

Central European Joint Infodays 2024

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

3-4 December 2024











Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters WS1 – In-depth practical session

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Introduction





Aims and objectives

- More competitive European higher education sector
- Keywords: excellence and jointness
- Deliver a high-level integrated transnational study programme at master level – needs analysis
- Boost international academic cooperation of HEIs
- Provide mobility opportunities to the most talented students
- Develop curricula tailored to the needs of society and labour market







joint master program DANUBE AGRI-FOOD MASTER - DAFM

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





Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra







Consortium

Eligibility criteria for the Coordinator

- legal entity or
- HEI
 - EU: ECHE needed
 - 3rd country associated: ECHE needed
 - 3rd country not associated (not necessary to inlcude)

Eligibility criteria for full Partners

- Legal entity or
- HEI (same applies as for Coordinator)
- Organisations or associations relevant to the delivery of EMJM

Associated partners

optional

Minimum 3 HEIs from 3 different countries (at least 2 from EU or 3rd countries associated to the Programme



(average 24 participating organisations including associated partners)

Consortium of DAFM





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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,...)



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)







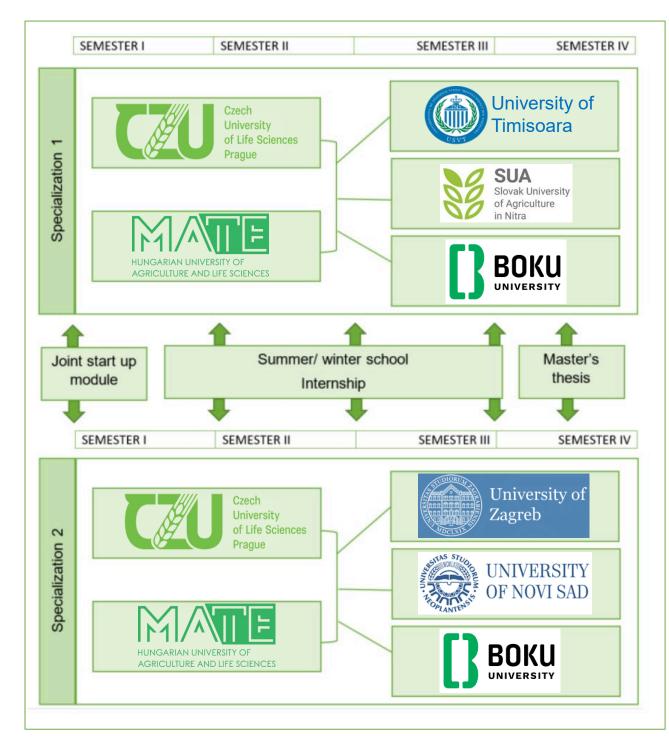






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final set up

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

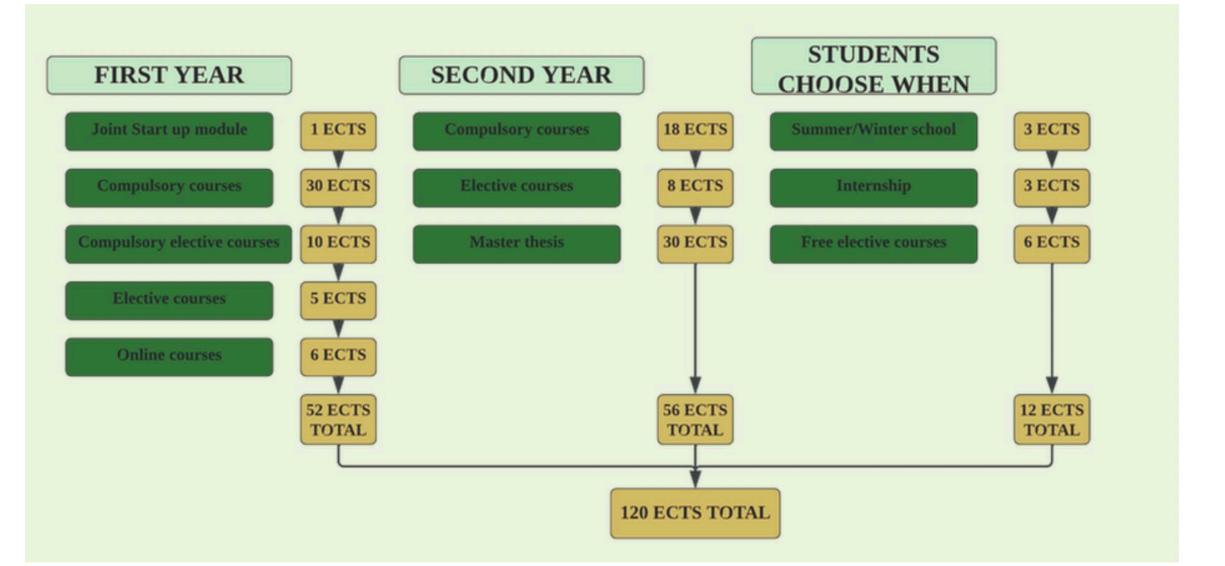
for all students:

- 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



Curriculum design







Important notice

At application stage full partner HEIs must demonstrate to have fulfilled the external Quality Assurance (QA) requirements of their jurisdiction for the joint programme.

- This can result either (i) from having successfully implemented the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes (if national legislation allows),
- (ii) or be based on a specific accreditation/evaluation of the joint programme,
- (iii) or of each national component on the basis of which the EMJM is composed.





Accreditation



The European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes has been developed to ease external quality assurance of these programmes. In particular, it will:

•dismantle an important obstacle to the development of joint programmes by setting standards for these programmes that are based on the agreed tools of the EHEA, without applying additional national criteria, and

•facilitate integrated approaches to quality assurance of joint programmes that genuinely reflect and mirror their joint character.

https://www.eqar.eu/kb/joint-programmes/





Accreditation - Consortium



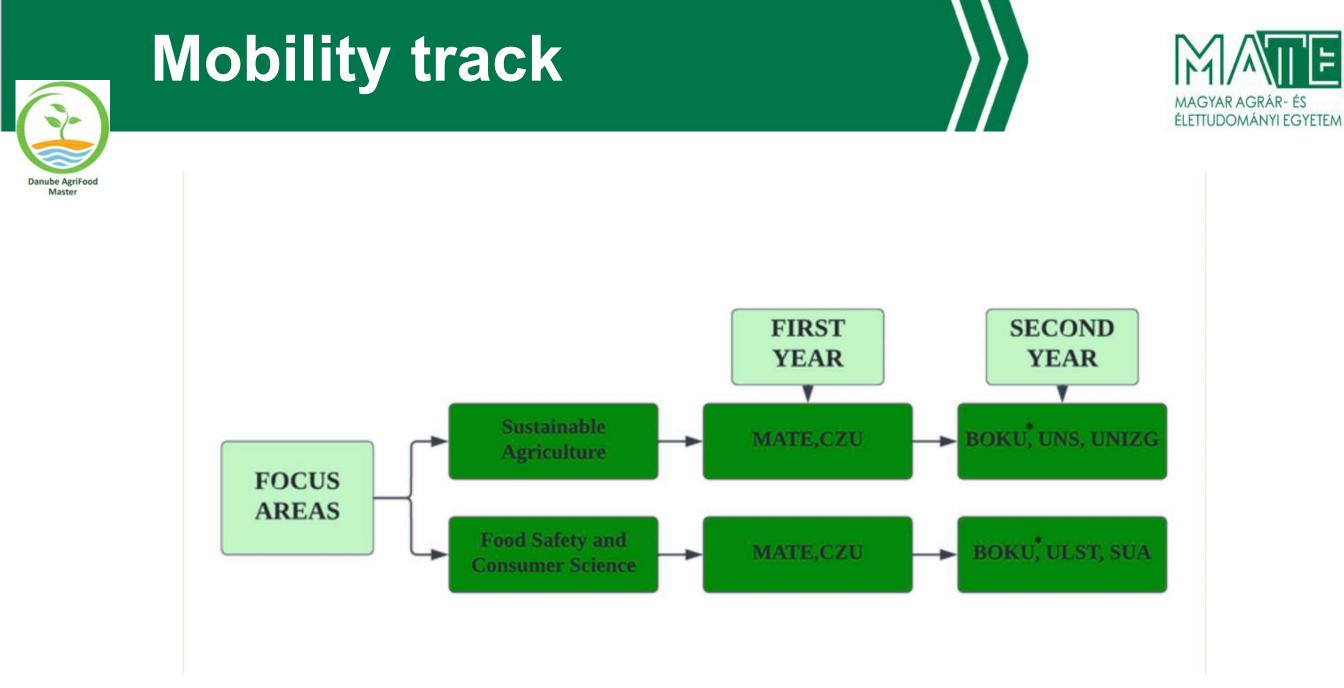
ACCREDITATION OF DAFM PARTNERS	ENQA member	Registered on EQAR	Type of accreditation	DAFM Accredited
BOKU	member	yes	institution level	yes
SUA	member	yes	programme level	yes
ULST	member	yes	programme level	yes
UNIZG	member	yes	programme level	yes
UNS	affiliate	no	programme level	yes
CZU	affiliate	no	programme level	yes
MATE	member	yes	programme level	yes



What to set up



- 74 months
- Minimum 4 editions of the master programme, each lasting 1-2 academic years (60/90/120 ECTS)
- Start of the 1st edition max. the academic year after project selection
- Commitment to enrol a certain number of students per project
- Min. 2 study periods in 2 foreign countries (min. 1 programme country)
- Geographical balance of students: max.10% of total scholarships for students of the same nationality





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,

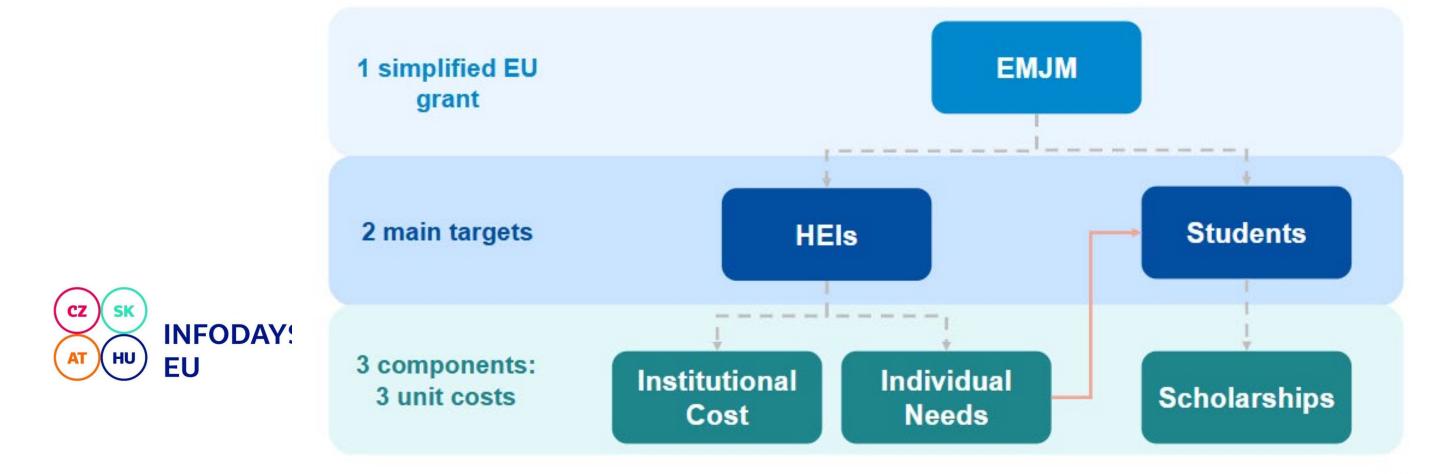


- fluent in English,
- convey research proposals, reports and scientific papers to a wider public audience



EU grant contribution

Budget: ~150 000 000€ Max budget per project: 3 600 000 € Nr of projects: ~ 30-40



How to start – technical info

- Read carefully the Programme Guide
- Plan your project ahead
- Visit FTOP
- EU Login Account
- PIC code

Start submission

Need help?

To access the Electronic Submission Service, please click on the submission-button next to the **type of action** and the **type of model grant agreement** that corresponds to your proposal. You will then be asked to confirm your choice, as it cannot be changed in the submission system. Upon confirmation, you will be linked to the correct entry point.

To access existing draft proposals for this topic, please login to the Funding & Tenders Portal and select the My Proposals page of the My Area section.

Please select the type of your submission:

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Start submission



About the application

The application form is structured in 3 parts:

• Part A - Administrative Forms (online at the portal)

General info about the project, data on applicant organisation & contact persons

• Part B – Technical description & annexes (to be uploaded)

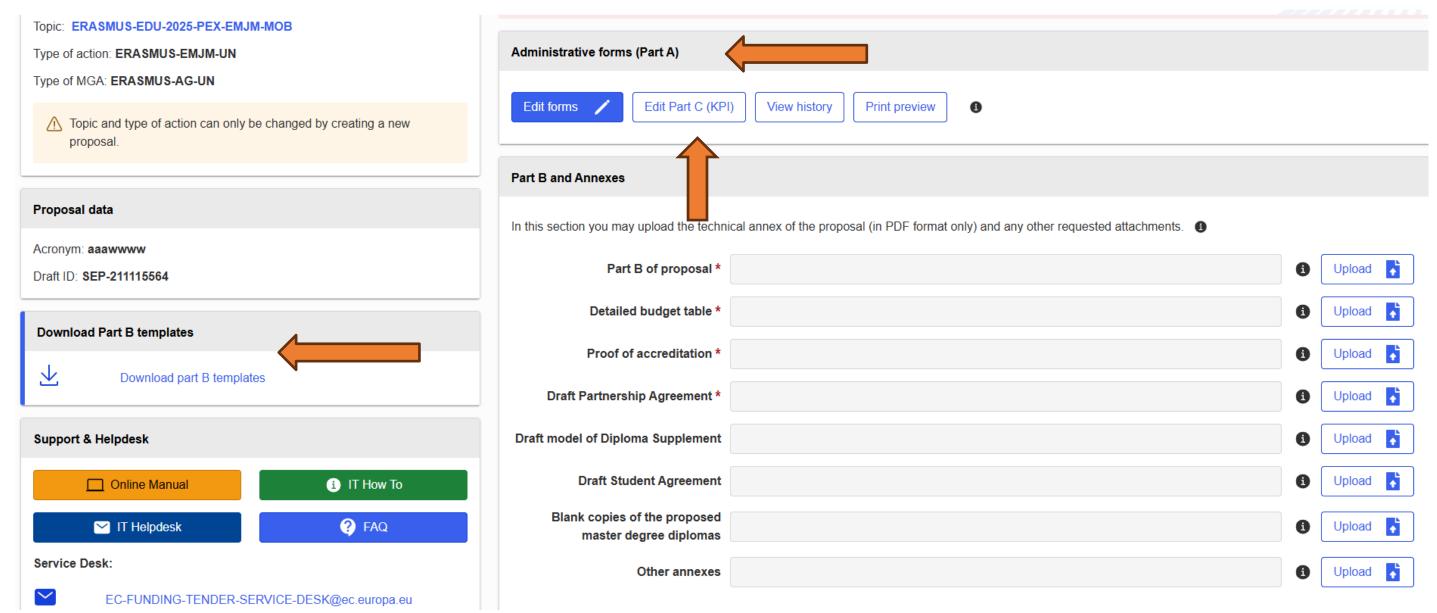
Narrative part of the project, work packages, milestones & deliverables

• Part C – Administrative forms (online at the portal)

Specificities (number of ECTS, accreditation, type of degrees to be awarded, etc.)



About the application



Part A

- General information: acronym, summary, duration, etc
- Partners and contacts (set roles)
- Budget (use the calculator first)

Max number of scholarships is 50 now!



Institutional costs

Scholarships

Special needs

Unit cost per **enrolled** student of 750 €/month of study with a maximum

Contribution of 1 800 000 € per grant.



Full Scholarships for max. 50 students per EMJM project: unit cost per enrolled student of 1400 €/month of study (max. 24 months)

Maximum amount of 1 680 000 € per grant

Additional scholarships for 9 targeted regions (response to the EU External priorities) from third countries not associated to the Programme (regional targets)

Max. amount of 1 032 000 € per grant

Contribution to cover **special needs** of the students: max. 120 000 € per project.



Budget



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	24 Please enter data only in cells highlighted in blue									
		Heading 2 Programme Countries		Heading 2 Partner Countries		Heading 6 Partner Countries IPA**		Heading 6 Partner Countries NDICI		١	fotal
		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*	Ok	20	480	40	960	6	144	18	432	84	2 016
Total enrolled students		40	960	60	1 440	6	144	18	432	124	
Number of special needs units (0 to 2) for all enrolled students											
*Sum of Heading 2 must be inferior or equal to		** Subject to avai	lability of IPA f	unds							
*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 o	f max. GRA	NT amount					
						VAL	DATION	Ok		
	_	He	ading 2	Head	ing 6 IPA	Headi	ng 6 NDICI			
	Unit costs	Total GRANT	Total Person/months	Total GRANT	Total Person/months	Total GRANT	Total Person/months	Maximum GRANT amount		
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A. Contribution for scholarships B. Institutional contribution ***	1 400 750	2 016 000 1 800 000	1 440 2 400		144	604 800 324 000	432	2 822 400 2 232 000		
C. Contribution for special needs	60 000	120 000			NA			120 000		
TOTAL		3 936 000		309 600		928 800		5 174 400		
		*** the Heading 2 sum will be computed based on the sum of E9 and G9 with a maximum corresponding to 100 enrolled students								



Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI):

- > Asia and the Pacific: Pacific, Asia, Central Asia, Middle East
- > Americas and the Caribbean: Latin America and Caribbean (USA and Canada not eligible)
- Sub Saharan Africa: Western, Eastern, Central, South Africa Indian Ocean
- > Neighbourhood: Southern neighbourhood (Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia not eligible)

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro

			Esti	mated eligible unit contrib	outions (per budget catego	ry)		
	A. C	ontributions for scholars	hips	В	. Institutional contribution	C. Contributions for special needs	Total	
	Heading 2	Heading 6 IPA	Heading 6 NDICI	Heading 2	Heading 6 IPA	Heading 6 NDICI		
Forms of funding	Unit contribution	Unit contribution	Unit contribution	Unit contribution	Unit contribution	Unit contribution	Unit contribution	e = a+b+c
	a				b	c	e - urbre	
1 - Coordinator	2 016 000	201 600	604 800	1 800 000	108 000	324 000	120 000	5 174 400
Total consortium	2 016 000	201 600	604 800	1 800 000	108 000	324 000	120 000	5 174 400

(ACTIVITIES, WORK PACKAGES, TIMING AND SUBCONTRACTING)





Budget

Application: Part B

Sections 1, 2 & 3	Award Criteria
Section 4	Workplan, Work Packages & Timing
Section 5	N/A
Section 6	Declarations concerning double funding



Application – Part B

Section 1: Award criteria relevance

Relevance (30 pts)

- Objectives
- Rationale
- Curriculum design
- EU values, innovation

Minimum 22 pts

Quality (30+20 pts)

- Student application, selection, services
- inclusion
- Monitoring strategy
- Cost-effectiveness
- Project team, organisational structure

Minimum (project desing: 15 + partnership: 10 pts)

Impact (20 pts)

- Impact at different levels
- Communication and dissemination
- Sustainability

Minimum 10 pts



Treshold at 70 points



Criterion 1 – Relevance (2021)



"The overall and specific objectives are very well defined and are relevant to the EMJM.

The joint masters clearly addresses the needs identified from appropriate sources, for example, institutions, business sector, students, lectures, scholars and policy makers.

The needs clearly respond to the UN Agenda 2030.

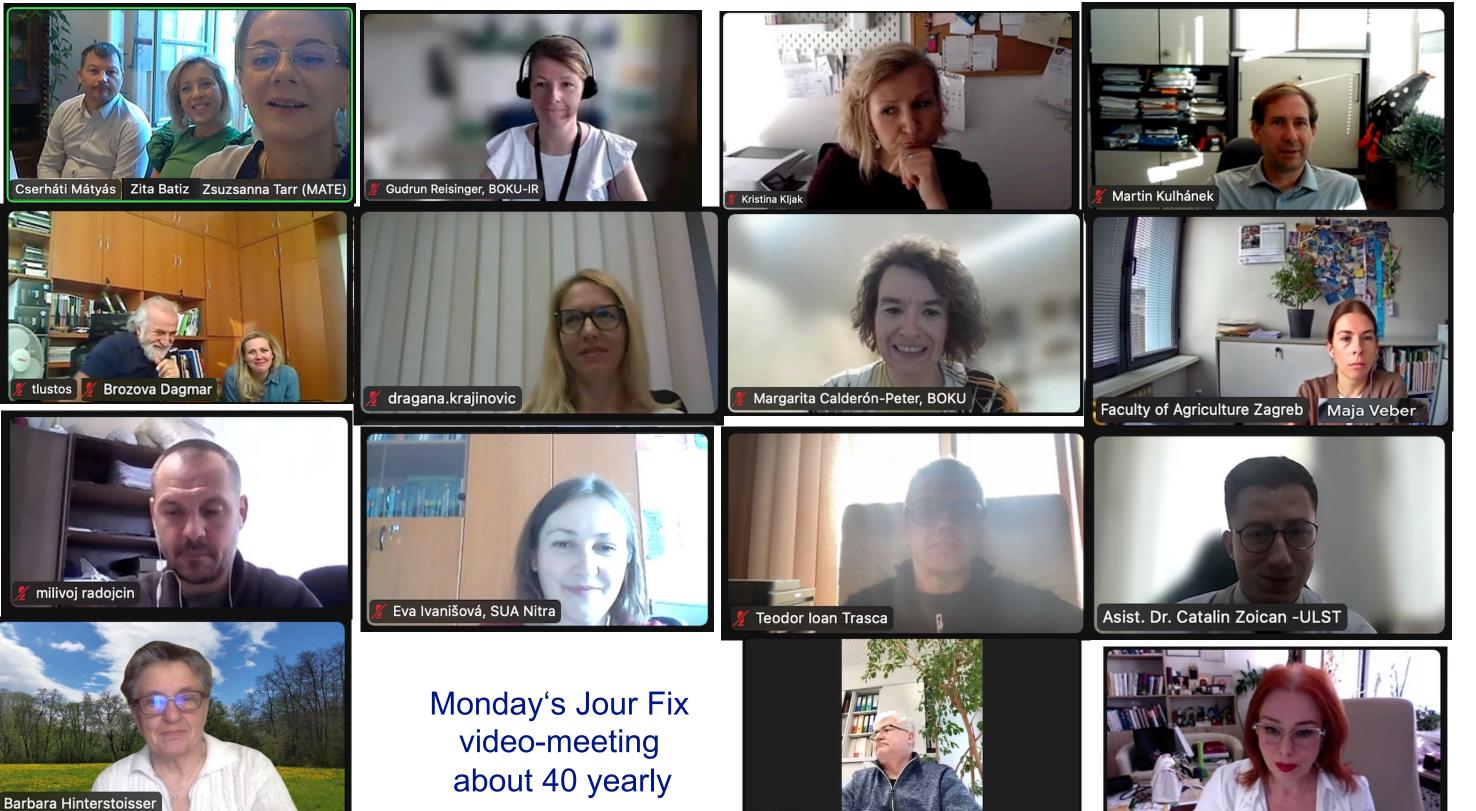
The EMJM is critical to achieving strategic food production and security goals.

The scientific areas of the academic content are properly identified.

The project has potential to increase the attractiveness of the European Higher Education Area, which is attributed to the popularity of previous editions, successes and accolades of the programme, and the strong participation of the food industry.

The strategy for internationalisation is credible since results of the programme can be transferred and adapted to any river basin region."





Josef Eitzinger

Adriana Kolesárová

Tasks of DAFM Consortium members





MATE: Program office - management of students and admin of DAFM, headquarter of local program offices is at MATE

CZU (Prague): Selection Committee/Selection Boards led by CZU (Prague)

ULST (Timisoara): Quality Assurance Board - Controlling of the study progress according to the structure of curriculum and quality control of the whole joint Master

BOKU (Vienna): Job market and organization of Alumni event

UNIZG (Zagreb) & UNS (Novi Sad): Implementing and monitoring the promotion/marketing plan & dissemination/exploitation plan & outreach to stakeholders

SUA (Nitra): Organise and coordinate the associate partners into the Advisory Board, guest lecturers/internship/general support



Application – Part B

Section 4: Workplan, work packages

+ timetable



Duration:		MX·-·MX·∞	Lead·Benefic	ary:•		1-Shor	rt∙name¤						
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Application – Part B and annexes

Part B and Annexes				
In this section you may upload the technic	cal annex of the proposal (in PDF format only) and any other requested attachments. (
Part B of proposal *		•	Upload	ł
Detailed budget table *		•	Upload	ł
Proof of accreditation *		•	Upload	ł
Draft Partnership Agreement *		•	Upload	•
Draft model of Diploma Supplement		•	Upload	
Draft Student Agreement		•	Upload	ł
Blank copies of the proposed master degree diplomas		•	Upload	•
Other annexes		•	Upload	ł

Mandatory documents

Part B

- Calculator (budget table)
- Proof of accreditation
- Draft Partnership Agreement

Optional annexes

- Draft model Diploma Supplement
- Draft Student Agreement
- Copies of the proposed degree
- Other annexes



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Annex (max 50 pages)



- Consortium Agreement
- Student's Agreement
- Communication and visibility plan
- Letter of supports (associated partners, agencies, associations networks, ministries, NGOs, Chambers, research institutes, fari institutions from Heading 4 region etc.)



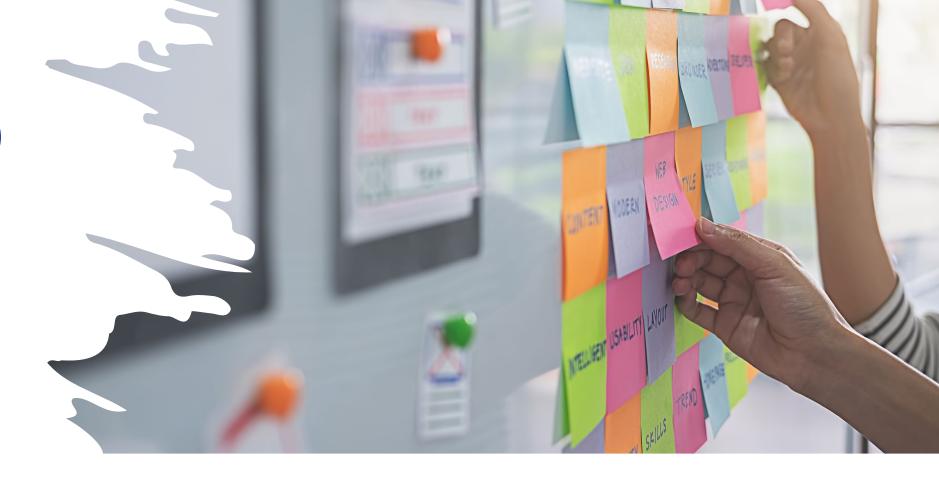


Part C (online)

Key Performance Indicators:

- Type of project
- Priorities
- Policy impact
- Number of persons reached, new partnerships
- Etc.





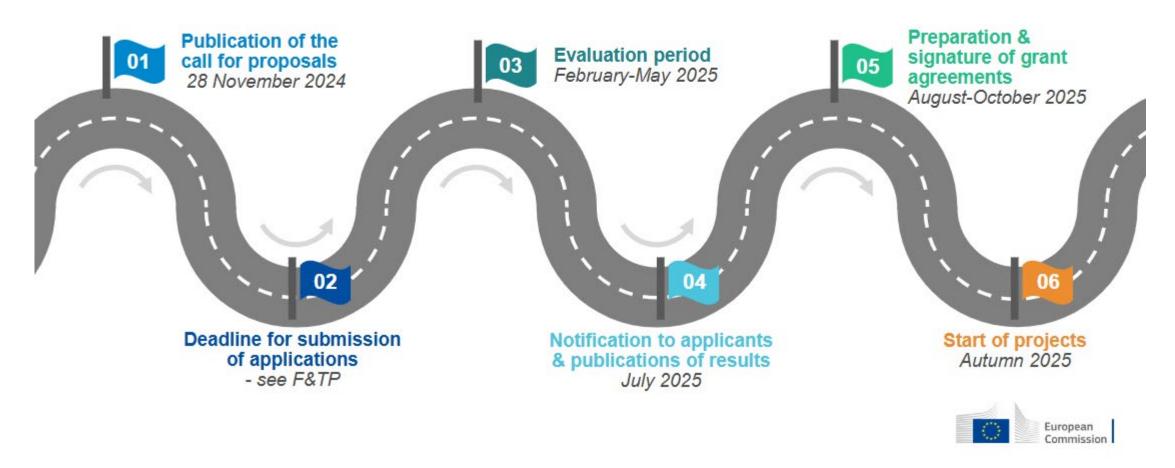
Deadline

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters ERASMUS-EDU-2025-PEX-EMJM-MOB Deadline: **13 February 2025 17:00:00 Brussels time**

Submit 48 hours before the deadline You can submit the proposal as many times as you wish up until the deadline. Each new submitted version will replace the previous one.



Erasmus+ EMJM call for proposals 2025 Selection Roadmap







7-years trials



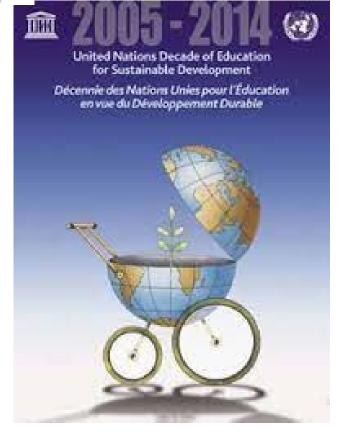
year of submission	gained scores	funding threshold	relevance	eligible no of submitted projects	funded projects
2015	76	79		76	15
2016	77	78		89	27
2017	74	80	34 (85%)	116	38
2018	formal defect			110	
2019	77	80	34 (85%)	91	44
2020	77,5	81	34,5 (86,25%)	100	40
2021	85			70	25





Awards and prizes





The Programme Danube AgriFood Master has won the **Sustainability Award 2014**

(award of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economics and of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management)

The Programme Danube AgriFood Master was also selected as "**UN-Project of the Decade**" by the Austrian UNESCO Commission in 2014



The DAFM website



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https://agrifoodmaster.eu/index.html



HOME PROGRAMME HOW TO APPLY SELECTION PROCEDURE NEWS CONTACT



Joint Master degree study "Sustainability in Agriculture, Food Production and Food Technology in the Danube Region" (Danube AgriFood Master – DAFM) focuses on sustainable development as competent response to the upcoming challenges of climate change and protection and promotion of livelihoods. It uses the Danube region as a model region for all riparian regions worldwide.

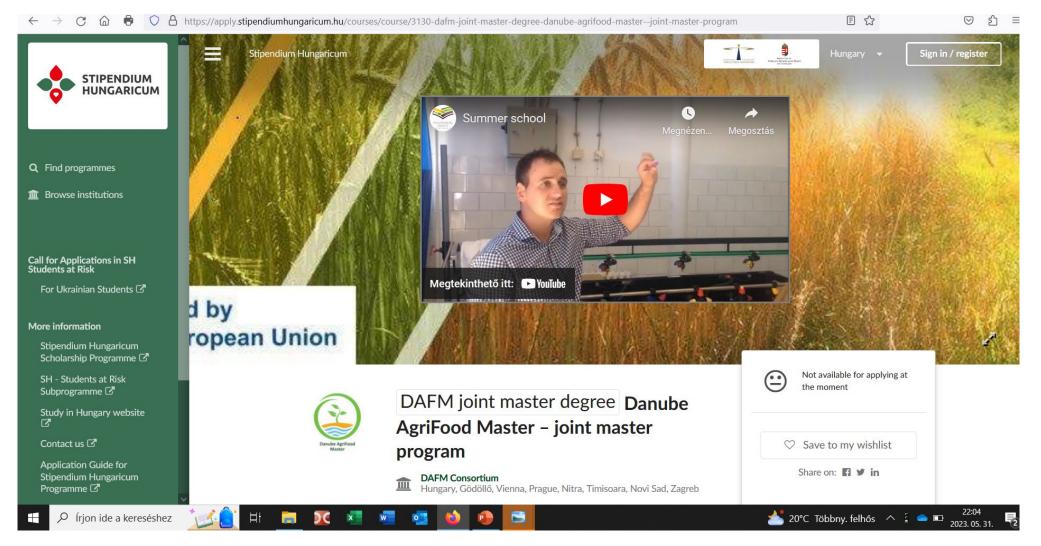


Online application surface





^{*} https://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/institutions/institution/167-dafm-consortium





Results of the first call 2022





1st intake DAFM - open for two and a half month (extended in search for EU candidates)

Total number of submitted applications: 522

(Nigeria-208, Pakistan-68, Ghana-39, Ethiopia-25, Kenya-14, Bangladesh-13, India-11) out of 56 countries

1st Intake enrolled students: 25 (MATE 14/CZU 11)

Scholarship holders: 20 Tuitions fee waived: 5

Nationalities:

EUROPE - Czech: 1, Greece: 1, Kosovo: 2 MIDDLE EAST – Syria: 1 ASIA - Pakistan 4, Nepal: 2, India: 2, Bhutan: 1, Philippines: 1, Sri Lanka:1 AFRICA - Ethiopia: 2, Ghana: 2, Kenya: 1, Nigeria: 4





Results of the second call 2023





2nd intake DAFM - open from 26th October – 31st January For EU candidates – extended until 31st March

Total of submitted applications: 1342

(Pakistan-298, Nigeria-274, Afghanistan-106, Kenya-71, Ghana-67, Ethiopia-48, India-39) out of 80 countries

Total No. of 2nd intake's selected students: 25 (MATE 16 / CZU 9)

Scholarship holders: 16 Tuitions fee waived: 9

Nationalities:

EUROPE: Hungary: 4, Greece: 1, Italy: 1, Bosnia&Herzegovina: 1, Türkiye: 1 OUTSIDE EUROPE: Mexico, Egypt, India, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Tanzania, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Malawi, USA, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Cameroon, Uganda, Ghana, Kenya, Ethiopia



Results of the third call 2024





3rd intake DAFM - open from November 2023 – January 2024 For EU candidates – extended until 30st April

Total of submitted applications: 1200 (out of 80 countries) After pre-screen, approx. 300 applicants were evaluated by the Selection Committee and interviewed approx. 100)

Total No. Of non-EU 3rd intake's selected students: 37 (MATE 24 / CZU 13)

Scholarship holders: 18 Tuitions fee waived: 19



- Improve transitions to the 2nd-year universities (accommodation, residence permits etc.)
- Harmonizing and re-evaluating the selection procedure for the 4th intake
- Promoting DAFM especially among EU-candidates
- Improving to the highest student satisfaction in all aspects









The biggest problems were not to agree on the content of the program but administrative hurdles:

> admission requirements (visa, certificates, residence permit....)

accreditation (universities / curriculum)

- > tuition fees
- time tables (semester start,

Challenges

- joint certificate
- > and many more.....

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> and financial support for students



Highlights of the academic year 2022/23

Danube AgriFoo Master





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Highlights of the academic year 2023/24





Joint programme at MATE Botanical Garden under the 2014 Tree of the Year silver medallist wild pear tree (300 years old, 20 m high and 3 m perimeter)

More info

Supporting documents:

- Programme Guide 2024
- <u>Call</u>
- <u>Online support materials (user</u> manuals, IT support guide)
- FAQ (questions with valid answers)
- <u>Study on jointness</u>

Videos:

- World wide webinar
- Online Mundus info session

Contact:

- National Agency
- EACEA functional mailbox: <u>EACEA-</u> <u>EPLUS-ERASMUS-</u> <u>MUNDUS@ec.europa.eu</u>



Thank you for your attention!!!





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