

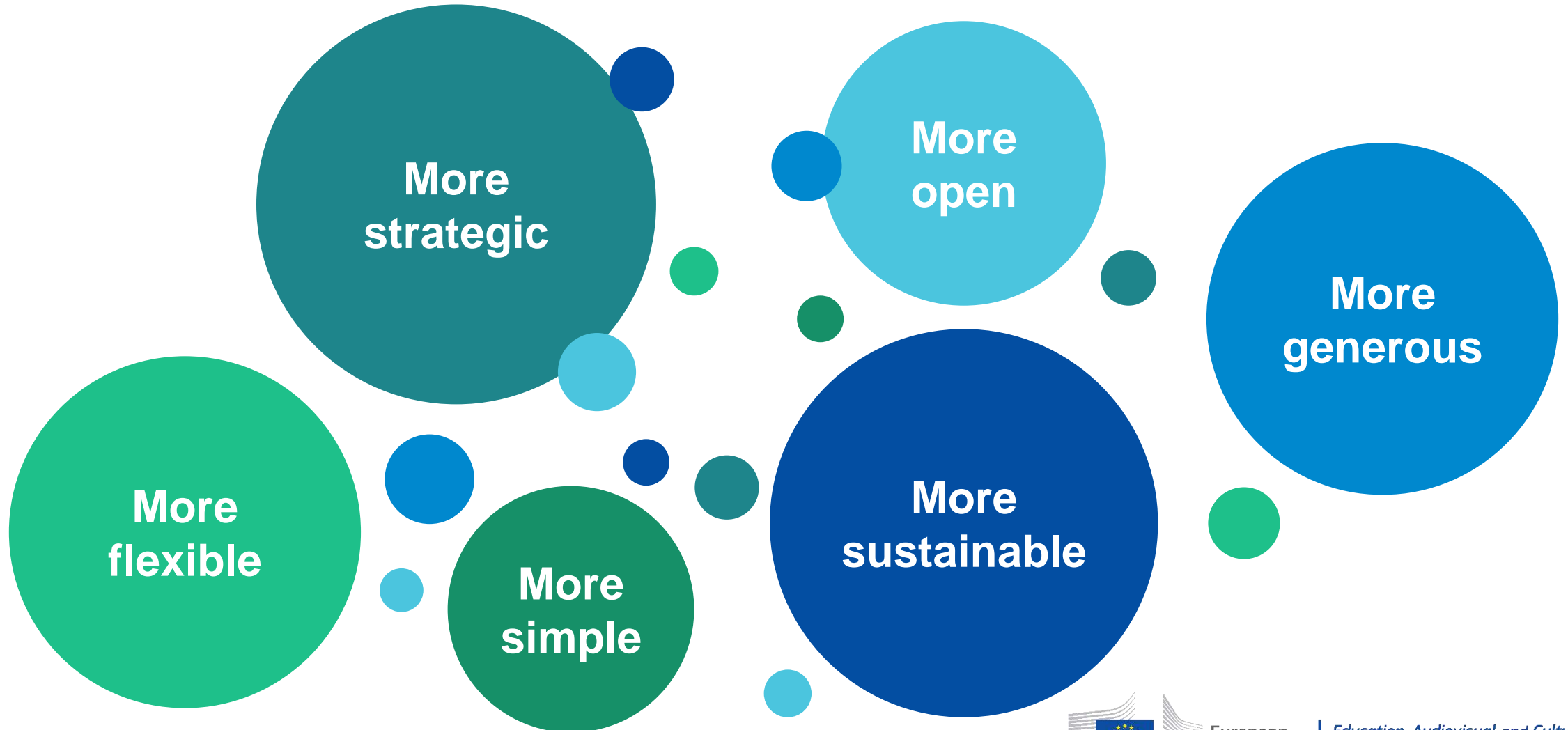


# Erasmus+

## 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 €

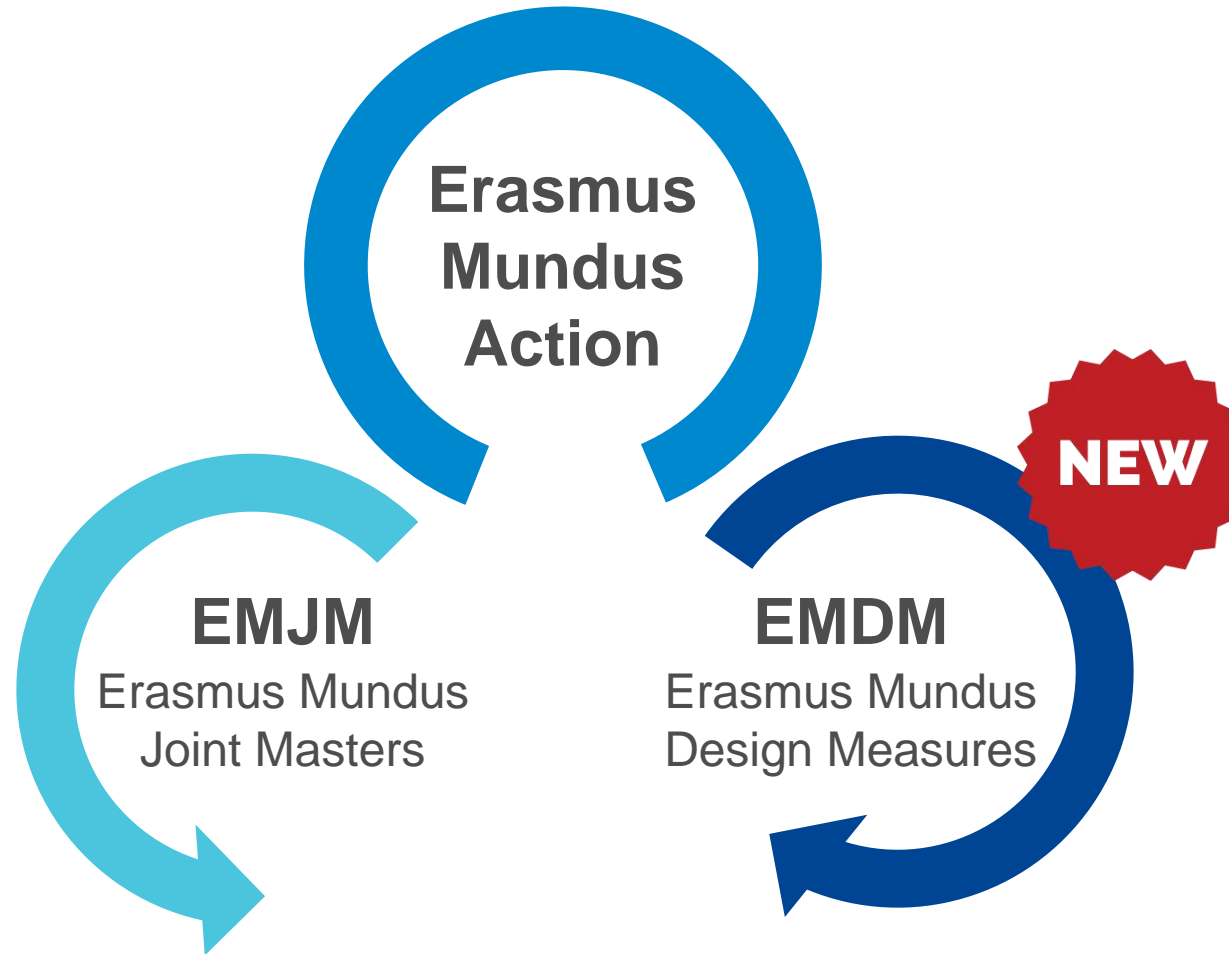
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# Erasmus+ Programme 2021-2027



## New programme 2021-2027

**KA1**

Learning  
Mobility  
for  
Individuals

**KA2**

Cooperation  
for Innovation  
& Good  
practices

**KA3**

Support  
for  
Policy  
reform



**EMJMD**



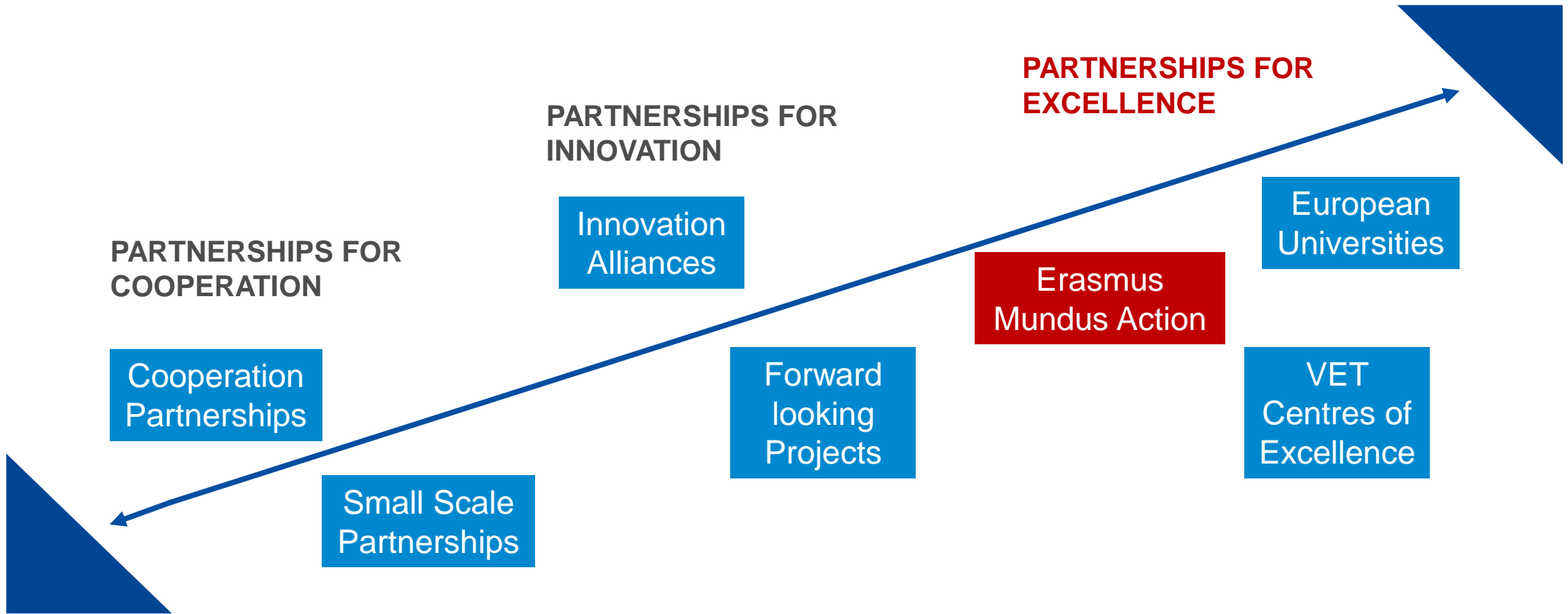
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# Key Action 2 – Different cooperation models



# 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



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# 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**

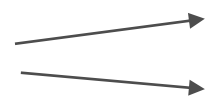




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# Eramus Mundus Action – New terminology



- **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)



# 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 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	Preparatory activities
2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	1 <sup>st</sup> edition
2023	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	2 <sup>nd</sup> edition
2024	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition
2025	5 <sup>th</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> edition</b>
2026	<b>6<sup>th</sup> edition</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> edition</b>		
2027 (end of contract)				



# EMJM Set-up (3)



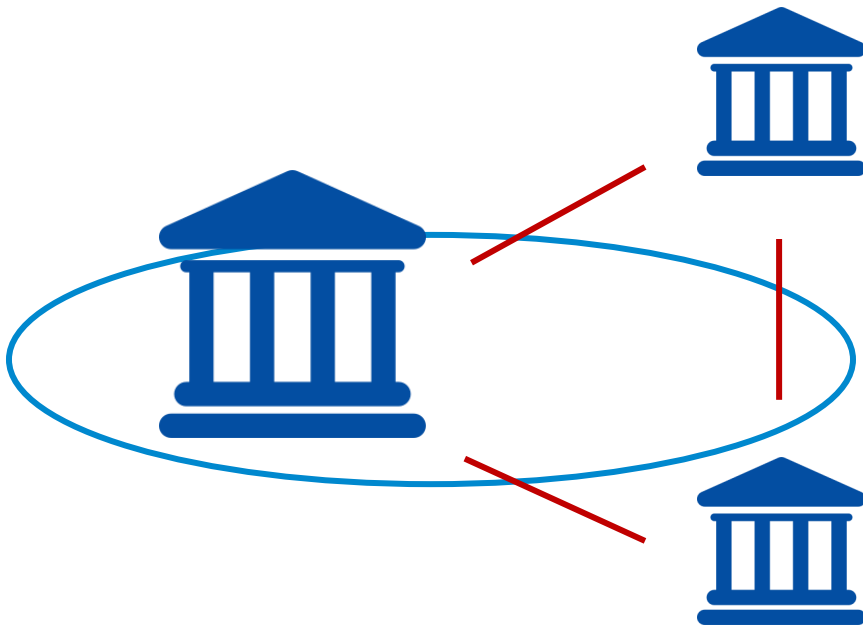
## EMJM vs EMJMD - main messages

### 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



# Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

	EMJMD (€)			EMJM (€)		
		Partner country student (>4000km)	Partner Country student (<4000km)	Programme Country student	Scholarship holders	Non-scholarship holders
<b>Scholarship part</b>	<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		
	<b>Total / month (120 ECTS)</b>	<b>1.300,00 €</b>	<b>1.200,00 €</b>	<b>1.100,00 €</b>		
<b>Institutional part</b>	<b>Participation costs</b>	4500 / semester	4500 / semester	2250 / semester	750 / month	
	<b>Management lump sum</b>	20.000 / preparatory year				
		50.000 / intake				
<b>Special Needs</b>	NA			3.000 to 60.000		





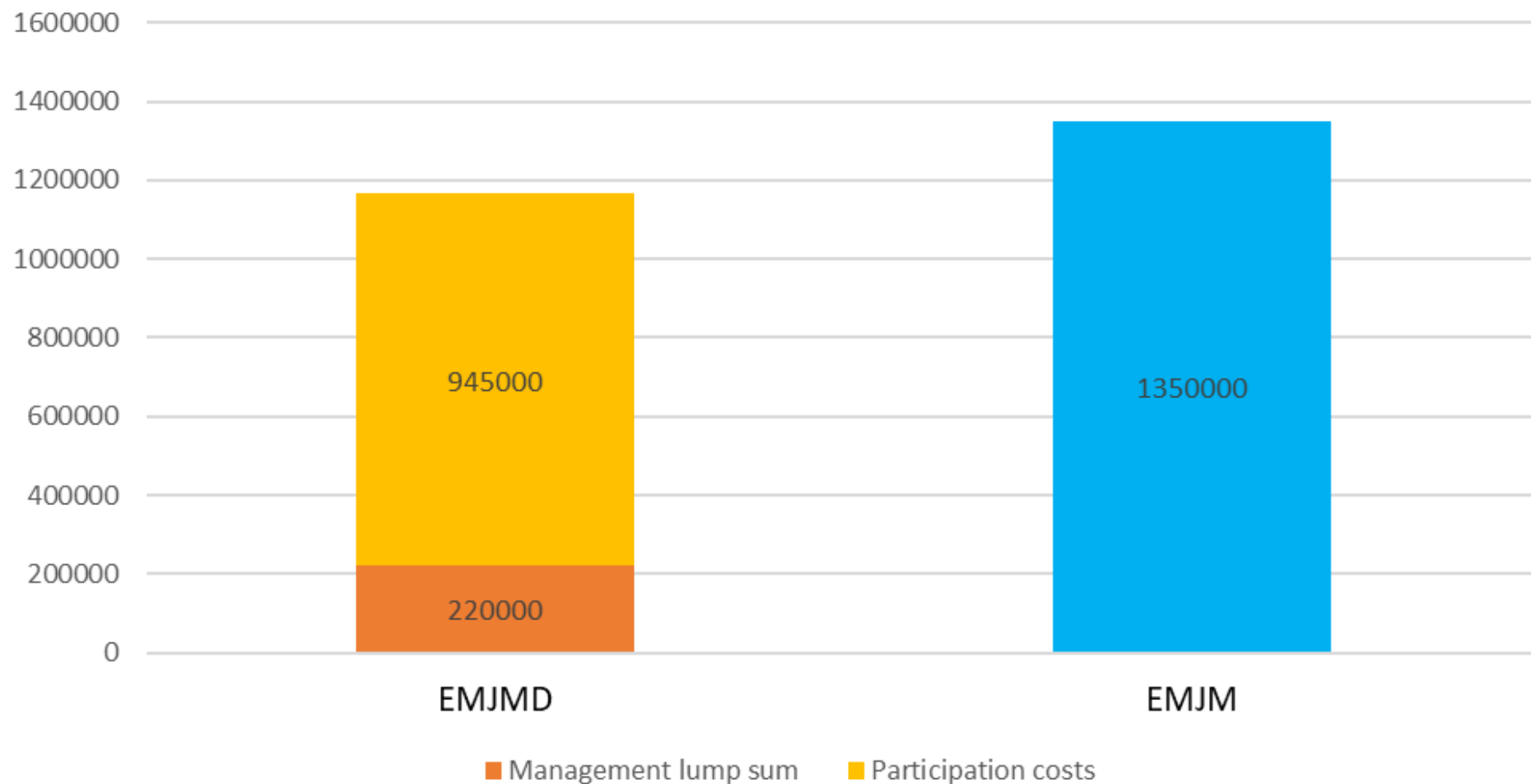
# Institutional costs

- **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**



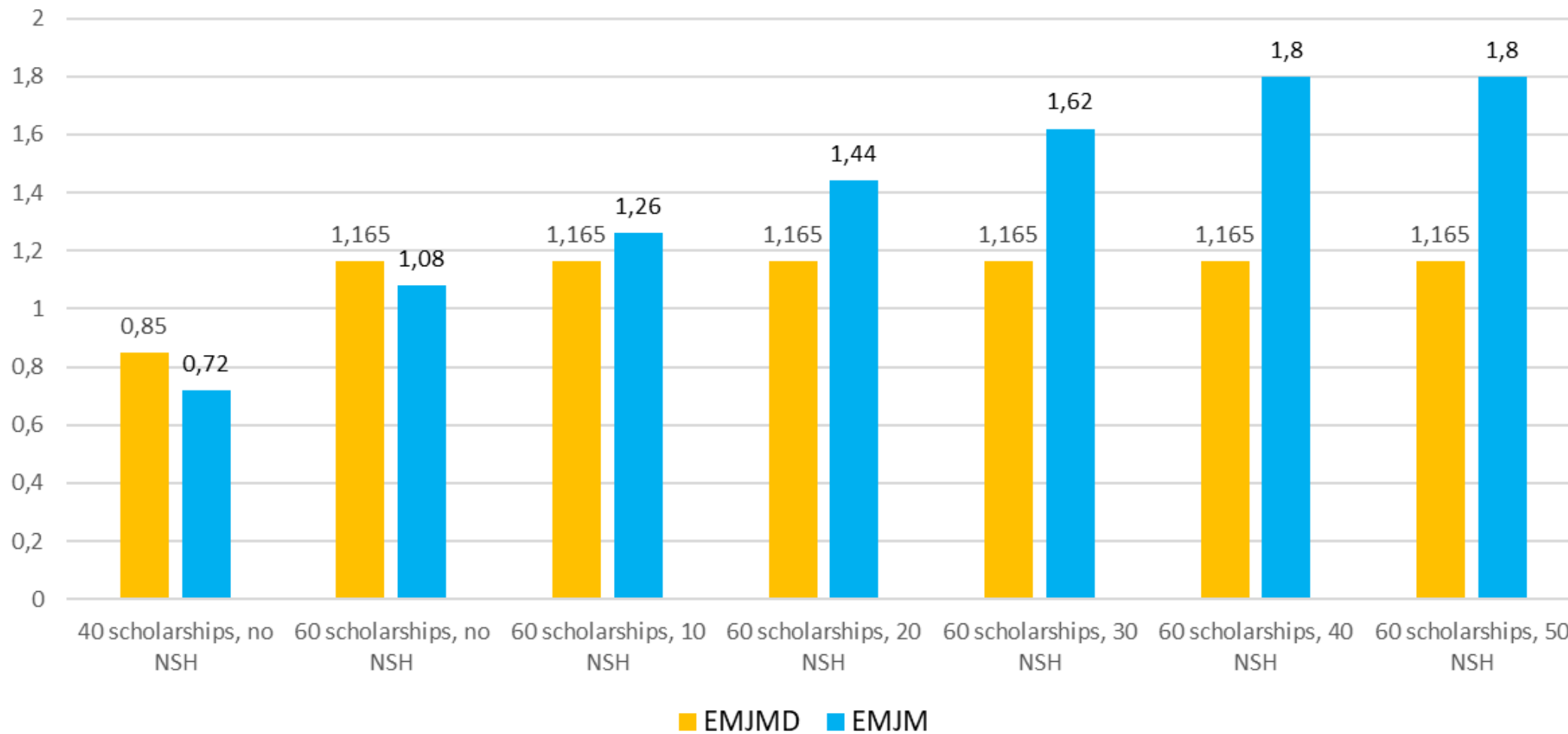
## EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

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:

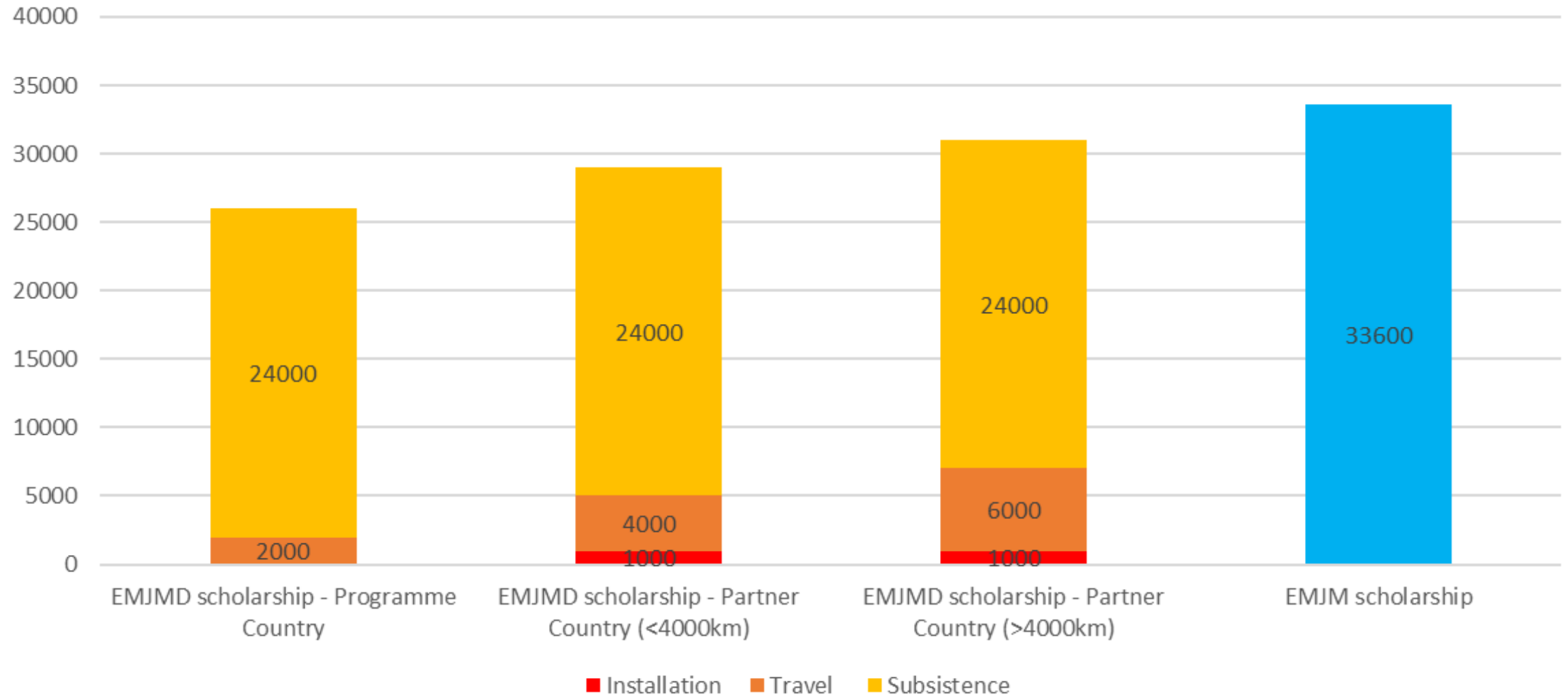
How to calculate: € 1400 x number of months x number of students  
(cap of 60 students per EMJM project)

**=> 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)

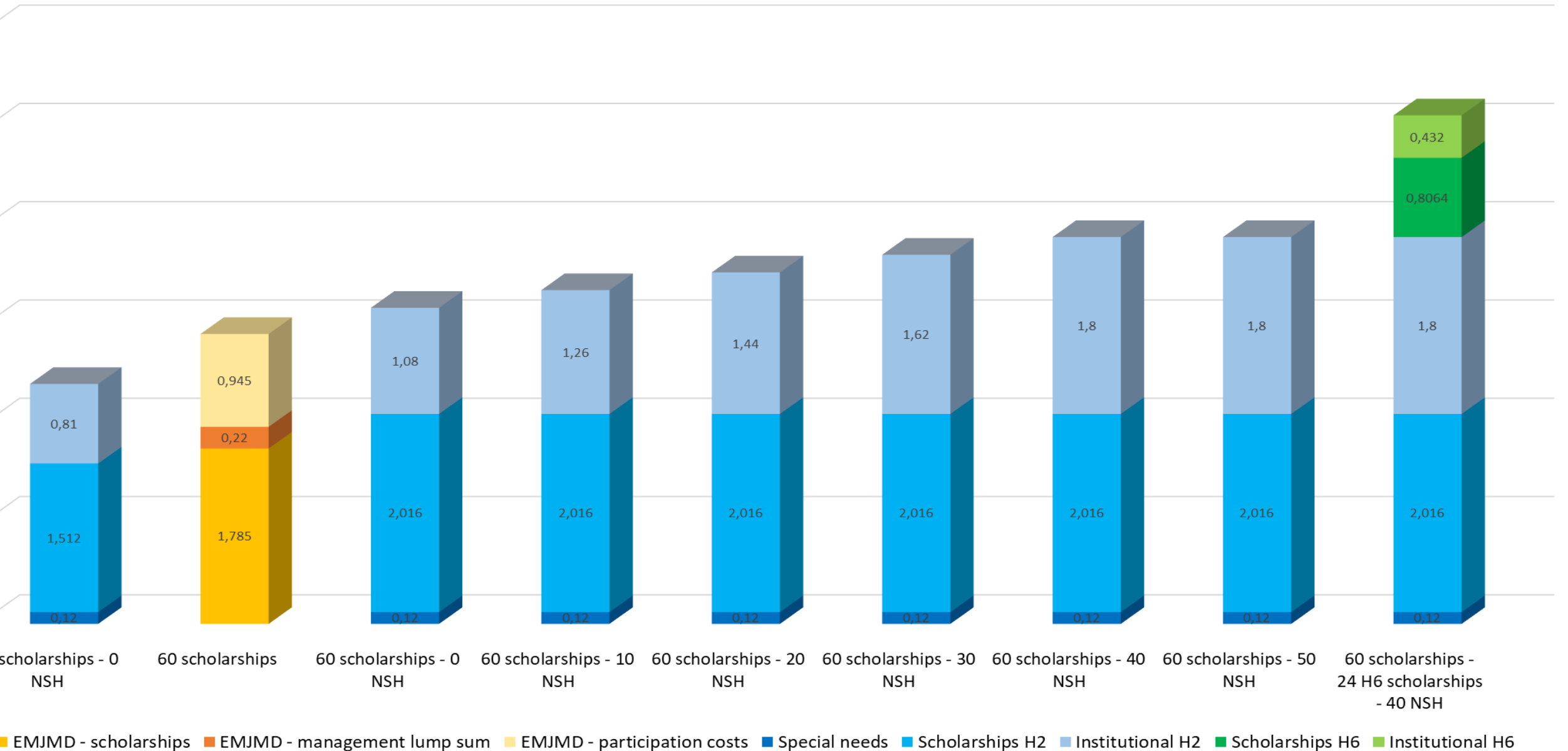
- Response to the EU External priorities (H6)
  - > EU financial Instruments IPA III (**tbc**) and NDICI for students **from partner countries**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for **the entire duration of the EMJM programme: approx. 24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

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



# 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**



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# 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



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# 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](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/joint-master-degrees_en)  
current EMJMD website







# 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](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](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](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>



# Thank you



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