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In-depth workshop:

How to submit an Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM) application

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Overview of the workshop

Part 1: How to submit an EMDM application

- ✓ Short reminder of EMDM
- Creating a proposal & Application form
- ✓ Part A administrative forms
- ✓ Part B award criteria and workplan
- ✓ Part C KPI
- Tips for submission

Part 2: Good practice example

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Part 3: Discussion



Short reminder of the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures



Main features of Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM)

- √ € 60 000 lump sum grant (mono-beneficiary)
- ✓ Applicant: programme country HEI, ECHE holder
- ✓ All partners: deliver education at level 7 ISCED
- ✓ Integrated curriculum of min. 3 countries (at least 2 programme countries)
- ✓ Duration: 15 months
- ✓ Independent on Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM)
- Expected outcomes: joint programme design, joint administrative procedure, common student services, joint promotion and dissemination, joint degree policy and launch of accreditation process



Main changes compared to the call 2025

- ✓ Not compulsory to include activities involving HEIs from at least one third (partner) country anymore
- ✓ Alignement with EMJM (min. 3 countries, min. 2 programme countries)



Award criteria

Minimum score to be considered for funding: 60 points in total and at least 16 for relevance, 12 for project design, 12 for partnership arrangements and 10 for impact

Relevance of the project (max. 30 pts)

Quality of the project design and implementation (max. 25 pts)

Quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements (max. 25 pts)

Impact (max. 20 pts)



Creating a proposal & Application form



Getting started – Basic info

- ✓ Online application procedure via <u>FTOP</u> (PIC needed)
- ✓ Submitted by the contact person of the applicant institution
- ✓ Deadline: 12 February 2026 17:00 (CET)
- ✓ Grant amount: € 60 000
- ✓ Budget: € 3 mil. → around 50 EMDM funded
- ✓ Programme Guide 2026, Online support materials, EACEA info session (11 December 2025)
- Erasmus Mundus Catalogue



Where to start?

- Go to FTOP
- Select the topic: ERASMUS-EDU-2026-EMJM-DESIGN
- Select the type of submission: Lump Sum Grants and "start submission"

Please select the type of your submission:

ERASMUS Lump Sum Grants [ERASMUS-LS], ERASMUS Lump Sum Grant [ERASMUS-AG-LS]

Start submission



Create proposal

- Find your organisation



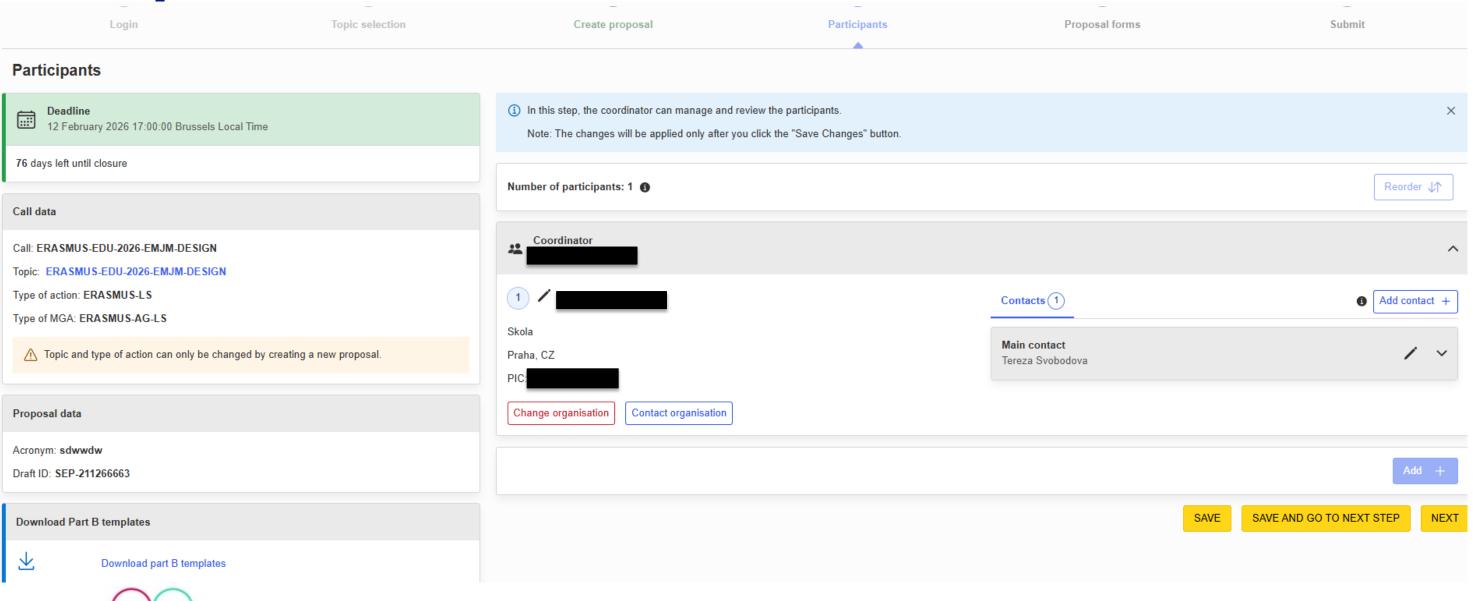
- Select your role (main contact/contact person)
- Proposal acronym
- Short summary

Can be still changed later in the Application form Part A



Proposal forms

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Application form

Part A: Administrative form

General information, data about the applicant institution and contact person

Part B: Technical description ____

Narrative part, Award criteria and workplan (1 work package and its deliverables, description of partners)

Part C: KPI

Specificities about the EMDM (nº of ECTS, type of degrees to be awarded, participating organisations)



Part A – administrative forms



Part A

Proposal number:

Proposal acronym:

Type of Model Grant Agreement: ERASMUS Lump Sum Grant

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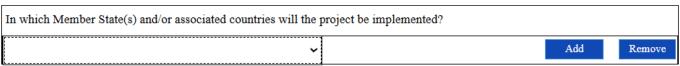
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1	General information	Show
2	Participants	Show
3	Budget	Show
4	Other questions	Show

How to fill in the forms

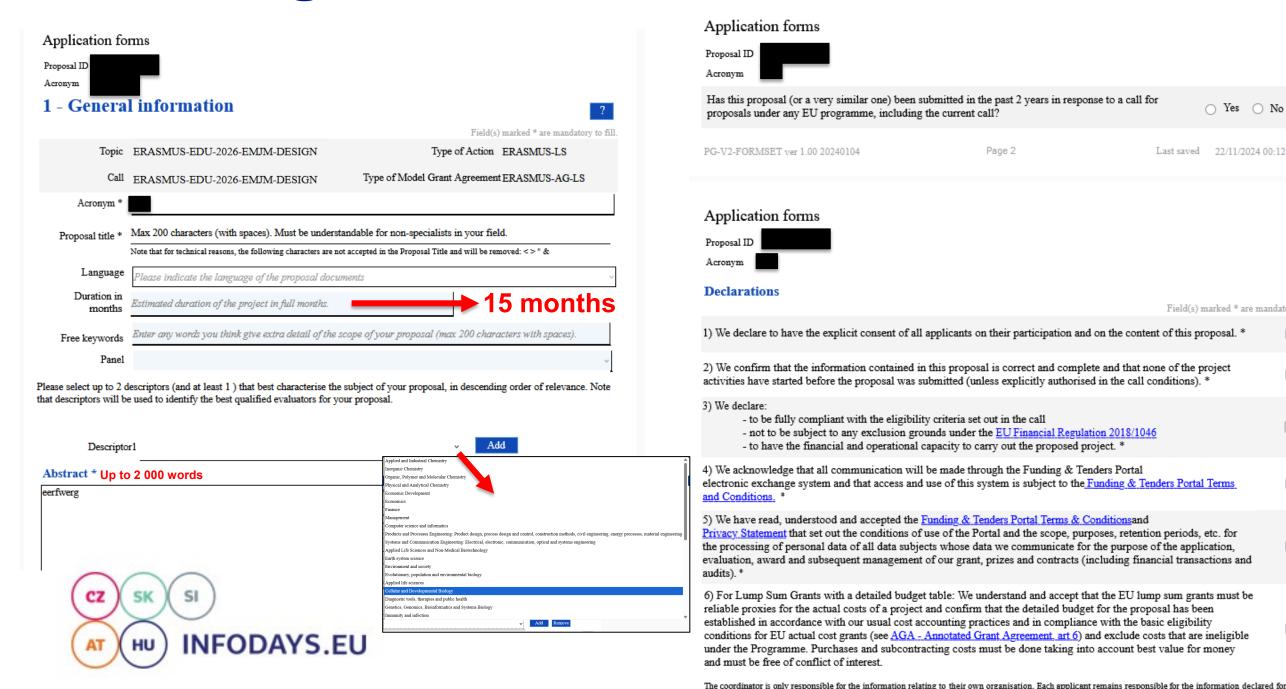
The forms must be filled in for each proposal using the templates available in the submission system. Some data fields in the forms are pre-filled based on the steps in the submission wizard.



4 - Other questions



Part A – general information



○ Yes ○ No

Field(s) marked * are mandatory to fill

their organisation. If the proposal is retained for EU funding, they will all be required to sign a declaration of honour. False statements or incorrect information may lead to administrative sanctions under the EU Financial Regulation

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Part A – participants

Only one \rightarrow applicant (mono-beneficiary grant), other participitating organisations to be described in part B

Click on "Show Participant's Details":

→ fill in the applicant organisation, department(s), contact person(s)

Application forms

Proposal ID SEP-211115525

Acronym sdv

2 - Participants

List of participating organisations

#	Participating Organisation Legal Name	Country	Role	Action
1	Skola	Czechia	Coordinator	Show Participant's Details



Part A – budget

Fill in the amount of € 60 000 (fixed lump sum contribution)

Application forms

Proposal ID SEP-211266663

Acronym sdwwdw

3 - Budget

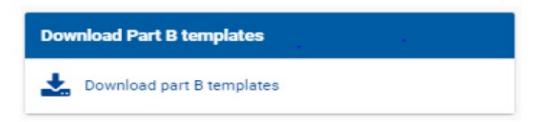
No	Name of Beneficiary	Country	Requested grant amount	
1	šKola	CZ	60 000.00	
	Total		60 000.00	



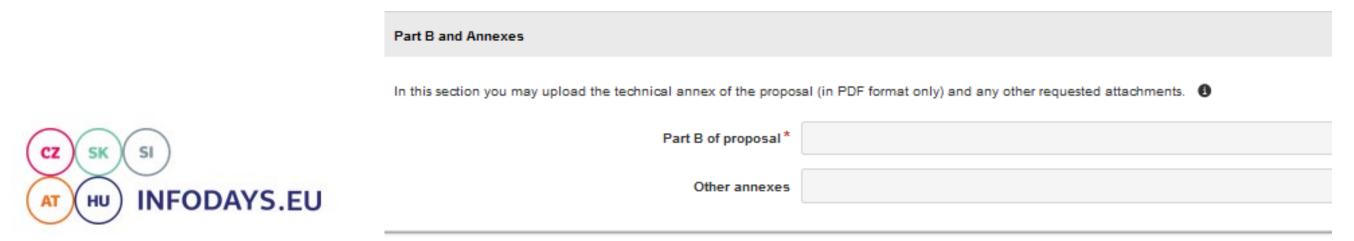
Part B – Award criteria and workplan



Part B – Technical description



- Part B is the only mandatory document
- Download the template (Word document), edit it and upload as a PDF file
- Partners should be named here
- No other document is needed
- Respect the page limit: max. 40 pages, min. font size: Arial 9



Part B – Technical description

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Award criteria to be found in the Guide

One WP



Part B – Technical description / Section 1 Relevance

- **1.1.** Background and general objectives: relevance in relation to the Erasmus Mundus Design Measures, contribution to the priorities of the call
- 1. 2. Needs analysis and specific objectives: based on a genuine and adequate needs analysis, rationale for the design of a highly integrated Master programme, potential to create innovative joint Masters in new areas
- 1. 3. Complementarity with other actions and innovation: e.g. project ambition compared to the offer of existing Master programmes



Part B – Technical description / Section 1 Relevance

Programme Guide:

Relevance of the project (maximum score 30 points)

- The proposal is relevant for the objectives of the Action.
- The proposal is relevant for the respect and promotion of shared EU values, such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, as well as fighting any sort of discrimination.
- The proposal is innovative, as compared to the offer of existing Master programmes.

Needs analysis and specific objectives

Rationale for the design of a highly integrated Master programme.

The proposal is based on a genuine and adequate needs analysis.



Part B – Technical description / Section 2 Quality

2.1 PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

- **2. 1. 1** *Concept and methodology*: 'Quality of the project design and implementation' award criteria section from PG (Adequacy and feasibility of the planned activities to achieve the objectives and expected outcomes.)
- 2. 1. 2. Project management, quality assurance and monitoring and evaluation strategy: not necessary to describe evaluation methods and indicators to monitor the outreach and coverage BUT! Quality of the project design and implementation part of the PG incl. planned steps to launch an accreditation/evaluation process (European Approach if possible)
- 2. 1. 3. Project teams, staff and experts: CVs are not neccessary
- 2. 1. 4. Cost effectiveness and financial management: N/A
- 2. 1. 5. *Risk management*: not necessary



Part B – Technical description / Section 2 Quality

Programme Guide:

Quality of the project design and implementation (maximum score 25 points)

Concept and methodology

 Adequacy and feasibility of the planned activities to achieve the objectives and expected outcomes.

Project management and quality assurance

- Measures foreseen to ensure that the project implementation is of high quality and completed in time.
- Planned steps to launch an accreditation/evaluation process for the proposed Master course, if possible taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes.

Project teams, staff and experts

- Foreseen operational resources (including participating organisations) in relation to the planned activities and outcomes.
- Definition of roles and distribution of tasks in the project team.



Part B – Technical description / Section 2 Quality

2. 2 PARTNERSHIP AND COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS

- 2. 2. 1 Consortium set-up: cooperation and division of roles
- Describe the participants and explain how they will work together. How will they bring together the necessary expertise? How will they complement each other? Show that each has a valid role and adequate resources to fulfil that role.
- 2. 2. 2 Consortium management and decision-making: N/A



Part B – Technical description / Section Quality

Programme Guide:

Quality of the partnership and cooperation arrangements (maximum score 25 points)

Consortium set-up

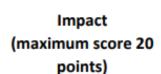
- Expected role of the participating organisations. Their contribution to the implementation of the project, and the design of the master programme.
- Rationale of their participation, added value and complementarity.



Part B – Technical description / Section 3 Impact

3. IMPACT

- 3.1 Impact and ambition
- 3.2 Communication, dissemination and visibility
- 3.3 Sustainability and continuation



Impact and ambition

 Expected impact and ambition of the new EMDM project, including the appeal to students, professors and partner organisations worldwide.

Communication, dissemination and visibility

 Activities foreseen for the promotion and dissemination of the new Master programme and project outcomes.

Sustainability and continuation

 Envisaged steps to successfully launch/implement the new Master programme (including institutional endorsement) and foreseen measures to ensure its sustainability (including identification of possible sources of funding).



Part B – Technical description / Section 4

4. WORK PLAN, WORK PACKAGES, ACTIVITIES, RESOURCES AND TIMING

- Only one (WP 1 "project acronym"); name who is involved in which task, include the
 participating organisations
- Milestones are not necessary
- _ Timetable 15 months
- Recommended to use dissemination level SEN(sitive) for your deliverables
- Define the main deliverables as in the Programme Guide:

Also, the project is expected to have designed the following joint mechanisms:

- Joint student admission requirements and application, selection, monitoring, examination/performance evaluation rules/procedures;
- Joint programme and integrated teaching/training activities;
- A plan for common services offered to students (e.g. language courses, visa support);
- Joint promotion and awareness-raising strategy;
- Joint administrative and financial management strategy;
- A joint degree policy;
- A draft joint partnership agreement involving at least three HEIs. This agreement is intended to cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the Master programme;
- A draft joint Student Agreement.



Part B – Technical description / Sections 5&6

Section 5 (Ethics/security) not applicable for EMDM projects

Section 6: Declarations: YES/NO

List of previous projects not a separate annex but annex incl. in Part B!

LIST OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS

List of previous projects Please provide a list of your previous projects for the last 4 years.					
Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period (start and end date)	Role (COO, BEN, AE, OTHER)	Amount (EUR)	Website (if any)
[name]					
[name]					



6. DECLARATIONS

Double funding			
Information concerning other EU grants for this project Please note that there is a strict prohibition of double funding from the EU budget (except under EU Synergies actions).	YES/NO		
We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it have benefitted from any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.			
We confirm that to our best knowledge neither the project as a whole nor any parts of it are (nor will be) submitted for any other EU grant (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. Erasmus, EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc). If NO, explain and provide details.			

Financial support to third parties (if applicable)	
Not applicable.	

Seal of Excellence (if applicable)

If provided in the Call document, proposals that pass the evaluation but are below the budget threshold (i.e. pass the minimum thresholds but are not ranked high enough to receive funding) will be awarded a Seal of Excellence.

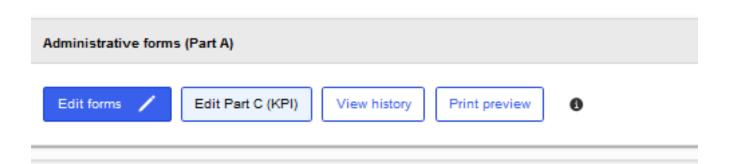
In this context we may share information about your proposal with other EU or national funding bodies through the Erasmus+ National Agencies.

Do you agree that your proposal (including proposal data and documentation) is shared with other EU and national funding bodies to find funding under other schemes?

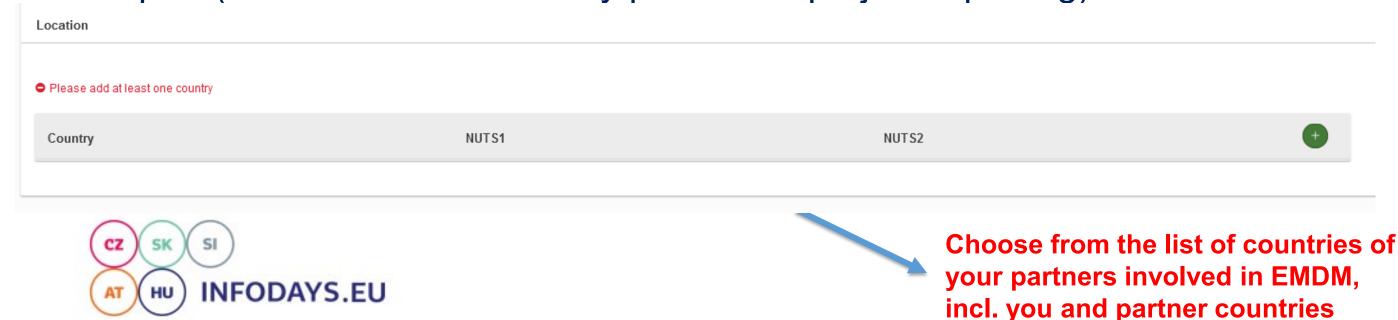
[YES] [NO]

Part C - KPI





- At submission and grant preparation stage: the data will be on your planned indicators
- At reporting stage: real indicators achieved (since the project start)
- Forms shared with EMJM, only some fields relevant
- The KPI tool should be updated with the latest available data for each periodic report (the KPIs are mandatory part of the project reporting)



Type of project, thematic areas and types of activities	
ECTS credits * 60 ECTS (2 semesters) 90 ECTS (3 semesters) 120 ECTS (4 semesters)	
Maximum number of items (1) reached.	
Type of master programme:	
Continuation of an established EM master * Yes No	Result of an Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDM) project * Yes No
EMJM official EU tuition language(s)	EMJM other world tuition language(s)
Type of mobility activities (only EMJM actions): EMJM mobility with study periods outside Erasmus+ Programme Countries Yes No	EMJM mobility with study/mobility periods with internships/placements Yes No

Does the project contribute to any of the EU Commission political priorities? A European Green Deal - Climate change A European Green Deal - Sustainable Europe investment plan A Europe fit for the digital age - The digital age An economy that works for people - Social fairness and prosperity An economy that works for people - Europe's social pillar An economy that works for people - Fair taxation A stronger Europe in the world - Free and fair trade A stronger Europe in the world - Defending Europe Promoting our European way of life - Strong borders and a fresh start on migration A new push for European democracy - Our democracy A new push for European democracy - Special relationship with the European Parliament A new push for European democracy - More transparency and scrutiny An economy that works for people - Deepening our economic and monetary union	A European Green Deal - A just transition A European Green Deal - Preserving Europe's natural environment A Europe fit for the digital age - Empowering people through education and skills An economy that works for people - Supporting small business An economy that works for people - A union of equality A stronger Europe in the world - The EU unique brand of responsible global leadership A stronger Europe in the world - A more active role Promoting our European way of life - Upholding the rule of law Promoting our European way of life - Internal security A new push for European democracy - A greater say for Europeans A new push for European democracy - Improving the lead candidate system A new push for European democracy - Protecting our democracy
Does the project address inclusion and diversity?* Yes No This is a mandatory field.	Does the project address participation and civic engagement?* Yes No This is a mandatory field.



Output, result and impact indicators

Policy impact		
Impact on the higher education (HE) sector (only at reporting) Active participation of students in governance and reform of HE system Contribution to creation of regional HE area (facilitate national and cross-border recognition, support mobility of teachers, learners and workers) Contribution to the reform of higher education policies that respond to societal and labour market needs Development of schemes that facilitate the employability of graduates New national policies or legislative framework New regional policies or legislative framework Strengthening of links between education, research and innovation		
Number of third countries introducing new national policies or legislative framework in higher education (HE) via the project: *		Number of third countries introducing new regional policies or legislative framework in higher education (HE) via the project: *
#, ### ,###,###,###.	×	#,###,###,###,###.
This is a mandatory field.		This is a mandatory field.
Number of third countries creating a regional higher education (HE) area via the project (facilitating national and cross-border recognition, supporting mobility of teachers, learners and workers):	*	Number of third countries reforming higher education (HE) policies via the project, to respond to societal and labour market needs: *
	×	#,###,###,###,###.
This is a mandatory field.	^	This is a mandatory field.
Is the project focused on regional cooperation i.e. cooperation between countries in a region of the world?* Yes No This is a mandatory field.		
Socio-economic benefits		
Do you consider that your organisations/institutions have developed high-quality practices as a result of the participation in this project (only a	at re	porting)?



Courses, study programmes, research partnerships, publications, education projects

Number of new courses: *	N	lumber of new study programmes (only for EMI	DM actions):
#,###,###,###,###. ×	×	#,###,###,###,###.	×
This is a mandatory field.			
			Number of joint publications since the project start: *
Number of newly developed research partnerships: *			#,###,###,###,###.
#,###,###,###,###.		×	This is a mandatory field.
This is a mandatory field.			
Investments (for final report)			
Investments mobilised:			
Private funding mobilised (EUR): *			Public funding mobilised (national/regional, EU non-Erasmus+) (EUR) *
#,###,###,###,###.		×	#,###,###,###,###.
This is a mandatory field.			This is a mandatory field.
			Total investment mobilised: *
			0



Tips for submission



Validate and submit











Edit and Save as many times as necessary

Run a validation of the draft proposal (check)

Error: mandatory information is missing Warning: missing information (not blocking the submission)

After the submission you can still edit BUT resubmit

Proposal Submission User Manual



General advice



Selection roadmap

Call:

Deadline:

Evaluation:

Results:

Grant Agreement



13 November 2025

12 February 2026 17:00

February – June 2026

July 2026

August – October 2026

Other information sources

- Erasmus Mundus, analysis of the results of the second 2021-2027 call (joint masters and design measures)
- Erasmus Mundus, analysis of the results of the first 2021-2027 call (joint masters and design measures)
- Statistical factsheets on the achievements of the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (2014-2020)
- Erasmus+ Factsheets
- Report 'Implementing Joint Degrees in the Erasmus Mundus action of the Erasmus+ programme'
- Erasmus Mundus Catalogue (europa.eu)
- EMJMD Cluster meeting 2018: European Approach for Quality Assurance of Joint Programmes and Follow-up event 2019 "Implementing the European Approach for Quality Assurance for EMJMDs
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees The story so far
- Sustainability of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses Best practice guide
- Erasmus+ Project result platform



Thank you for your attention!

