



# Central European Joint Infodays 2024

Training seminar focusing on the Erasmus+ centralised actions in higher education and cooperation with partner countries

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# Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

## WS1 – General session

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# What is it?

- High-level integrated transnational study programme at master level
- Fully integrated curriculum
- Open to all academic disciplines
- Offers high-level scholarships to excellent students worldwide





joint master program

# DANUBE AGRI-FOOD MASTER - DAFM

"Sustainability in Agriculture, Food production and Food Technology in the Danube Region"



# Why a joint master Curriculum?



## **an interdisciplinary and intercultural Master program**

for students with background in Agriculture, Biotechnology, Food Science, Food Technology, with the **Danube region as role model** in order to

- combines knowledge and competences of the partner universities
- strengthens expertises of partner universities by knowledge exchange
- takes advantage of synergies between our universities
- increases the mobility of the students/ researchers/teachers
- develops the internationalisation of our universities and students
- focus on interdisciplinary programs
- provides intercultural understanding
- increases the employability of our students

+ EU support – Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM)

# Specific challenges for life science universities to develop the basis for the future development of mankind



- Food and water security, environmental protection
- Sustainable use of natural resources (soil, bioresources, water,..)
- Development of high-end technological methods in biotechnology (biorefinery, renewable energy,....)
- Landscape development; town- and country planning
- And many more.....



# Why?

## Policy level

- Increase the quality and attractiveness of EHEA
- Increase synergies between education, research and innovation
- More competitive European Higher education
- Attract talent to Europe
- Respond to labour market needs

## Institutional level

- Excellence programme
- Support deep quality institutional cooperation
- High visibility on international level
- Selection of the most talented students worldwide

## Student level

- Excellent academic education
- High quality degree
- Improve competences and skills
- High employability



# A joint master within CASEE and



## CEEPUS network



Life Sciences Universities in Central and South Eastern Europe (CASEE)  
A network within ICA (= Life Science Universities of Europe)



### **CASEE - The ICA Regional Network for Central and South Eastern Europe**

The Life Science Universities of Central and South Eastern Europe are the basis for sustainable, ecological and economic development of the region.



### GOAL:

- support development implementation of the EU-Strategy for the Danube region
- strengthen research, education and University development
- develop joint research, education and other projects
- Development of a European dimension in education and research

# Why Central and Southern Eastern Europe?



- Historical links between universities.
- Region comprised of EU member states, candidate countries and possible candidates.
- Important region for the European Union development
- Region of tremendous development in ecological, economical and societal respect
- Region with a highly significant potential for further economical growth and improvement.
- High cross-linking of economies (investors, multi-national companies,...)

# Learning outcomes



- ✓ capability to critically select and apply adequate methods for sustainability in agriculture, food production and food technology,
- ✓ deep knowledge of agriculture and food production under the aspect of sustainability in the Danube Region,
- ✓ understand the relevance of the principle of sustainability generally and especially for Danube Region,
- ✓ understand the development of Danube Region from point of view of ecology, rural development and cultural history,
- ✓ capability to analyse social interactions in an intercultural context,
- ✓ fluent in English,
- ✓ convey research proposals, reports and scientific papers to a wider public audience



# For whom?

- Consortium of 3 different HEIs from 3 different countries:
  - EU Member State, third country associated to the Programme or third country not associated to the Programme
- Associate partners are also welcome



# Joint degree awarding institutions

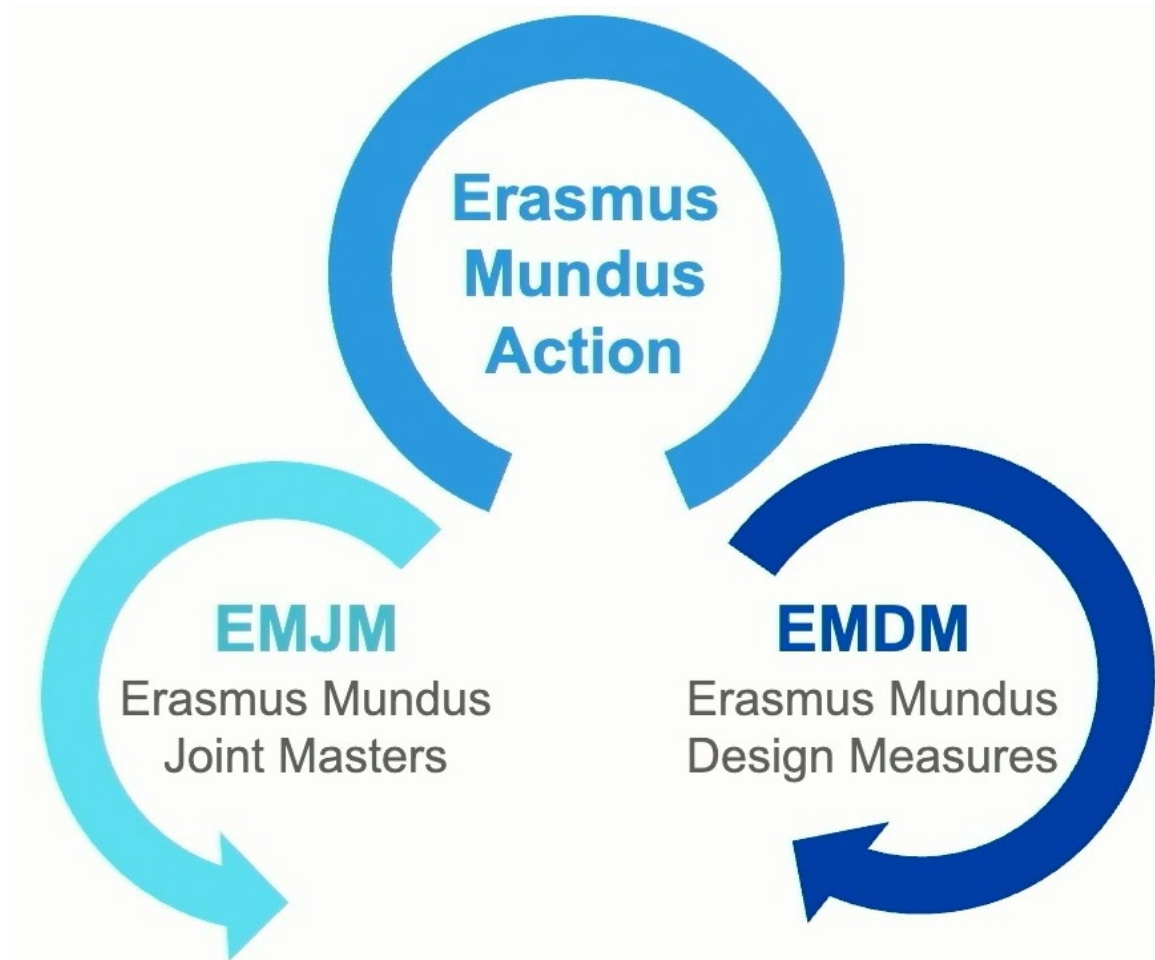


- Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Hungary (MATE)
- Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic (CZU)
- University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria (BOKU)
- University of Life Sciences, „King Michael I.“, Timisoara, Romania (ULST)
- University of Zagreb, Croatia (UNIZG)
- University of Novi Sad, Serbia (UNS)
- Slovak Agricultural University Nitra, Slovakia (SUA)



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# 20 years

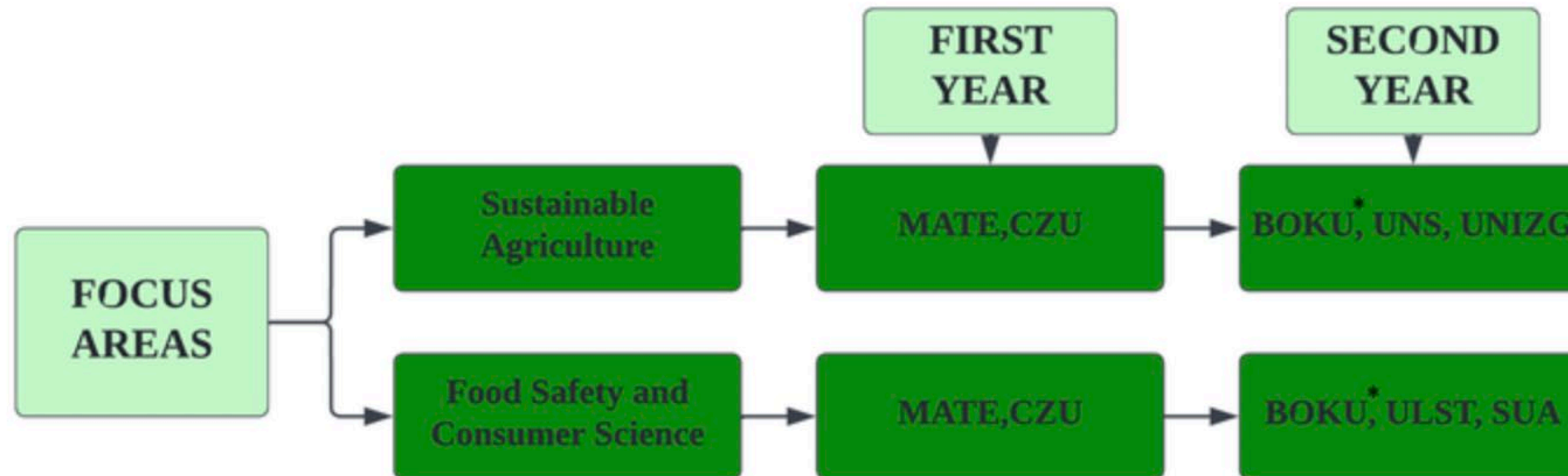


- Launched in 2004
- ~580 Erasmus Mundus funded project
- ~34 000 scholarship holder students
  
- Two independent lots

# What can an EMJM project do?

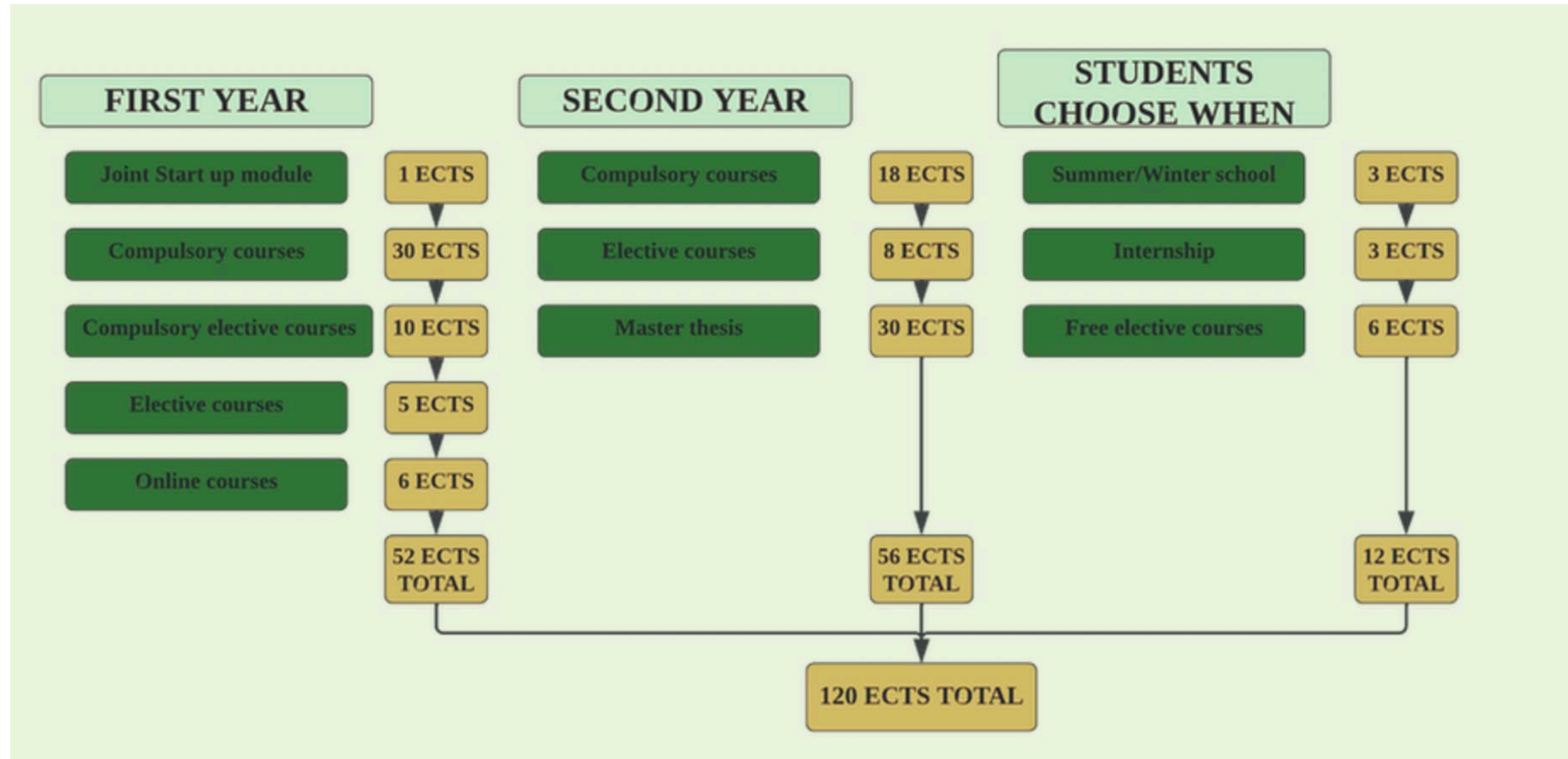
- Academic cooperation
- Joint programme design
- Joint procedures
- Delivery of a joint/multiple degree
- Compulsory physical mobility for all enrolled students

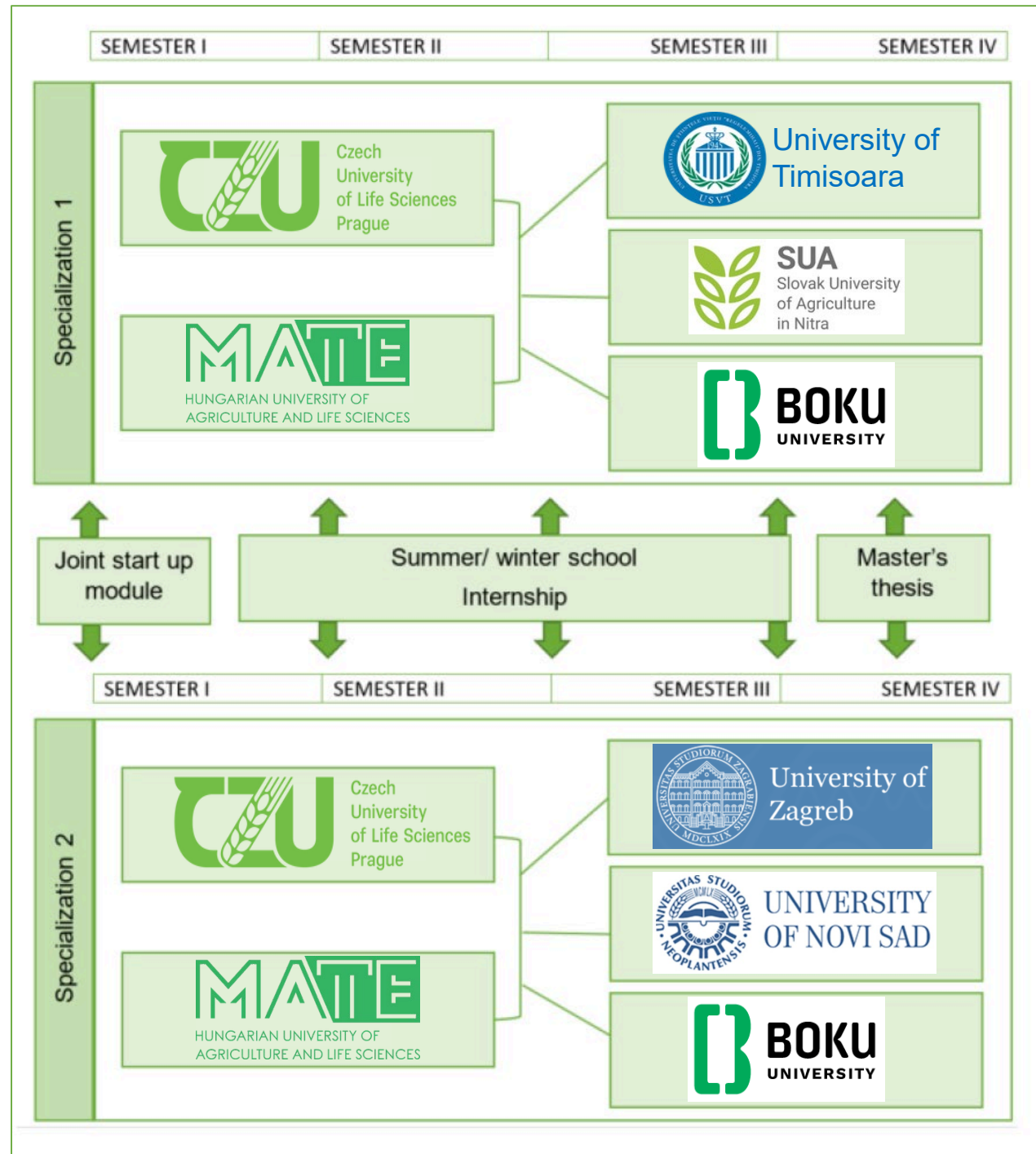
# Mobility track





# Curriculum design





final set up

## Danube Agri-Food Master

Each degree-awarding partner university offers courses of at least 30 ECTS credits per semester for students to choose.

### Specialization 1:

#### Sustainability in Food Production and Food Technology

- Semester 1 and 2 at MATE or CZU
- Semester 3 and 4 at ULVT, SUA or BOKU

### Specialization 2:

#### Sustainability in Agriculture

- Semester 1 and 2 at MATE or CZU
- Semester 3 and 4 at UNIZG, UNS or BOKU

### Master Thesis: co-supervision 1st year-2nd year UNI

for all students:

- Joint online start up module before semester 1,
- compulsory summer or winter school before semesters 2, 3 or 4;
- compulsory internship before semesters 2, 3 or 4

# Funds available

Institutional costs:  
750 € monthly per  
student

Cap: 100 students  
Max: 1 800 000 €

Scholarships:  
1400 € monthly per  
student

Cap: 50 students  
Max: 1 680 000 €

Special needs top up:  
Unit costs ranging between  
3 000 € - 60 000 €

Max: 120 000 €



# Budget

## Estimated number of enrolled students and calculation of the grant

**Estimated number of students (for the entire duration of the EMJM)**

Duration of the master programme in months (12, 18, 24), corresponding to 60, 90, 120 ECTS respectively

24

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	Heading 2 Programme Countries		Heading 2 Partner Countries		Heading 6 Partner Countries IPA**		Heading 6 Partner Countries NDICI		Total	
	Nr. students	Person/months	Nr. students	Person/months	Nr. students	Person/months	Nr. students	Person/months	Nr. enrolled students	Person/months
Number of non-scholarship holders	20	480	20	480	N/A		N/A		40	960
Number of scholarship holders*	20	480	40	960	6	144	18	432	84	2 016
<b>Total enrolled students</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1 440</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>124</b>	
Number of special needs units (0 to 2) for all enrolled students									2	

\*Sum of Heading 2 must be inferior or equal to 60

\*\* Subject to availability of IPA funds

\*Sum of Heading 6 must be inferior or equal to 24

For IPA Heading 6 must be inferior or equal to 6

For NDICI Heading 6 must be inferior or equal to 18

**Calculation of max. GRANT amount**

VALIDATION **Ok**

	Unit costs	Heading 2		Heading 6 IPA		Heading 6 NDICI		Maximum GRANT amount
		Total GRANT	Total Person/months	Total GRANT	Total Person/months	Total GRANT	Total Person/months	
A. Contribution for scholarships	1 400	2 016 000	1 440	201 600	144	604 800	432	2 822 400
B. Institutional contribution ***	750	1 800 000	2 400	108 000		324 000		2 232 000
C. Contribution for special needs	60 000	120 000			NA			120 000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>3 936 000</b>		<b>309 600</b>		<b>928 800</b>		<b>5 174 400</b>

\*\*\* the Heading 2 sum will be computed based on the sum of E9 and G9 with a maximum corresponding to 100 enrolled students

# What are the chances?

## 2023 call

- 93 applications submitted
- 32 applications received funding



35% success rate

## 2024 call

- 140 applications submitted
- 34 applications received funding



25% success rate



# 7-years trials

year of submission	gained scores	funding threshold	relevance	eligible no of submitted projects	funded projects
2015	76	79		76	15
2016	77	78		89	27
2017	74	80	34 (85%)	116	38
2018	formal defect			110	
2019	77	80	34 (85%)	91	44
2020	77,5	81	34,5 (86,25%)	100	40
2021	85			70	25

# How can I apply?

[Online call on FTOP: Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters](#)

ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PEX-EMJM-MOB

Next deadline: **13 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

*Listen to our next session to be informed about all criteria*





## More info

- [Programme Guide 2025](#)
- [FTOP](#)
- [Erasmus+ World Wide webinar](#)
- [Erasmus Mundus infoday \(EC\)](#)
- Your Erasmus+ National Agency





# Thank you for your attention

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