be EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme)
- ✓ Aim at **attracting excellent students** worldwide
- ✓ Include compulsory **physical mobility** for all recruited students
- ✓ Lead to either a **Joint degree** or **multiple degrees**

Expected outcomes of an EMDM (2)

Joint mechanisms to be included in the design of the master programme:

- ✓ Joint **programme design** and joint procedures
 - ✓ Joint **administrative** and financial management
 - ✓ Common **services** offered to students
 - ✓ Joint **promotion** and **dissemination**
 - ✓ A draft joint **Partnership** and **Student Agreement**
 - ✓ A joint **degree policy** and launch of **accreditation process**
- + explore opportunities offered by the **European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes** (if national legislation allows)

Taking part as an Organisation



Applications can be submitted by **any eligible HEI in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or eligible third country not associated to the Programme**

HEI should be able to deliver a minimum level of education corresponding to ISCED 7 (master level)

For 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**

EMDM call for proposals 2024 at a glance

- ✓ Publication of the Call: **November 2023** (date tbc)
- ✓ Deadline: **15 February 2024 at 17:00** (Brussels time)
- ✓ Budget: ~ **3m €**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: **approx. 55**



EMDM Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 40 points – **threshold 20 points**)

- ✓ **Background and general objectives:** e.g. relevance in relation to the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures
- **EU Values:** promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination.
- ✓ **Needs analysis and specific objectives:** e.g. rationale for the design of a highly integrated Master programme, potential to involve Erasmus Mundus under-represented EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme, institutions from these countries and/or thematic areas
- ✓ **Complementarity with other actions and innovation:** e.g. project ambition compared to the offer of existing Master programmes

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 20 points – **threshold 10 points**)

- ✓ **Concept and methodology:** e.g. strategy to achieve the objectives and expected outcomes
- ✓ **Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy:** e.g. foreseen measures to ensure the project quality and timely implementation, planned steps to launch an accreditation/evaluation process
- ✓ **Project teams, staff and experts:** e.g. foreseen operational resources, definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team

EMDM Award Criteria (2)

❖ **Quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements** (max 20 points – **threshold 10 points**)

- ✓ **Consortium set-up:** e.g. expected role of the participating organisations, rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity

❖ **Impact** (max 20 points – **threshold 10 points**)

- ✓ **Impact and ambition** of the EMDM project
- ✓ **Communication, dissemination and visibility:** e.g. activities foreseen for the promotion and dissemination of the new Master programme and project outcomes
- ✓ **Sustainability and continuation:** envisaged steps to successfully launch/implement the new Master programme and foreseen measures to ensure its sustainability

Proposals must score a minimum of 60 points



Erasmus+

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

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 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 encouraged 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 Set-up (1)

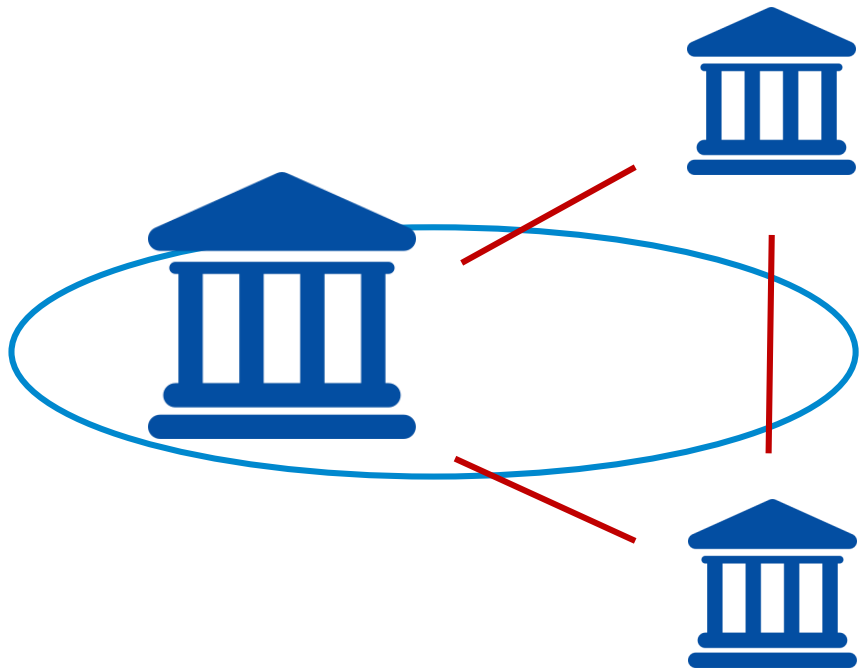
- **Grant Agreement of 74 months** independently from the length of the master
- **At least 4 master editions** lasting 1 to 2 academic years (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)
- **Start of the 1st edition** no later than the academic year following the year of project selection
- **Commitment to enrol a certain number of students** per project
- **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 Erasmus+ 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	
2023 (year of selection – signature of Grant Agreement)	1 st edition	Preparatory activities	1 st edition	Preparatory activities
2024	2 nd edition	1 st edition	2 nd edition	1 st edition
2025	3 rd edition	2 nd edition	3 rd edition	2 nd edition
2026	4 th edition	3 rd edition	4 th edition	3 rd edition
2027	5 th edition	4 th edition	5th edition	4th edition
2028	6th edition	5th edition		
2029 (end of contract)				

Taking part as an Organisation



- Applicants (coordinator and full partners) must be legal entities: HEIs established in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or an eligible third country not associated to the Programme
- Association or organisation of HEIs, public or private organisations established in an EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or eligible third country not associated to the Programme may also participate but not as coordinator
- ✓ 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

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 of running Master courses :
[Erasmus Mundus Catalogue \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/erasmus-mundus-catalogue)

Institutional costs

- **Implementation costs** of the study programme
- **unit cost** per enrolled student of €750/month 
How to calculate: $€750 \times n^\circ \text{ of months} \times n^\circ \text{ of enrolled students}$ (cap of 100 enrolled students – but consortia are welcome to commit for higher numbers)
=> max. amount per project: 1 800 000 euro
- **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**

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: €1 400 x number of months
(min. 1 academic year - max. 24 months)



=> max. amount per student: 33 600 euro

At project level:

How to calculate: €1 400 x number of months x number of students
(cap of 60 students per EMJM project)

=> max. amount per project: 2 016 000 euro 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

EMJM call for proposals 2024

- ✓ Publication of the Call: **November 2023** (date tbc)
- ✓ Deadline: **15 February 2024 at 17:00** (Brussels time)
- ✓ Budget: ~ **127m €**
- ✓ Nr. of projects: ~ **32**
- ✓ Nr of scholarships per project: **max. 60 + max. 20 additional scholarships for students from 9 target regions**



EMJM Award Criteria (1)

❖ **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points - **threshold 22 points**)

- ✓ **Background and general objectives**
- ✓ **EU Values**
- ✓ **Needs analysis and specific objectives**
- ✓ **Complementarity with other actions and innovation**

❖ **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 30 points – **threshold 15**)

- ✓ **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 – threshold 10 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

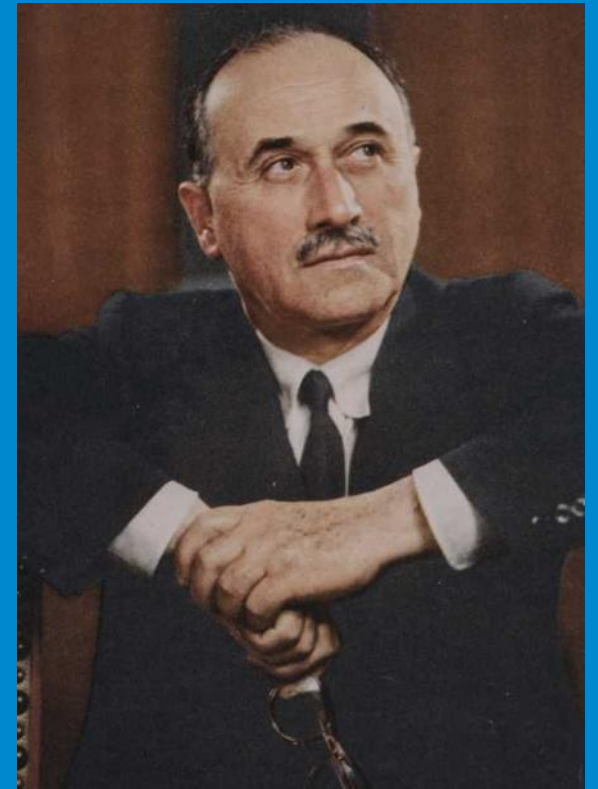
❖ **Impact** (max 20 points – threshold 10 points)

- ✓ **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



Jean Monnet Actions (2021-2027)

Call 2024





Scope of Jean Monnet actions: European Integration Matters

European Union studies refer to **the study of Europe in teaching, learning and research about the European Union**, its entirety, its history, aims structures, functions and/or its policies.

Scope of Jean Monnet actions

- **EU Dimension Focus**

Jean Monnet activities should **promote active European citizenship and the founding values of the European Union** of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities (Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union).

- **EU Policy Focus**

Jean Monnet actions should **contribute to spreading knowledge about how these policies can benefit the daily lives of citizens in the EU and/or abroad**, and/or how these can influence the policymaking system, in similar fields, either at the Member State level or abroad at a national, regional or global level. A link should be displayed between the subject of the proposal and the relevant EU policy or topic(s).

- **Public Diplomacy Focus**

Jean Monnet actions also strive to **function as a vector of public diplomacy towards third countries**. They should promote EU values and enhance the visibility of what the European Union stands for and what it intends to achieve.



European Union studies in Jean Monnet actions

1. Jean Monnet actions in the **field of higher education**
2. *Jean Monnet actions in **other fields of education and training** (not to be covered today)*
3. Jean Monnet **policy debate** (higher education and other fields of education and training)



Jean Monnet actions in the field of higher education - Aims

- **Promoting excellence** in teaching and research in EU studies worldwide
- **Generating knowledge and insights;** supporting EU policy-making, while strengthening the role of the EU within Europe and the world
- **Reaching new people;** going beyond academia and specialised audiences, bringing EU knowledge closer to society in the process
- **Fostering dialogue** between academia and society, policymakers, civil servants, civil society, representatives of different levels of education, and the media
- **Functioning as a vector for public diplomacy** towards partner/third countries, promoting EU values while enhancing the visibility of its goals and achievements

Key Information: Jean Monnet actions in the field of Higher Education

Type of Action	Eligibility	Years (Duration)	Max. EU Grant (%)	Cost Type	Additional Information
Module	One higher education institution worldwide	3	30,000	Fixed Lump Sum type I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 40 teaching hours per academic year at applicant higher education institution. • Direct contact hours (no individual tutorials)
Chair	One higher education institution worldwide	3	50,000	Fixed Lump Sum type I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent staff members at applicant institution • Teaching a min. 90 hours per academic year • Direct contact hours (no individual tutorials) • Additional hours and support of other staff possible
Centre of Excellence	One higher education institution worldwide	3	100,000 (80%)	Customised Lump Sum type II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only one at any given time per higher education institution • Should seek to become structured centres, providing EU specific high-level knowledge

Exception: HEIs from Belarus and the Russian Federation are not eligible



Jean Monnet Policy Debate

Large thematic networks in Higher Education in order to collect, share and discuss among the partners research findings, content of courses and experiences, products (studies, articles, etc.). The coordinator of the network selects the most innovative and interesting results to be provided to the Commission.

- A) Network on internal EU issues on the thematic: Jean **“An economy that works for people” (1m)**
- B) Network on external policy issues on the following thematic: **“EU-Latin America” (1.2m)**
- C) Network on external policy issues on the thematic: **“EU-Africa” (1.2m)**

Jean Monnet Actions - Award Criteria (2021-2027)

Although there are **slight differences** between Jean Monnet actions, to be considered for funding proposals **must score at least 70/100 points in total and 15/25 points in each award criterion**. There are four award criteria and each is worth a maximum of 25 points.



Indicative Roadmap – Jean Monnet Call 2024

STEPS	DATES*
Publication of the call 2024	November 2023
Deadline for submission of applications	1 February 2024
Evaluation period	April – June 2024
Notification of results to applicants	Max. 6 months after submission deadline
Preparation of Grant Agreement/Decision	Max. 9 months after submission deadline

^{36*} To be confirmed in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide



Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)

Context (1)

- Supports the relevance, quality, modernisation and responsiveness of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for **socio-economic recovery, growth** and **prosperity**;
- Reacts to recent trends, in particular economic globalisation, but also the recent decline in **human development, fragility**, and **rising social, economic** and **environmental inequalities**;
- Aligned with the '**Sustainable Development Goals**' (SDGs) and the **Paris Agreement**;

Context (2)

- Ensures **equity, accessibility** and **inclusion**, system strengthening and **capacity building**, as well as **employability** transversally across the action;
- **Global interventions** that take into account governance, management and the **strengthening of higher education's wider economic and social ecosystems**;
- Addresses **regional issues**, build alliances and coalitions, pilot new approaches and initiatives built on **country ownership**.

Three Strands:

- ▶ **Strand 1: Fostering access to cooperation in higher education**
 - Projects can last 24 or 36 months
 - Funding between EUR 200.000 and EUR 400.000 per project
- ▶ **Strand 2: Partnerships for transformation in higher education**
 - Projects can last 24 or 36 months
 - Funding between EUR 400.000 and EUR 800.000 per project
- ▶ **Strand 3: Structural reform projects**
 - Projects can last 36 or 48 months
 - Funding between EUR 600.000 and EUR 1.000.000 per project
 - Involvement of the Ministry

Three types of CBHE projects

National projects	Multi-country regional projects	Multi-country cross-regional projects
HEIs from <u>one</u> third country not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme	HEIs from <u>several countries</u> not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme from <u>one Region</u>	HEIs from countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme belonging to <u>several Regions</u>

- At least **2 EU Member States** or **third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme**. Among them, each participating country must involve at least 1 HEI.
- For **third countries not associated to the Erasmus+ Programme** participation, specific eligibility criteria should be checked in the Programme Guide (per Region, Strand and type of project).

Regions eligible for CBHE

Western Balkans (Region 1)	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro
Neighbourhood East (Region 2)	Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law
South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)	Algeria, Egypt, Israel*, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine*, Syria**, Tunisia
Asia (Region 5a)	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam
Central Asia (Region 6)	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Middle East (Region 7a)	Iran, Iraq, Yemen
Pacific (Region 8a)	Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu
Sub-Saharan Africa (Region 9)	Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Latin America (Region 10)	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela
Caribbean (Region 11)	Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago

* As defined in the Programme Guide

** Exception: Organisations from Syria are not eligible to participate in Strand 3

Who can participate?

Who can apply as coordinator?

- Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) or organisations of HEIs
- Applicant must be established in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Erasmus+ programme or in an eligible third country not associated to Erasmus+ programme
- The applicant applies on behalf of all participating organisations involved in the proposal
- Organisations or institutions active in the labour market or in the fields of education, training and youth may also participate, but not as coordinator.

Who can participate as partner?

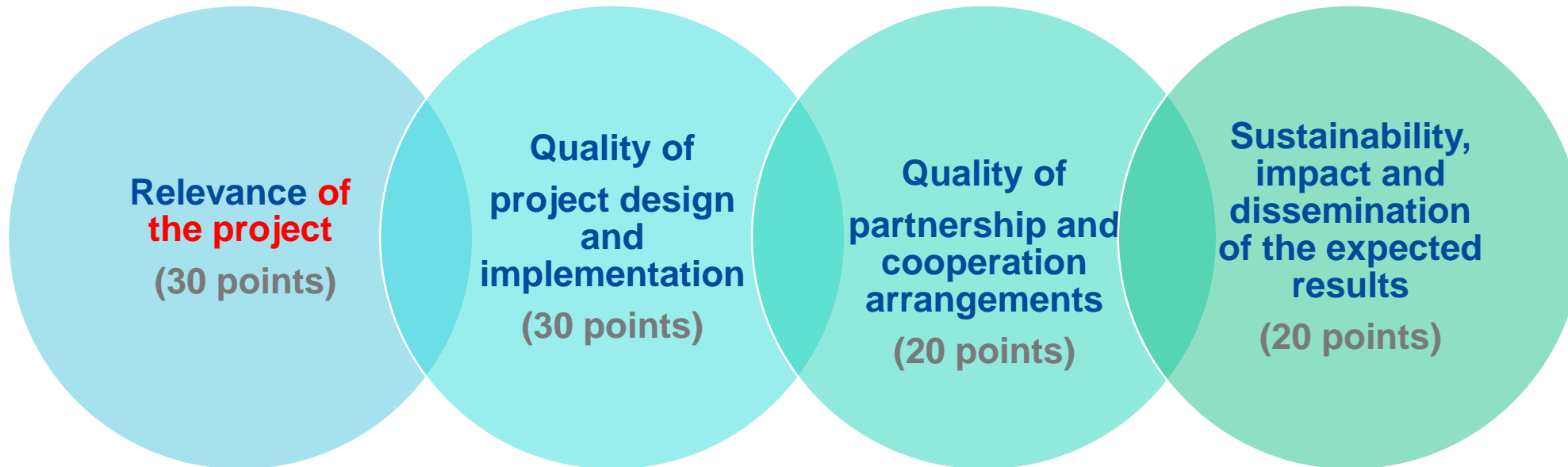
**Changes may apply in the new Programme Guide.
Specific rules per Region, per Strand and per type of project should be checked.**

Indicative available budget in 2024 Call for proposals

**Total budget:
around EUR 98 million**

Distribution per Strand and Region will be published in FTOP (Funding & tender opportunities portal)

Award criteria



- Proposals must score **at least 60/100 points** in total to be selected
- **At least half of the maximum points** for each award criterion
- Additional considerations apply to determine priority among equal scoring proposals

KEY WORDS for a competitive application

- **Coherent** in its entirety; avoid contradictions; avoid "patchwork"
- **Concrete**: use examples, justify your statements, bring evidence
- **Clear**: follow the questions and answer them in the right order
- **Simple language**: Complex subjects can be explained in a plain language. Keep most sentences 10-15 words long.
- **Explicit**: do not take anything for granted; do not assume experts will always understand; avoid abbreviations or explain them the 1st time
- **Rigorous**: the application is the basis on which your project will be implemented; it is also the cornerstone of your partnership commitment
- **Focused**: stick to what is asked
- **Complete**: ensure you have followed all the instructions and that the proposal fulfils all the mandatory requirements

Erasmus+ CBHE Promotion activities

General CBHE Infoday (online) organised by EACEA (30/11/2023)

- [Events \(europa.eu\)](#)

Participation to National Erasmus+ Infodays organised by NAs, NEOs and ENFPs

- <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/contacts/national-agencies>
- [Erasmus+ National Focal Points | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)
- [National Erasmus+ Offices | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#)



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

The 2024 Erasmus+ Call for Proposals

Empowering European Higher Education



Commissioner Iliana Ivanova

Our commitment for the European Universities stands strong. This 2024 Erasmus+ call will help us achieving the objective of the European strategy for universities by fostering deeper higher education cooperation between more than 500 universities by mid-2024. It offers opportunities to set up alliances dreaming together of a continent with open, green and connected inter-university campuses, where mobility and cooperation experiences are an integral part of every higher education programme. And where students have the opportunity to work with professors, researchers, companies and innovators on transdisciplinary international projects to create new knowledge together and solve societal challenges.

European Universities initiative: overview of Erasmus+ Calls

Calls 2019, 2020, 2022

44 European Universities
alliances
340 HEIs
31 countries
1200 associated partners

Call 2023

50 European Universities
alliances
430 HEIs
35 countries
1700 associated partners

Call 2024

≥ 60 Alliances
Community of practice
Deadline 6 February
2024
**Results Summer
2024**

2025

No call

2026 & 2027

Possibility for
+2 year funding

(Subject to the adoption of
the 2026 and 2027
Erasmus+ Work
Programmes)

Main policy objectives



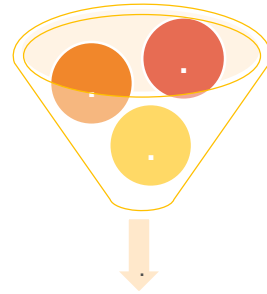
maintained high ambition

- Promote **European values** and strengthen **European identity**
- Improve **quality, performance, attractiveness** and **international competitiveness**
- **Institutionalised cooperation** with systemic, structural and sustainable impact
- **Whole-institution approach**
- **Mobilise all missions** of higher education institutions
- Deliver on **EEA, ERA, EHEA**
- Act as **role models**
 - ✓ Support **closer cooperation** between European Universities
 - ✓ Sharing **results and good practices** to the wider higher education sector



Outcome of the co-creation process

*Extensive targeted consultations with Member States and stakeholders:
co-creation process on the further roll out of the European Universities initiative*



2024 European Universities open competitive Call

Topic 1: Development of deep institutional transnational cooperation

- Form alliances establishing **deep institutional transnational cooperation**
- **Bottom-up**
- **Diverse cooperation models**

Topic 2: Community of practice for European Universities alliances

- Create a **collaborative and supportive environment**
- Share **good practices and experiences**
- For the **benefit** of the community of **European Universities alliances** and the **wider higher education sector**

The 2024 Call for Proposals at a glance

- **Scope:** Supporting higher education institutions in gradually achieving their long-term ambitious vision towards becoming a fully-fledged European University.
- **2 Topics:**
 - ERASMUS-EDU-2024-EUR-UNIV-1 — European Universities – **Development of deep institutional transnational cooperation**
 - ERASMUS-EDU-2024-EUR-UNIV-2 — European Universities – **Community of practice**
- **Duration of grants :** 48 months
- **Total budget:** EUR 189.2 million
- **Type of grant:** **Lump Sum Type II** (payment of fixed amounts linked to the delivery of the work packages)

Call topics

- **Topic 1 – Development of deep institutional transnational cooperation**
- This call topic will provide support for applicants **wishing to establish deep institutional transnational cooperation** in a ‘European Universities’ alliance.

Topic 2 – Community of practice

- This call topic will provide support for applicants **to set-up a Community of Practice of European Universities alliances.**

Topic 1

- **Step-by-step approach towards deeper institutionalised transnational cooperation;**
- **Different models** for implementing and achieving the **long-term vision;**
- Partners agree on a **joint mission statement** including a **full joint strategy;**
- Flexibility to shape together the **joint work plan and joint activities (as long as in line with the call requirements)** ;
- Relevant to reach **strategic objectives** of European Universities;
 - Supported by efficient and robust **common management and governance structures.**
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Topic 2

- **Ensure closer cooperation and synergies between the existing and future European Universities alliances** and other similar long-standing institutionalised cooperation models;
- **Promote and support dissemination of results** between alliances and to the **wider higher education sector**;
- **Enhance the transferability and uptake of the results** by relevant end-users.

Available budget

- The call budget is **EUR 189 200 000** :

EUR 182 700 000 + EUR 5 000 000 (IPA III)
to further support the participation as full partners of
higher education institutions from the Western
Balkans countries

Topic	Indicative budget*
1 - Development of deep institutional transnational cooperation	187.7 MEUR
2 – Community of practice	1.5 MEUR

**We reserve the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between the call topics, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation*

Eligibility conditions - Who can apply?

- **TYPE OF INSTITUTION**

- **Higher Education Institutions** holding a valid **Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)** and any entities affiliated to them
- **Any other organisation consisting of the above referred higher education institutions** - specifically set up with the purpose of implementing deep institutional transnational cooperation, including joint educational activities.

- **COUNTRY**

- They have to be established in one of the **eligible countries**, i.e.:
 - **EU Member States** (including overseas countries and territories (OCTs)).*
 - **Third countries associated to Erasmus+** and countries which are in **ongoing negotiations** for an association agreement to Erasmus+ and where that agreement enters into force before the grant signature.

- **Western Balkans third countries not associated to the programme** (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo)

* Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2022/2506 on measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary.

Alliance composition

- Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 3 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities), which complies with the following conditions:
- minimum 3 eligible higher education institutions (HEIs) from 3 different eligible countries.



IMPORTANT

- A HEI may participate as full partner (beneficiary) in **only one European Universities alliance funded by the Erasmus+ programme** at the same time.
- A HEI may only participate as full partner (beneficiary) in **one single European Universities application** (*if not already involved in an ongoing European University alliance*); they may participate in other applications only as associated partners.

Specific eligibility conditions for Western Balkans

HEIs from Western Balkans not associated to the Erasmus+ programme: **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*** and **Montenegro**, can now become **full partners** in an alliance

HEIs from Western Balkan countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme - i.e. **Republic of North-Macedonia and Serbia** – were already eligible to become **full partners**

Eligibility requirement for full partners:

ALL HEIs must be holders of a **valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE)**, also those from the Western Balkans not associated to the Erasmus+ programme

ECHE call is currently open, with a cut-off on 25 January 2024

** This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*



**Award
criteria**



Relevance *(max 25 Points)*



Quality *(max 50 points)*



Impact *(max 25 points)*



Alliances for Innovation

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Alliances for Innovation

- Boost innovation capacity in Europe;
- HE, VET, enterprises;
- Supporting entrepreneurial mind-sets;
- Developing new skills;
- Facilitating the flow of knowledge;
- Addressing skills mismatches;
- 2 Lots

Alliances for Innovation Lot 1: Alliances for Education and Enterprises - Objectives

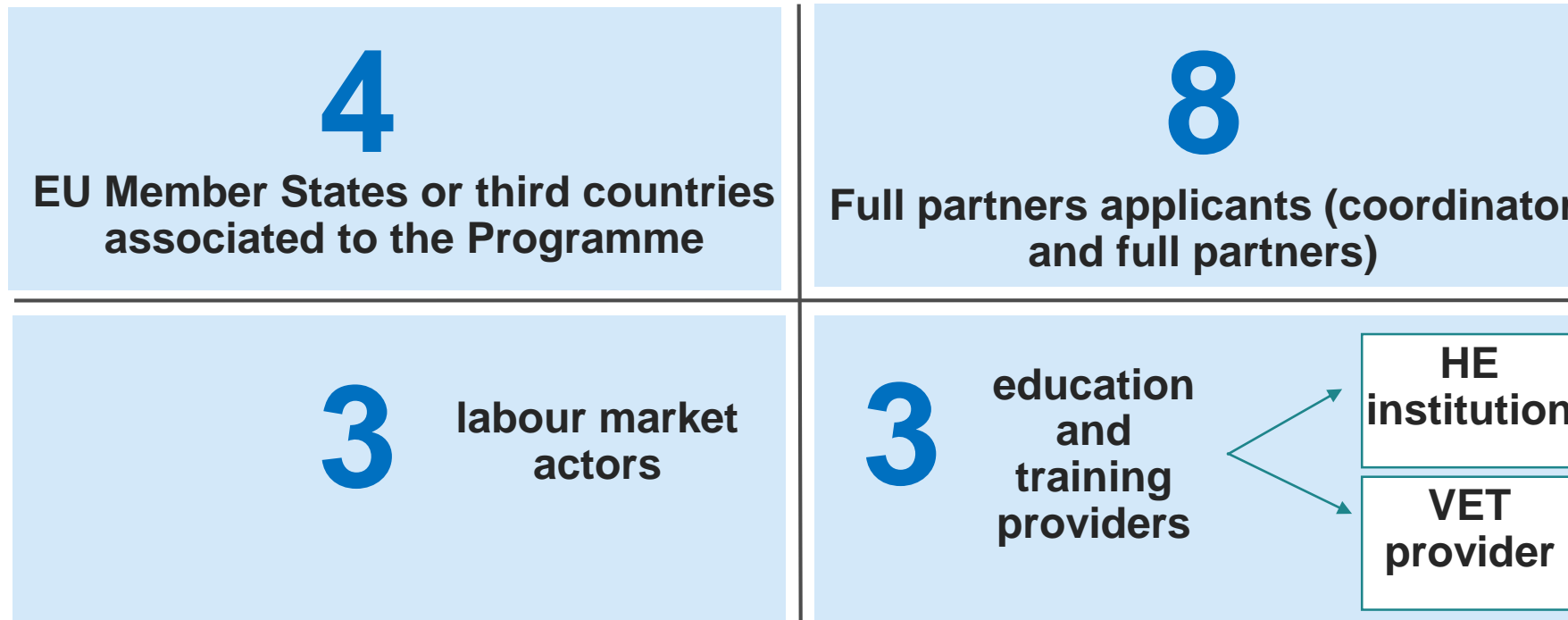
- **New** approaches to **teaching** and **learning**
- **Corporate Social** responsibility
- **Entrepreneurial** attitudes, mindsets and skills
- Quality and relevance of skills – new skills, tackling skills mismatches, emerging professions
- **Co-creation** of knowledge
- Building HE and VET systems that are connected and **inclusive** – **contributing to innovation**

Alliances for Innovation Lot 1 - Activities

- **Boosting innovation** (e.g. jointly developing and implementing new learning and teaching methods)
- **Developing a sense of initiative and entrepreneurial mindsets and skills** (e.g. opening up new learning opportunities through practical experiences, for instance leading to the creation of start-ups)
- **Stimulating the flow and exchange of knowledge between higher education, VET, enterprises and research** (for instance, by providing incentives for involvement of enterprise staff into teaching and research)
- **Identifying resilience-related, market needs and emerging professions**

Number and profile of participating organisations

LOT 1 (minimum requirements)



Maximum EU grant 2023: 1m euro (2 year projects) or 1.5 million euro (3 year projects)

Alliances for Innovation Lot 2: Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills - Objectives

- Embedded in the **Pact for Skills**
- Gather **Skills intelligence**: identify skills gaps, skills shortages, emerging occupational profiles
- Develop a **sector skills strategy**
- Concept of **industrial eco-systems**
- Rapid response to urgent skills needs: develop continuing vocational training programmes for the labour force within the first year!
- Focus on emerging occupational profiles

Alliances for Innovation Lot 2 - Activities

- **Developing a strategic approach to sectoral cooperation on skills**, e.g. setting up sustainable cooperation on skills development between key industry stakeholders including social partners, education and training providers, and public authorities
- **Designing European sector-wide agreed ‘core’ curricula and training programmes**, e.g. by designing continuing vocational training programmes for up-skilling and re-skilling the labour force by innovative blended and work-based learning
- **Delivering the ‘core’ curricula and training programmes**
- **Designing a long-term action plan for the progressive roll-out of project deliverables after the project has finished**

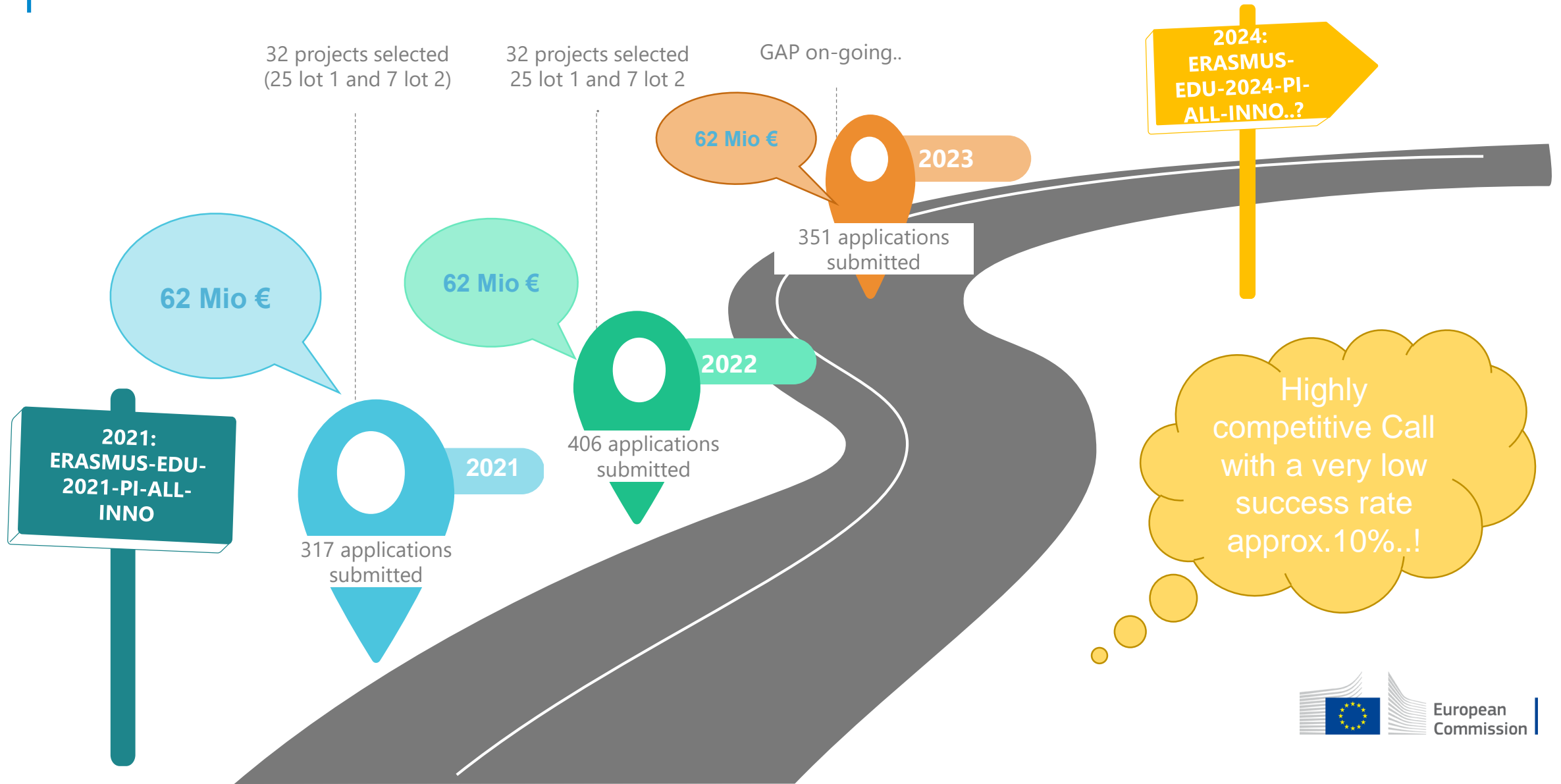
Number and profile of participating organisations

LOT 2 (minimum requirements Consortium composition)

8 EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme	12 Full partners applicants (coordinator and full partners)
5 labour market actors	5 education and training providers ↳ at least 1 HE institution ↳ at least 1 VET provider

Maximum EU grant 2023: 4 million euro (4 year projects)

Alliances for Innovation Lot 1&2 (2021-2023)



Alliances for Innovation 2023

- On 3 May 2023, **351 applications** submitted - 337 under Alliances for Education and Enterprises (Lot 1) and 14 under Alliances for Sectoral Cooperation (implementing the Blueprint) (Lot 2)
- More than **4728 organisations involved** in the projects proposed
- On average, **13 partners** per **LOT 1** project and **22 partners** per **LOT 2** project.
- Involvement of **37 countries under Lot 1** and **30 countries under Lot 2**
- Total grant request: **EUR 485 million** - EUR 436 million (Lot 1) EUR 48 million (Lot 2)
- Available EU funding: **EUR 62 million** (30 under Lot 1 and 32 under Lot 2)
- Notification and **publication of results** in October 2023
- **Contracting and prefinancing** of the projects in November-December 2023 and January 2024
- **Starting date** of the contracts: January-March 2024

Information & links

National contact points for decentralised actions: [Erasmus+ National Agencies](#)

Applicable rules and deadlines: 2024 Erasmus+ Programme Guide (not yet published)

Project results: [Erasmus+ Project Results Platform](#)

Video tutorials: [how to get a grant](#)

Short guide on submission system: [how to submit an application](#)

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