

A person with a backpack is seen from behind, looking at a map. The scene is set in a room with a desk, a chair, and a window. The background is a mix of a bright outdoor view and a dimly lit indoor space.

Erasmus+ 2021-2027 Erasmus Mundus Actions

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Erasmus Mundus in Finland

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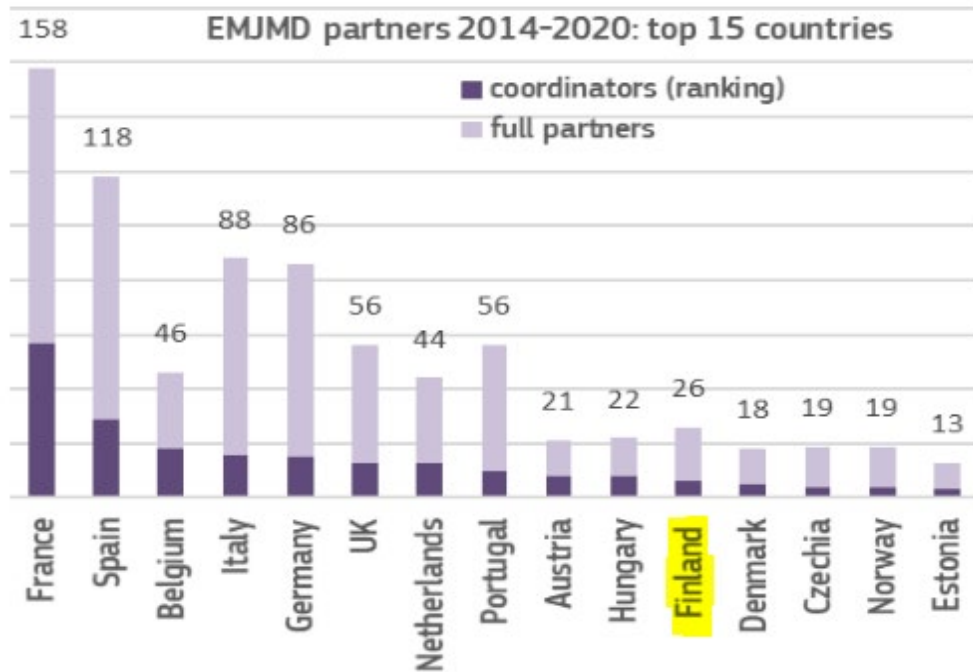


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FI participation in Erasmus Mundus 2021-2022 and 2014-2020



Finland in EMDM projects

	Total	2022	2021
Total proposals recieved	126	58	68
Total EMDMs selected	57	30	27
Proposals recieved involving Finland as full members	14	6	8
EMDMs selected involving Finland as full members	5	3	2
EMDMs selected coordinated by Finland	1	0	1
Associates from Finland in EMJMs	12	4	8

Finland in EMJMD projects

	TOTAL	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	250	46	51	44	39	27	32	11
Total proposals received	713	100	107	112	122	92	119	61
Proposals received involving Finland	96	18	18	19	18	6	9	8
EMJMDs selected involving Finland	41	11	10	6	6	3	3	2
EMJMDs selected coordinated by Finland	6	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
Full partners from Finland in EMJMDs	20	5	3	3	3	1	3	2
Associates from Finland in EMJMDs	66	27	15	7	10	5	0	2

FI participation in Erasmus Mundus call 2021-2022

EMDM 2021

- During the 2021 call there were 2 applications from Finnish HEI:s for EMDM financing .

EMDM 2022

- During the 2022 call there were 2 applications from Finnish HEI:s for EMDM financing and one successful project.

FI participation in Erasmus Mundus 2021-2022

FI Coordinators in EMJM:

2021

- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in Sustainable Mineral and Metal Processing Engineering, Oulun Yliopisto

FI partners in EMJM:

2021

- Sustainable Biomass and Bioproducts Engineering, LUT-yliopisto

2022

- Joint Master's Degree Programme in Service Design Strategies and Innovations (SDSI), Lapin yliopisto
- International Master in Brain and Data Science (NeuroData), Jyväskylän yliopisto
- International Master in Technology and Management for Circular Economy (IMATEC), Åbo Akademi

FI coordinators in EMDM:

2022

- Co-creation of an Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters in Artificial Intelligence to boost Innovation Ecosystems, business competitiveness and employment in Europe (COMAI), Haaga-Helia ammattikorkeakoulu



FI participation in Erasmus Mundus 2014-2020

FI Coordinators:

- Aalto University
 - Master's programme in Security and Cloud Computing (x2)
- University of Eastern Finland
 - MSc European Forestry (x2)
 - Erasmus Mundus Japan - Master of Science in Imaging and Light in Extended Reality
- LUT University
 - Educating software engineers with a sustainability mindset to improve the well-being of people through software solutions
- Åbo Akademi
 - EMJMD Programme on the Engineering of Data-intensive Intelligent Software Systems

FI partners

- Aalto University (5)
- University of Eastern Finland (5)
- University of Helsinki (3)
- Tampere University (2)
- Lahti University of Applied Sciences / LAB
University of Applied Sciences
- Lappeenranta University of Technology
- University of Jyväskylä
- University of Oulu
- Åbo Akademi University



Memorandum on issues related to international joint degrees and issuing of diplomas

- The Finnish National Agency for Education has prepared a Memorandum on issues related to international joint degrees and issuing of diplomas
- The memorandum was updated in 2021
- Link:
https://www.oph.fi/sites/default/files/documents/Memorandum_International%20joint%20degrees.pdf

A joint programme = a joint degree?

- A joint degree = a single diploma issued by at least two HEIs
 - Multiple degrees = two or several diplomas issued by at least two HEIs
 - A combination of the above
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- With the case of Erasmus Mundus, awarding delivery of a joint degree or multiple degrees (joint degrees are highly recommended where national legislation allows it)
- The consortium must decide what kinds of degree certificates and other documents are issued upon completion of the Erasmus Mundus programme
 - If the higher education institutions award a joint degree certificate, they need to decide on the content of the degree certificate, its signatories and the layout

Joint degrees in the Finnish context 1/2

- *When studies leading to a degree have been organized in a joint programme, the degree certificates must contain information on all degrees and degree certificates awarded on the basis of the same studies, and all universities awarding the degrees – regardless of whether joint or multiple degrees are being awarded*
- *In a joint programme a Finnish HEI awards degree certificate in the language of the programme and in addition a Finnish or Swedish certificate must be issued.*

Section 3(2) of the Government Decree on University Degrees and Specialisation Programmes (794/2004); Section 1(3) of The Government Decree on Universities of Applied Sciences (1129/2014); Section 26 of the Government Decree on University Degrees and Specialisation Programmes (794/2004); Section 10 of the Government Decree on Universities of Applied Sciences (1129/2014)

Joint degrees in the Finnish context 2/2

- *In the context of international collaboration, Finnish HEIs have the possibility to down- or upscale their degrees to 60, 90 or 120 ECTS enable the awarding of joint degrees in the context of international collaboration*
 - Valtioneuvoston asetus ammattikorkeakouluista, 3 § (19.12.2019/1294)
Opintojen mitoitus ja laajuus
 - Valtioneuvoston asetus yliopistojen tutkinnoista ja erikoistumiskoulutuksista annetun valtioneuvoston asetuksen muuttamisesta, 13 § (1295/2019)
Ylempään korkeakoulututkintoon johtavien opintojen laajuus
- *The HEIs decide about such scaling of degrees themselves in respect to the degrees they are entitled to award.*

Accreditation

- In Finland, there is no accreditation procedure for individual degree programmes
- EDUFI offers a template all Finnish HEIs may use to showcase that the planned Erasmus Mundus degree complies with the Finnish system of degrees
- The templates are available at OPH's Erasmus Mundus website

EMJM proposal / Attachment explaining the national situation regarding University status, degree-awarding rights and accreditation in Finland

The universities in Finland are regulated by the Universities Act (558/2009). The Act lists all the universities which receive government funding and award Finnish university degrees. [Name of university] is governed by this Act. Individual degrees and degree programmes are not accredited in Finland. The provisions pertaining to the degrees awarded by the universities, the objectives of the degrees, the structure of the studies and other study requirements and the degrees to be conferred by each university (educational responsibility) are enacted by Government Decree (794/2004). Provisions pertaining to a more explicit distribution of some educational responsibilities among the universities are enacted by Ministry of Education and Culture Decree (1451/2014). According to above mentioned legislation [name of university] has the right to offer programmes and award 2nd cycle university degrees (Master's degrees) in the field of [name of field].

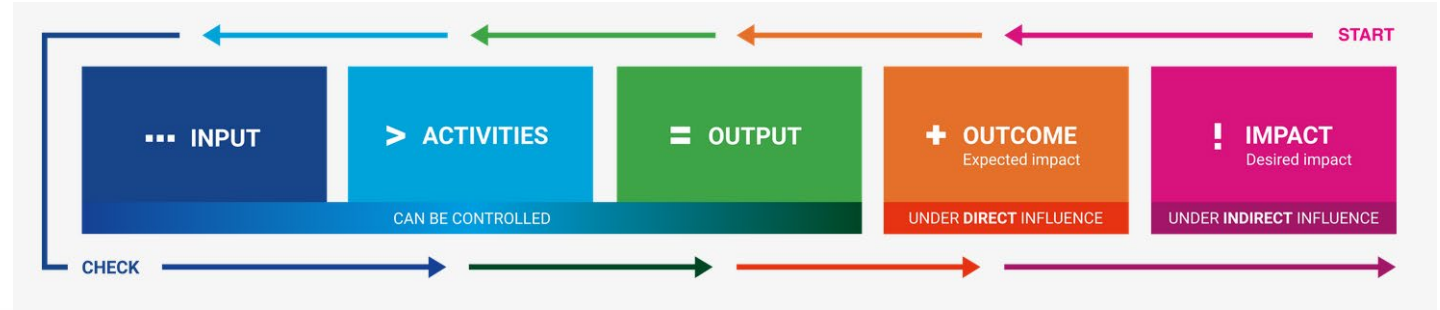
EMJM proposal / Attachment explaining the national situation regarding University of Applied Sciences status, degree-awarding rights and accreditation in Finland

The universities of applied sciences in Finland are regulated by the Universities of Applied Sciences Act (932/2014). According to the Act universities of applied sciences need an operating license granted by the Government in order to receive government funding and award degrees (List of licenses <https://minedu.fi/toimiluvat>). Individual degrees and degree programmes are not accredited in Finland. The provisions pertaining to the degrees awarded by the universities of applied sciences, the objectives of the degrees and the structure of the studies and other study requirements are enacted by Government Decree (1129/2014). [Name of university of applied sciences] has an operating license granted by the Government which states that [name of university of applied sciences] has the right to offer programmes and award 2nd cycle university of applied sciences degrees (Master's degrees) in the field of [name of field].

Tuition fees

- According to Finnish law Finnish HEIs should charge tuition fees from non-EU/EEA students enrolled in a foreign-language degree programme
- Finnish HEIs cannot charge tuition fees from EU/EEA students enrolled in a foreign-language degree programme.
- In the new programme E+ period, there is no longer the category of “participation costs” in Erasmus Mundus → the costs of organizing the programme is compensated through the institutional cost unit
 - Tuition fees are a matter for the consortium to discuss and decide, and possible fees do not effect the size of the student grant in any way
 - It is recommended to find alternative scholarships or other type of financial support for those that study in the programme as non-scholarship holders → attractiveness and sustainability

Impacts of Erasmus+



New website

Information, statistics, support on impact of Erasmus+ for applicants and project participants

<https://www.oph.fi/en/programmes/impacts-erasmus>

Erasmus+ Impact Tool

In Finnish and in Swedish:

<https://www.oph.fi/fi/ohjelmat/erasmus-vaikuttavuustyokalu>

In English on Nuffic website:

<https://www.erasmusplus.nl/en/impacttool-mobility>

More information and support

- [Erasmus+ Programme Guide 2023](#)
 - Erasmus Mundus Action p. 258-273;
- [EACEA Online info session: Erasmus Mundus Action 2023](#)
- [Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Call for Proposals \(call 2022\)](#)
- [Erasmus Mundus Design Measures Call for Proposals \(call 2022\)](#)
- [EMJMD Catalogue \(EACEA\)](#)
- [Erasmus Mundus website \(EDUFI\) \(FI, SV, EN\)](#) – incl. further guidance and references
- [Statistics on Erasmus+ for Higher Education in Finland](#)

Questions & answers



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What is a recommended size of program to go into the EMJM call? I.e. how many Universiti partners involved as well as target student intake

- No recommendation from the programme, apart from the compliance with the minimum requirement (An EMJM involves at least three full partner HEIs from three different countries, of which at least two must be EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme.)
- The rest depends on the quality of the proposal and how the consortium composition is presented in the application. What concerns the Target student intake a realistic forecast of the enrolment policy is expected. It is certainly an asset for the evaluation of the proposal and its relevance if these forecasts are oriented towards the maximum.

Max scholarship is 1400. However, is there a min scholarship amount too? And general rules about the scholarships especially as there is no programme fee anymore.

- The maximum of Euro 1400 to be paid for the participation of a scholarship for a full month. This amount needs to be paid and cannot be reduced by the programmes. The only reduction is applicable if the scholarship holder has not participated for a full month in the programme (pro rata payment of Euro 1400).
- Whereas projects cannot charge tuition fees or other mandatory costs related to student participation in the course to Erasmus Mundus scholarship holders, consortia are free to set the level of these fees/costs for non-scholarship holders.

What points normally HEI has to fulfil for the assurance of the joint programme quality in Finland/UAS?

- In Finland, there is no accreditation procedure for individual degree programmes
- A degree that is part of the Finnish higher education degree system is always awarded by a Finnish higher education institution. The awarding institution is responsible for the quality of the degree and ensures that it meets the set criteria.
- Education delivered in international cooperation must fall within the institution's educational responsibility

Thank you!

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