

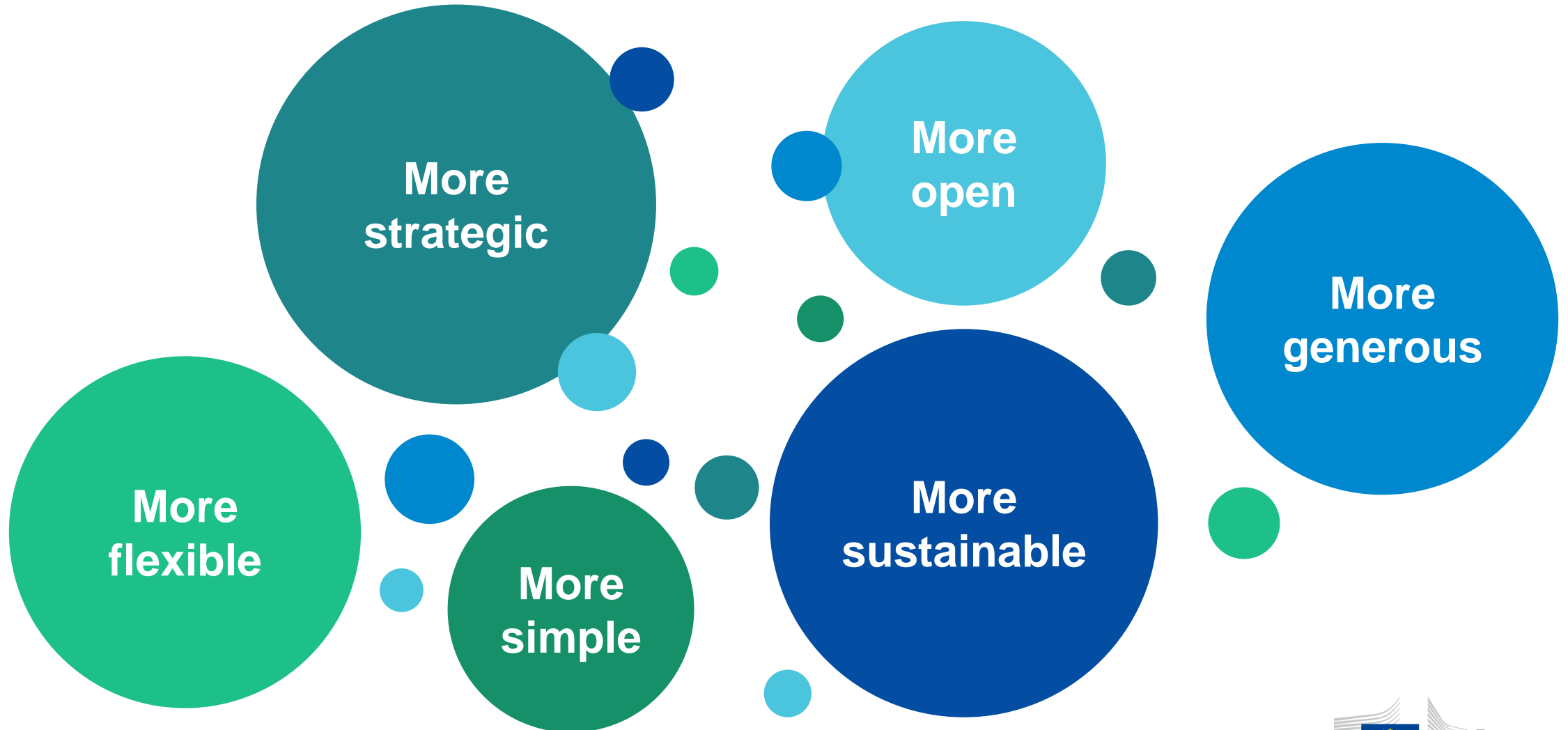


# Erasmus+

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)

*European Education and Culture  
Executive Agency*

# Join Erasmus Mundus 2021-2027!



# 30 Years of achievements of Erasmus

**Erasmus  
Programme**

More than 4 million  
European students

**Erasmus+  
Programme  
2014-2020**

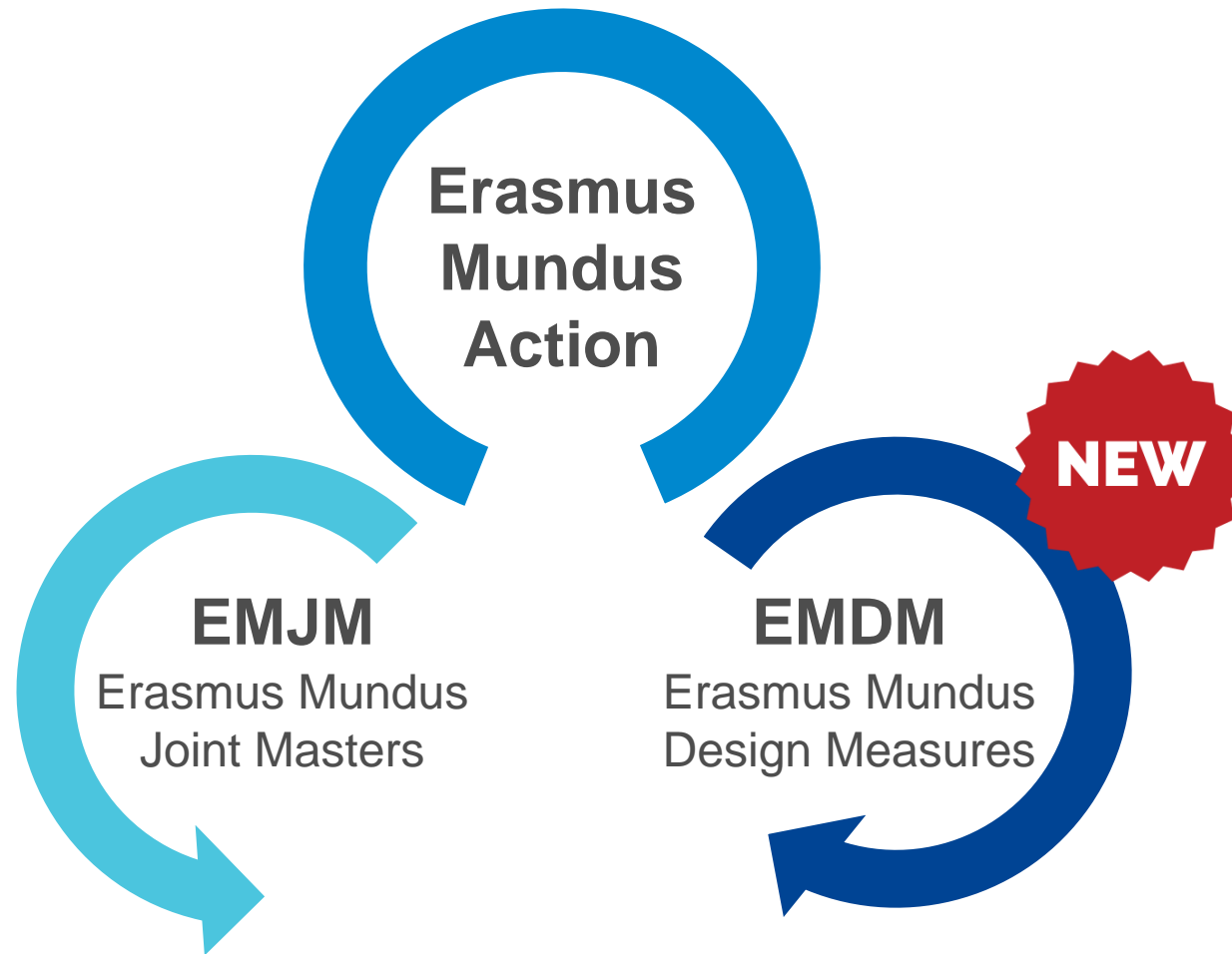
Open to international  
dimension through  
academic  
exchanges  
worldwide with more  
funding

**New  
Programme  
2021-2027**

**Increased  
International  
dimension: HE,  
VET, Youth & Sport**



# 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

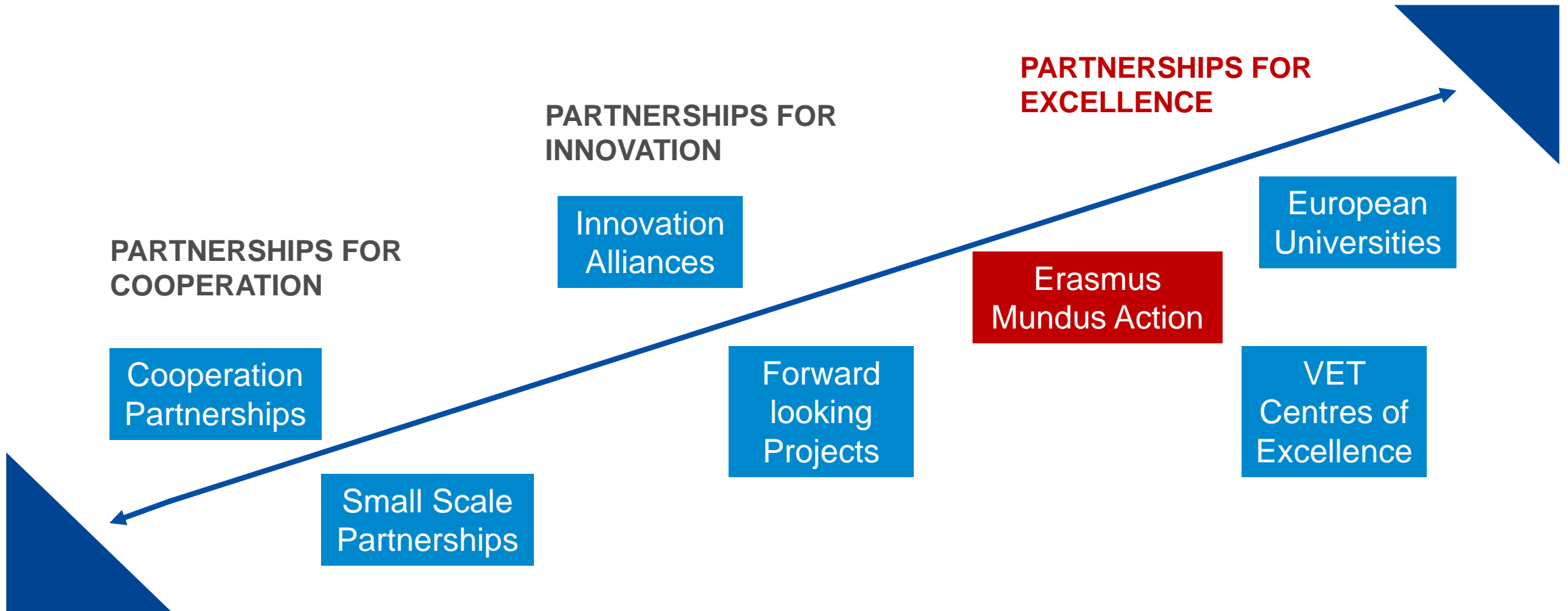


**EMJMD**



**Erasmus Mundus  
Action**

# 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

# 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






+

## Partner Countries





# Erasmus 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)



# 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)				



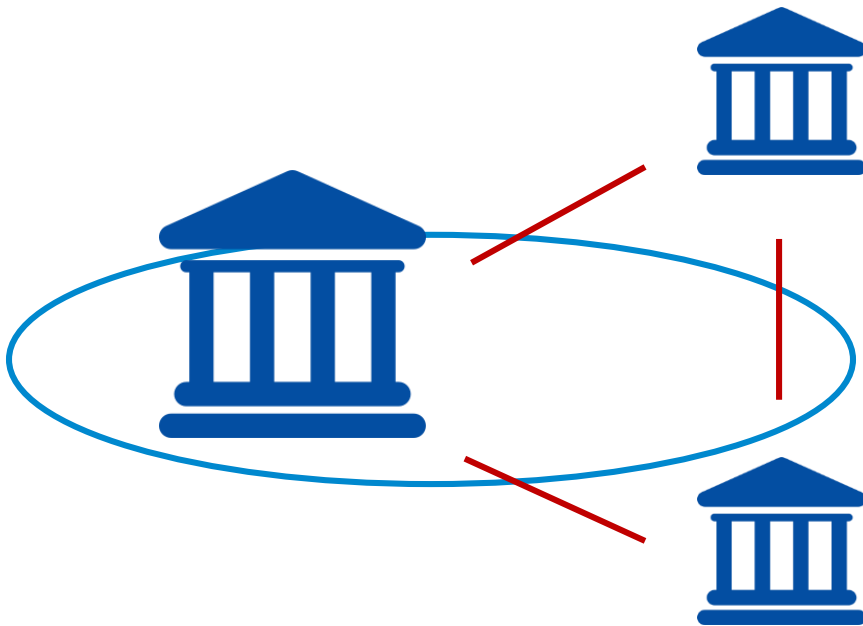
# EMJM Set-up (3)


## 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

# 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**



# 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>

# 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**



# EMJM FUNDING RULES

**NEW**

**1 simplified EU GRANT**

**EMJM**

**2 main targets**

**HEIs**

**Students**

**3 components  
=  
3 unit cost**

**Institutional  
cost**

**Individual  
needs**

**Scholarships**

# Grant composition: EMJMD vs. EMJM

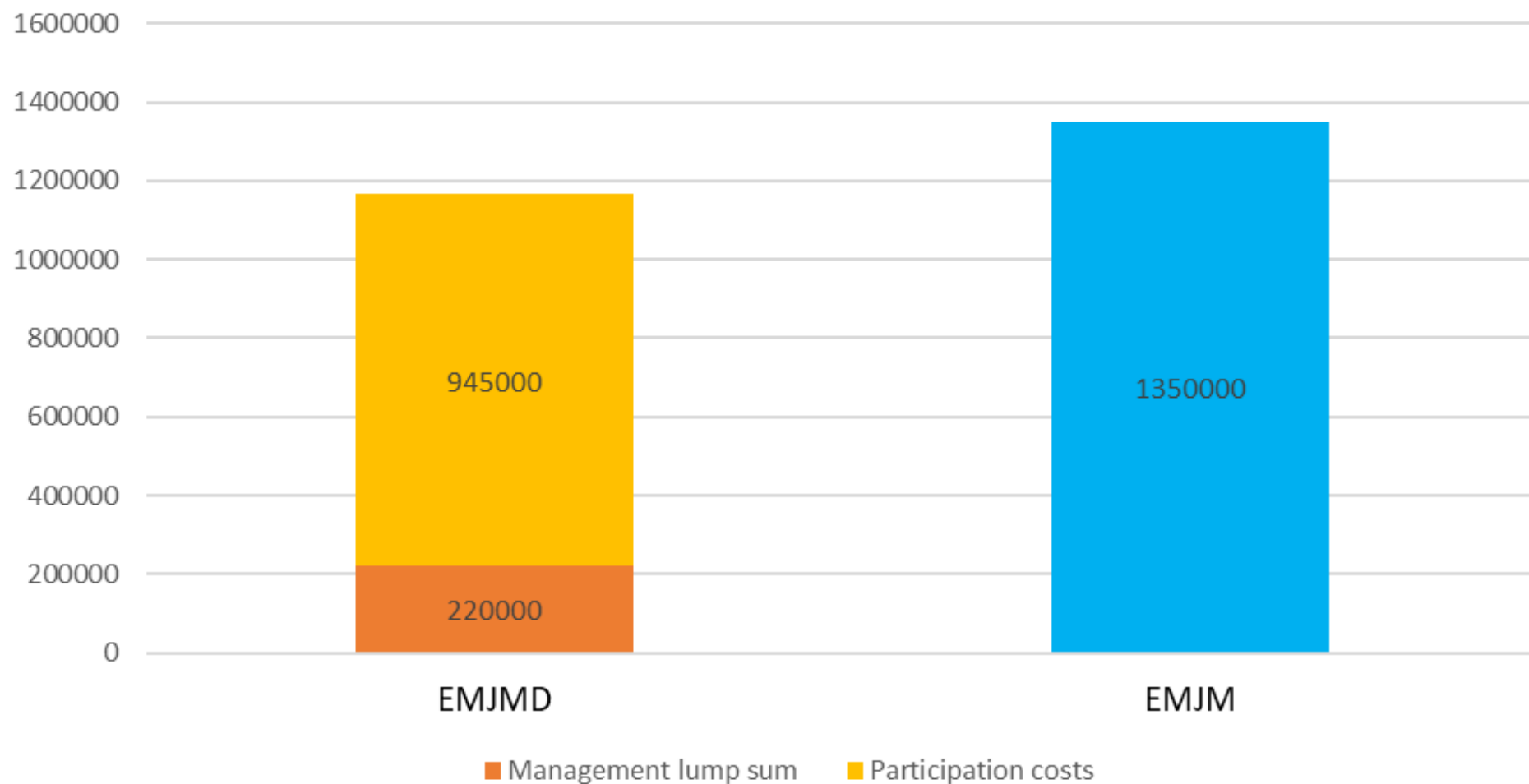
	EMJMD (€)				EMJM (€)	
		Partner country student (>4000km)	Partner Country student (<4000km)	Programme Country student	Scholarship holders	Non-scholarship holders
Scholarship part	Installation costs	1000	1000	0	1400 / month	NA
	Travel Costs	3000 / year	2000 / year	1000 / year		
	Subsistence costs	1000 / 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**

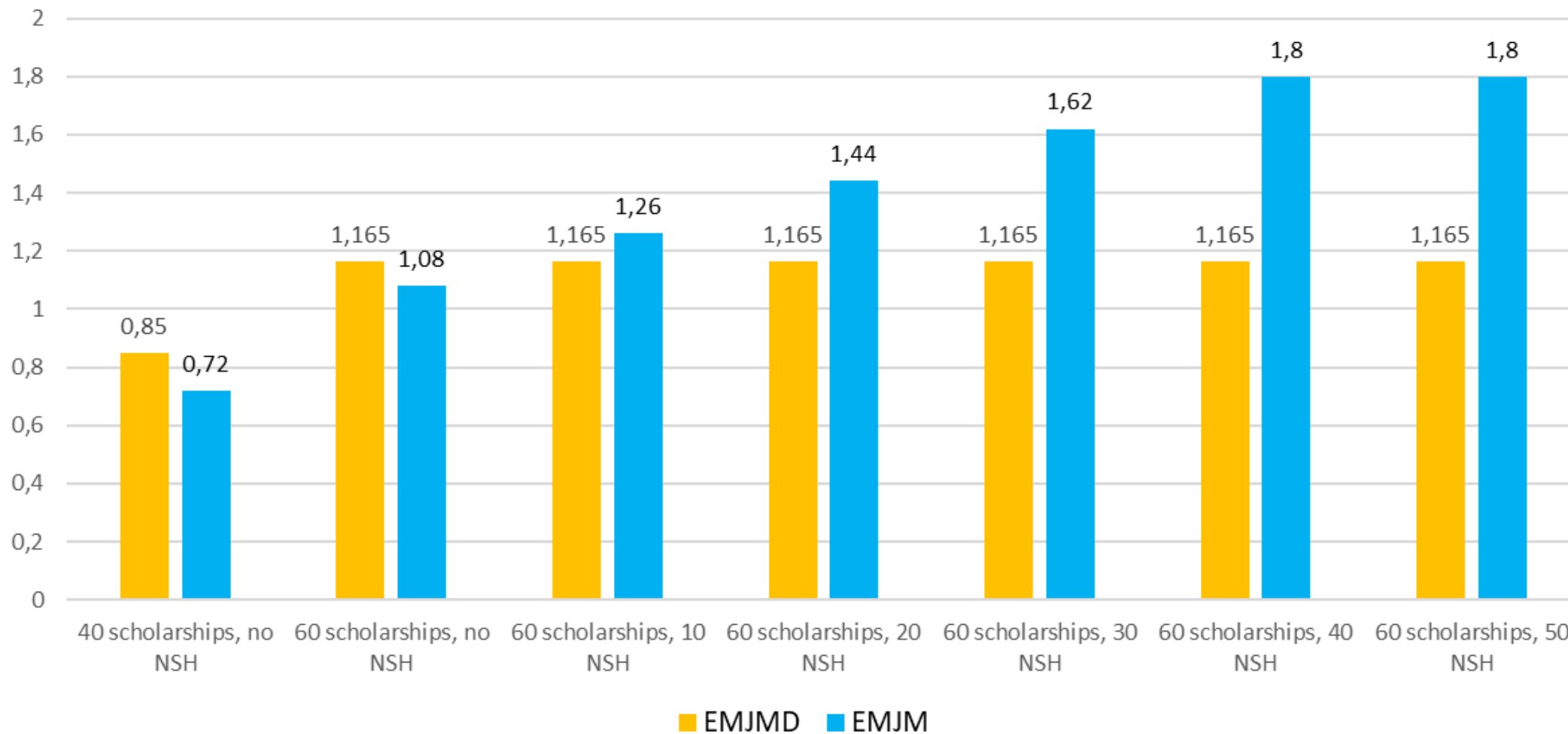
## EMJMD vs. EMJM - Institutional contribution

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**

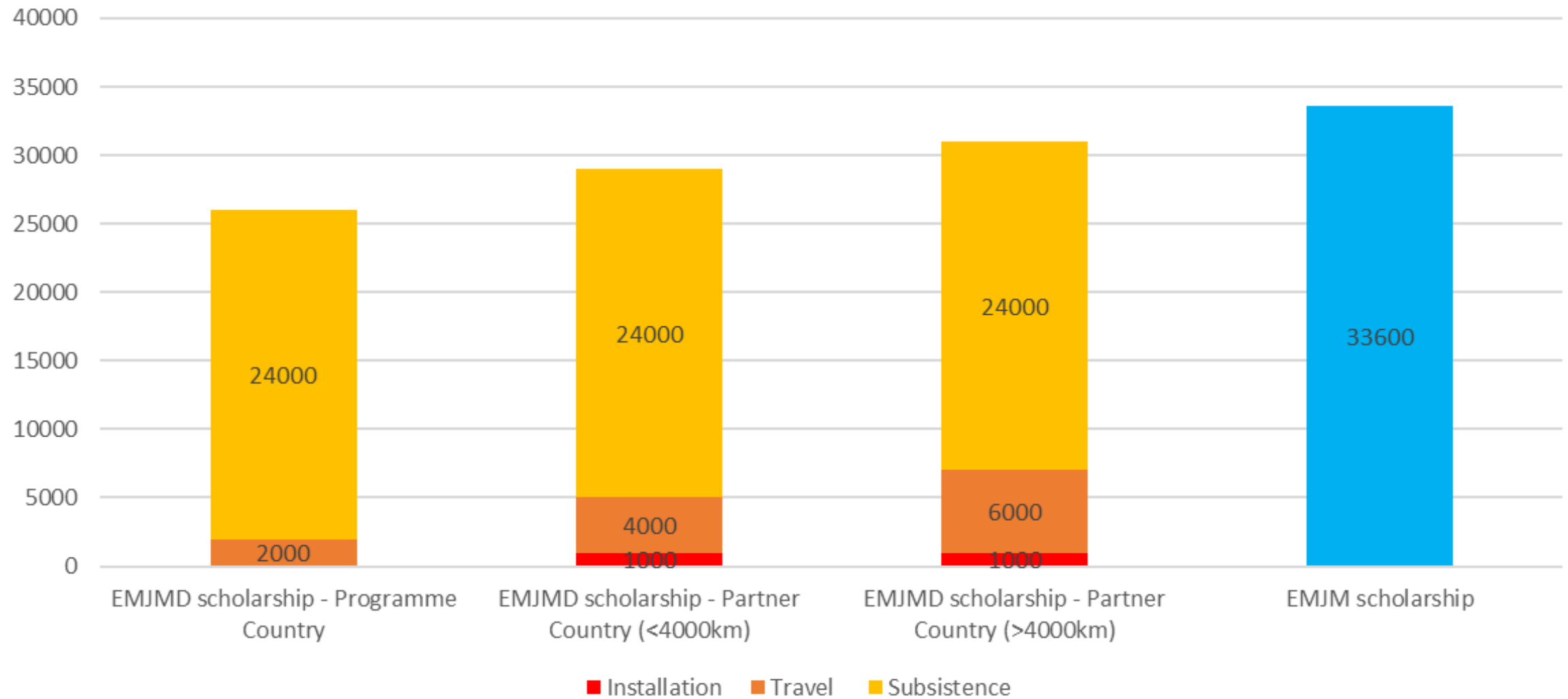
## At project level:

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

NEW

## 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)**

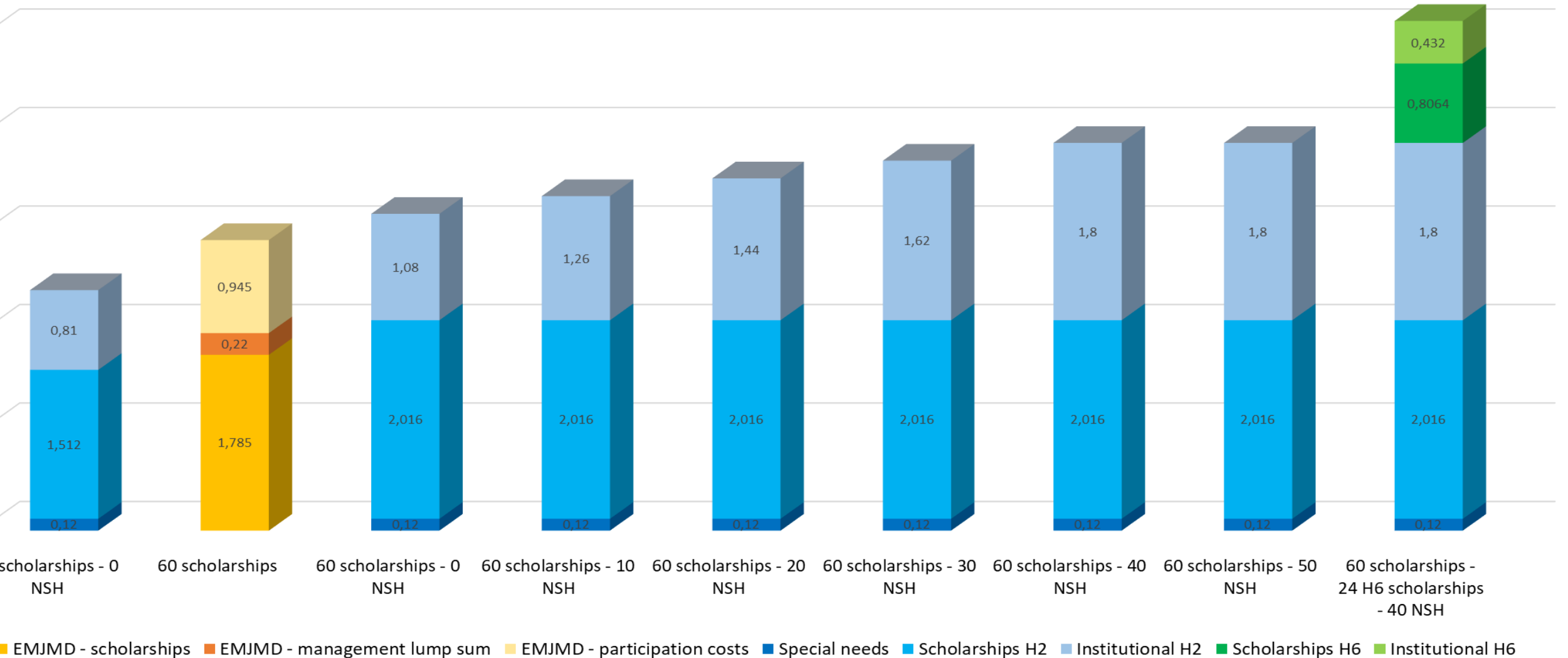
# Additional funds (partner country students)

- Response to the EU External priorities (H6)  
-> EU financial Instruments IPA III and NDICI for students **from partner countries**
- Contribution for **additional scholarships** (including the corresponding institutional costs) for **the entire duration of the EMJM programme: 6 for IPA III and 18 for NDICI**

**=> 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

- ✓ Opening of the Call: **30 April 2021**
- ✓ New Deadline: **17 June 2021 at 17.00** (Brussels time)
- ✓ 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
Opening of the call for proposals	30 April 2021
<b>New</b> Deadline for submission of applications	17 June 2021 at 17.00 (Brussels time)
Expert assessment	July/August 2021
Accreditation check of Masters	July/August 2021
Award Decision	October 2021
Notification of applicants and publication of results on EACEA web site	October 2021
Preparation and signature of grant agreements	November/December 2021
Start of projects	autumn

# How to apply - eForm

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>

Applications to be submitted using an eForm with attachments

# 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**" and then "**Impact**"

# 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



# Information about the programme

- ✓ Erasmus+ Programme guide:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en)
- ✓ Erasmus Mundus calls for proposals 2021 on Funding & tender opportunities portal  
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home>
- How to get a grant - General info for applicants on EACEA website:  
[https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/how-get-grant\\_nl](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/how-get-grant_nl)



# Other information sources

- ✓ Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (2014-2020):
  - <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2797/639462>
- ✓ Statistical factsheets on Erasmus+ 2014-2020
  - [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about/factsheets\\_en#worldwide](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/about/factsheets_en#worldwide)
- ✓ 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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