



International Dimension of Erasmus+

- Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs)
- Jean Monnet Activities

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Outline of the presentation

European Commission's DG Education and Culture and the Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture

The international dimension of the Erasmus+ Programme

Degree Mobility – Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Jean Monnet Programme – Excellence in EU Studies

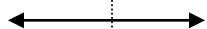


Policy

European Commission

Directorate General for Education and Culture (EAC)
Policy and Programmes

- Policy documents
- Programme definition
- Priorities
- Committees
- Impact analysis
- Management of decentralised actions via National Agencies



Programme implementation

EACEA

Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency

- Management of centralised actions
- Calls, selection, contracts
- Monitoring, acceptance, payments
- Clustering & dissemination
- Results & feedback



- Centre for Programme management
- ~400 staff
- Based in Brussels
- Managed by EC officials

The whole project lifecycle:

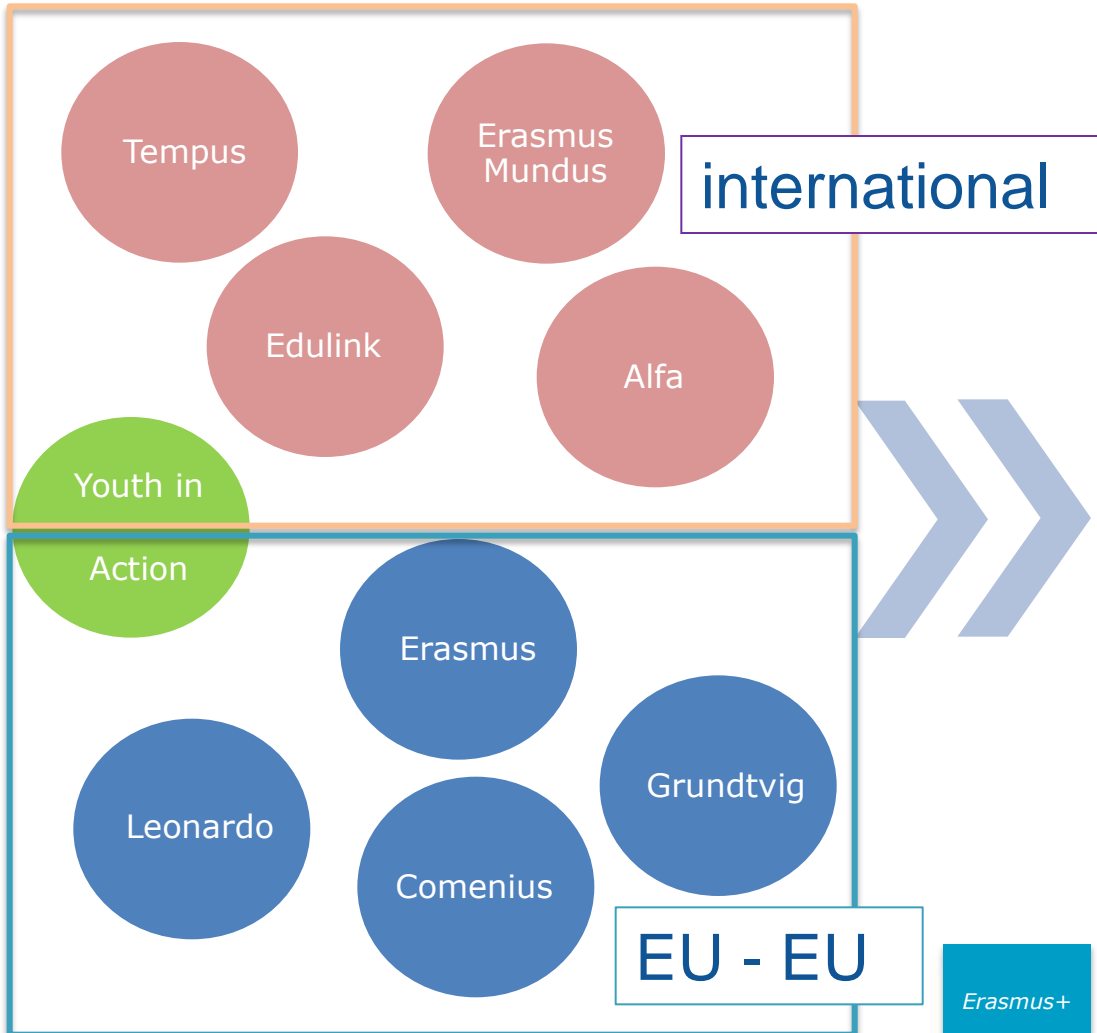




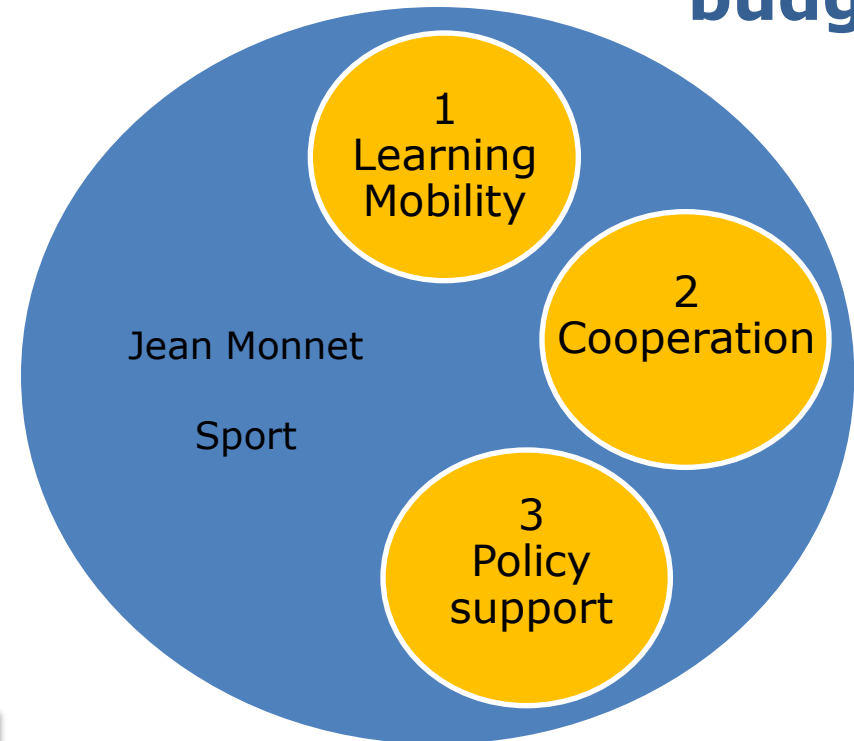
What is Erasmus+ ?

- The EU's programme to support education, training youth and sport (2014-2020)
- Funding for programmes, projects and scholarships
- Fosters EU-EU and EU-international cooperation

2007-2013



2014-2020 **ERASMUS+**
Almost €16.5 billion
40% budget increase
EU and external budget



International cooperation: Programme Countries & Partner Countries

Programme Countries

EU Member States:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Other programme countries:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey.

Partner Countries

All other countries throughout the world

Higher education cooperation opportunities

Academic mobility

"Credit mobility"
international mobility

"Degree mobility"
EMJMD

Academic cooperation

Capacity Building for
HE

Jean Monnet
Activities



EM Joint Master Degrees (EMJMD) main aims

- **Continuation** of **EM Masters Courses** (2009-2013)
- Foster **Quality** improvements, **Innovation**, **Excellence**, **Internationalisation** in HEIs
- Increase **Quality & Attractiveness** of the EHEA – supporting EU **External Policy** in the HE field, by offering full degree scholarships to the best Master Students worldwide
- Improve the level of **Competences** and **Skills** of Master Graduates, in particular their relevance for the **Labour Market**, through an increased involvement of employers (employability)

The EMJMD structure

- Highly integrated international master programmes of excellent quality to attract the very best students worldwide
- Developed & delivered by a consortium of HEIs from Programme countries + Partner country (if relevant)
- Duration 12 – 18 – 24 months (60 – 90 – 120 ECTS)
- Mandatory study period in at least 2 different Programme countries
- Lead to the award of fully recognised joint or multiple degrees



Main principles

- **Attractiveness** and **Excellence**: very **high selectivity** of the EMJMDs, only excellent joint master programmes will be selected and funded
- **Full scholarships** for the best master students worldwide with a **priority** on non-EU students (a **minimum of 75 %** will be earmarked for students from Partner Countries)
- Support to **invited scholars/guest lecturers** contributing to the EMJMD teaching/training/research activities
- **"Jointness"** (Integration of the course design and structure, recognition of degrees)
- **Joint degrees** encouraged but not mandatory (double/multiple degrees still eligible)



Main principles

- Bridging **academic and job-market needs** (trans-disciplinary approach), **employability** of graduates
- **Sustainability**
- **Centrally managed** in Brussels by the Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), in coordination with the Commission/DG EAC



EMJMD new elements

- **Increased budget** for the 7-year-period (around 1 billion euros, allowing to support around **30.000 scholarship holders** and **350 EMJMDs**)
- **Higher student scholarships amounts**, comprising:
 - **students' participation costs** (including the tuition fees, full insurance coverage and any other mandatory costs)
 - **student travel and installation cost**
 - **subsistence allowance** for the entire duration of the EMJMD study programme



EMJMD new elements

- Increased focus on the **socio economic environment**, the **employability** of graduates and the **sustainability** prospects of the EMJMD
- Increased focus on the **excellence** of the selected EMJMD through a **strengthened** selection and monitoring procedure
(! Threshold in 2014 selection: **79,5/100**)



Taking part as an organisation

- EMJMDs are open to any **public** or **private** organisation located in **Programme** or **Partner** Countries
 - Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)
 - Non-academic partners (enterprises, non-profit organisations, NGOs, foundations, etc.)
- **Applicant** must be a **HEI** established in a **Programme Country**. The HEI applies on behalf of the JMD consortium
- **Minimum consortium composition**: at least **3 HEIs** as **full partners** from at least **3 different Programme Countries**
- **Associated partners**

Erasmus+ EMJMD Call 2015

- Deadline: **04.03.2015 – 12:00 CET**
- Budget: 34.6 M€ + 25.6 M€ for geographic "windows"
- Nr. of projects: 18 EMJMDs
- Nr. of scholarships per intake/per project :
 - 13 (around 39 per Grant Agreement)
 - *plus* around 4 for geographic "windows"
- Selection decision: by end Q2/Q3



EMJMD Award Criteria

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Relevance of the project** (max 30 points)
- **Quality of the project design and implementation** (max 25 points)
- **Quality of the project team & the cooperation arrangements** (max 20 pts)
- **Impact and dissemination** (max 25 points)
- To be **considered for funding**, proposals must score at least **70 points** overall
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 - **First step: 75%** (22,5 points) of the maximum allocated points for "relevance"
 - **Second step: 60%** of the maximum allocated points for each of the remaining award criteria

Additional Scholarships – 10 geographical windows

- Applicants may apply for additional scholarships for one or more regions/ countries of the world:

Asia, Central Asia, Middle East, South Africa, Latin America, Eastern - Southern neighbours, Gulf countries

- Funded through the EU External Action Financing Instruments (Heading 4 EU budget)



5th Award Criterion for Additional Scholarships

→ **Indicatively**, consortia may receive up to **4 additional student scholarships per intake** - per EMJMD edition (3 intakes/editions per contract → indicatively up to 12 scholarships)

→ **ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION**

Only projects that have passed to the first step of the selection will be assessed against the **additional criterion** which will be **addressed per region**.



Additional Award Criterion for Additional Scholarships

→ ADDITIONAL AWARD CRITERION

Relevance of the project in the targeted region

- ✓ The proposal encourages **cooperation** with HEIs and /or other eligible participating organisation **from Partner Countries** in the **targeted region**. The added value of such cooperation to the EMJMD is clearly explained.
- ✓ The proposal describes the **methods** used to **attract highly talented students** from the targeted region.

Financial Support

- The management of the consortium and the implementation of the EMJMD for 3 consecutive intakes
- Supporting the costs of invited scholars/guest lecturers contributing to the delivery and the excellence of the EMJMD
- Students scholarships awarded to the best students worldwide

Financial Support in details

EU Grant will be indicatively around **3 million EUR**

1. Organisation - HEI

- Lump sum for consortium management 170 000 EUR (20 000 EUR for the preparatory year + 50 000 EUR per intake)

2. Individuals = Students

- maximum 25 000 EUR per academic year and per scholarship
- actual amount of the individual scholarships will vary in accordance with
 - a) the **EMJMD length** (60, 90 or 120 ECTS)
 - b) the student country/region of **residence**
 - c) the EMJMD **participation costs**

Financial Support in details

Practically student scholarships include:

- a travel allowance: 1 000 to 3 000 € per academic year
- an installation allowance: 1 000 € - *Partner Country students only*
- a fixed monthly allowance: 1 000 € - all students
- participation costs/tuition fees:
 - max. 9 000 €/year - Partner Country student
 - max. 4 500 €/ year - Programme Country student



EMJMD implementation

- **EMJMD Consortium Agreement:** institutional commitments of all organisations participating in the JMD consortium. In line with the principles of the European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), it must cover all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects related to the implementation of the EMJMD
- **Duration of the project:** 1 preparatory year + 3 intakes (5 years maximum)
- Fixed total budget for the 3 intakes (between 13-20 students per intake → 39-60 students per grant agreement). 2015 EMJMDs: max.13 students/intake



How to apply

- **More information on EMJMDs Call 2015 and application forms:**
https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en
 - Applications to be submitted using an *eForm* with attachments
- **More information on Erasmus+**
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

How to apply

Applications to be submitted using an **eForm with attachments**

1. Register the partnership's organisations in the Participant Portal and receive a Participant Identification Code (PIC)
 2. Create your electronic application form using your PICs
 3. Fill in the eForm
 4. Attach completed versions of the attachments within the eForm
 5. Submit the eForm on-line
- **Best practices of Erasmus Mundus joint programmes**
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/tools/good_practices_en.php



Taking part as an *individual*

→ Students apply directly to the consortium:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/key-action-1-learning-mobility-individuals/joint-master-degrees/scholarships_en

EMJMD scholarship applicants:

- must have a **first higher education degree** or equivalent
- may **not have received** an EM Master Course scholarship in the past
- can submit a scholarship **application to maximum three** EMJMD programmes
- must sign a **student agreement** with the EMJMD consortium



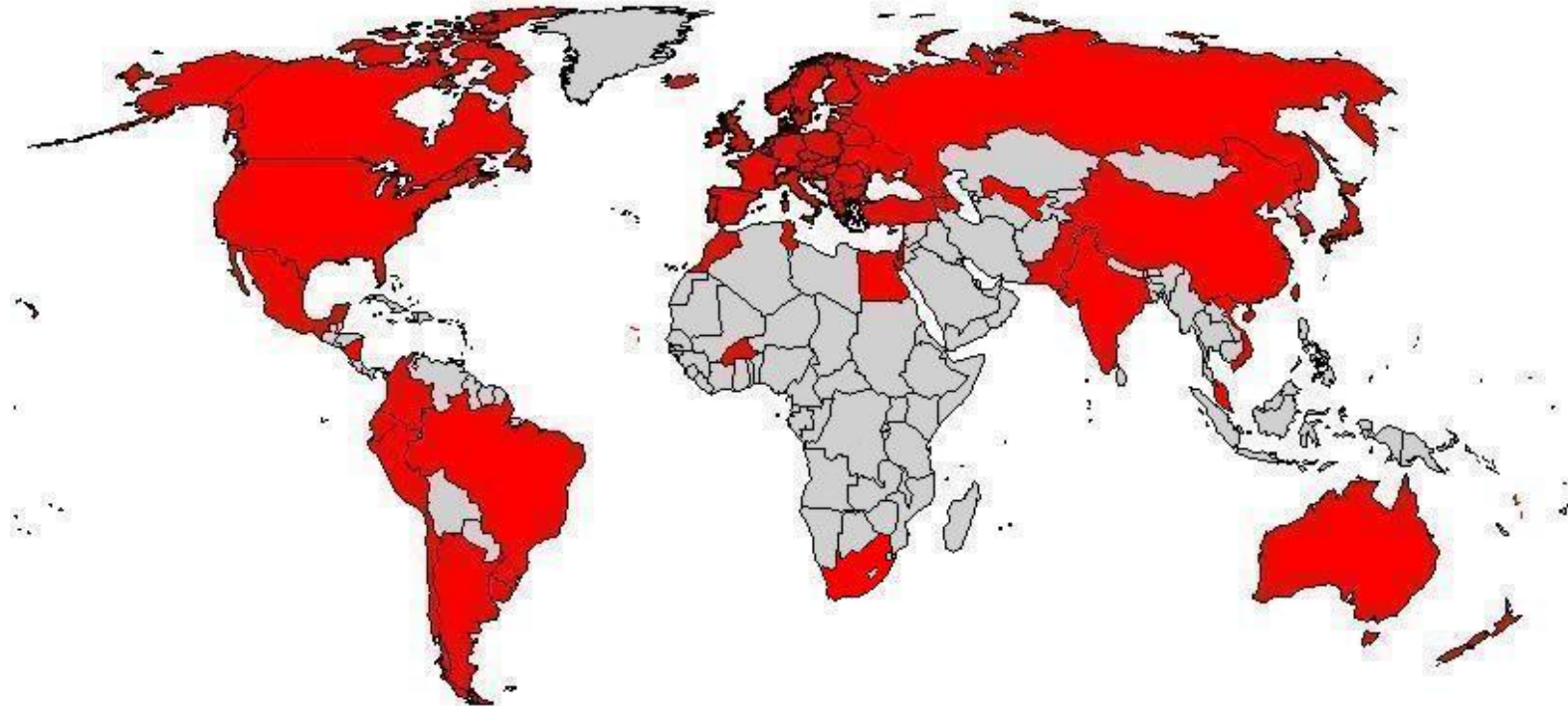
Students will

- Receive a **full scholarship** covering their **participation costs, travel** and **living costs**
- Be covered by health and accident **insurance**
- **Study** (perform research, undergo a placement) in at least **two different Programme Countries** of the EMJMD consortium (30 ECTS each study period)
- Be awarded a fully **recognised joint or multiple degree** (comprising a Joint Diploma Supplement) after having successfully completed their master
- Join the **Erasmus+ Student and Alumni Association**
<http://www.em-a.eu/en/erasmus-mundus.html>

- A funding programme of the European Union devoted to teaching, research and reflection on **European Studies**



- Launched in 1989 and named after Jean Monnet (1888-1979), one of the 'architects' of the European Union
- To encourage the introduction of European integration studies in universities through start-up subsidies



- 78 countries represented throughout the world
- Over 800 universities offering JM courses as part of their curricula
- 4,200 projects in the field of European integration studies
- Over 1,700 professors
- 265,000 students/year



Scope of Activities

- ***European Union studies*** comprise the study of Europe in its entirety with particular emphasis on the European integration process in both its internal and external aspects.
- The discipline also covers the role of the EU in a globalised world and in promoting an active European citizenship and dialogue between people and cultures.



Objectives of the Jean Monnet Activities

- promote teaching and research on European integration among specialised academics, learners and citizens around the world;
- support the activities of academic institutions or associations active in the field of European integration studies;
- promote policy debate and exchanges between the academic world and policy-makers on EU policy priorities;
- equip students and young professionals with knowledge of EU subjects relevant for their academic and professional lives and enhance their civic skills;
- promote innovation in teaching and research (e.g. cross-sectoral and/or multi-disciplinary studies, open education, networking with other institutions etc.).



Under Erasmus+, more emphasis will be placed on:

- diversifying and mainstreaming EU-related subjects in all curricula, including disciplines not usually covering an EU dimension;
- promoting the participation of a new generation of young academics.



Jean Monnet Classical Subject Areas

- EU and Comparative Regionalism Studies
- EU Communication and Information Studies
- EU Economic Studies
- EU Historical Studies
- EU Intercultural Dialogue Studies
- EU Interdisciplinary Studies
- EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies
- EU Legal Studies
- EU Political and Administrative Studies



Attention: Comparative studies will only be considered where they relate to the different integration processes throughout the world.

Less traditional Jean Monnet Subject Areas

Other subject areas (i.e. sociology, philosophy, religion, geography, literature, art, sciences, environmental studies, global studies, etc.) may also be associated with this field of study when they include an element of teaching, research or reflection on the EU and contribute, in general, to the “Europeanization” of the curricula.



Different types of Jean Monnet Activities

I. TEACHING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Jean Monnet Modules
- Jean Monnet Chairs
- Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence

II. POLICY DEBATE WITH THE ACADEMIC WORLD

- Jean Monnet Networks
- Jean Monnet Projects

III. SUPPORT TO INSTITUTIONS/ ASSOCIATIONS

- Jean Monnet support to Institutions
- Jean Monnet support to Associations



Teaching and research in the field of EU studies

Modules

40h teaching programme (max grant: 30,000 €)

Chairs

90h teaching posts (max grant: 50,000 €)

Centres of Excellence

focal points of competence & knowledge (max grant: 100,000 €)

Policy debate and exchanges

Networks

enhance cooperation and promote results on high level research (max grant: 300,000€)

Projects

explore different methodologies, promote discussion & reflection (max grant: 60,000 €)

Support to institutions or associations

Institutions

enhance teacher and training activities on EU subject areas (no max grant)

Associations

contribute to the study of the EU integration process (max grant: 50,000€)



Award criteria

Jean Monnet proposals are assessed against the following award criteria:

- **Relevance of the project** (25 points)
- **Quality of the project design and implementation** (25 points)
- **Quality of the team** (25 points)
- **Impact and dissemination** (25 points)

To be considered for funding, proposals must score at least 60 points; furthermore, they must score at least 13 point in each of the categories of award criteria.

Maximum Community grant by activity type

Activity	Erasmus+	Min. N° of countries	Duration
Jean Monnet Modules	30,000 €	1	3 years
Jean Monnet Chairs	50,000 €		
Centres of Excellence	100,000 €		
Support to Institutions	No ceiling	1	3 years
Support to Associations	50,000 €	1	3 years
Jean Monnet Networks	300,000 €	5	3 years
Jean Monnet Projects	60,000€	1	12-24 months

Maximum community grants (of total eligible budget): 75% - 80%



How to apply for Jean Monnet activities?

One call for proposals published each year within the general framework of Erasmus+ call.

- Information E+ 2015 call for proposals:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/news/2015-erasmus-plus-general-call-for-proposals-published_en
- More details in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide:
http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm



How to apply for Jean Monnet activities?

- Application forms: consult the + funding page for application details and forms: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en
- Deadline presentation proposals: 26 February 2015 (midday Brussels time)
- Expected start date of projects: 1 September 2015

Useful links:

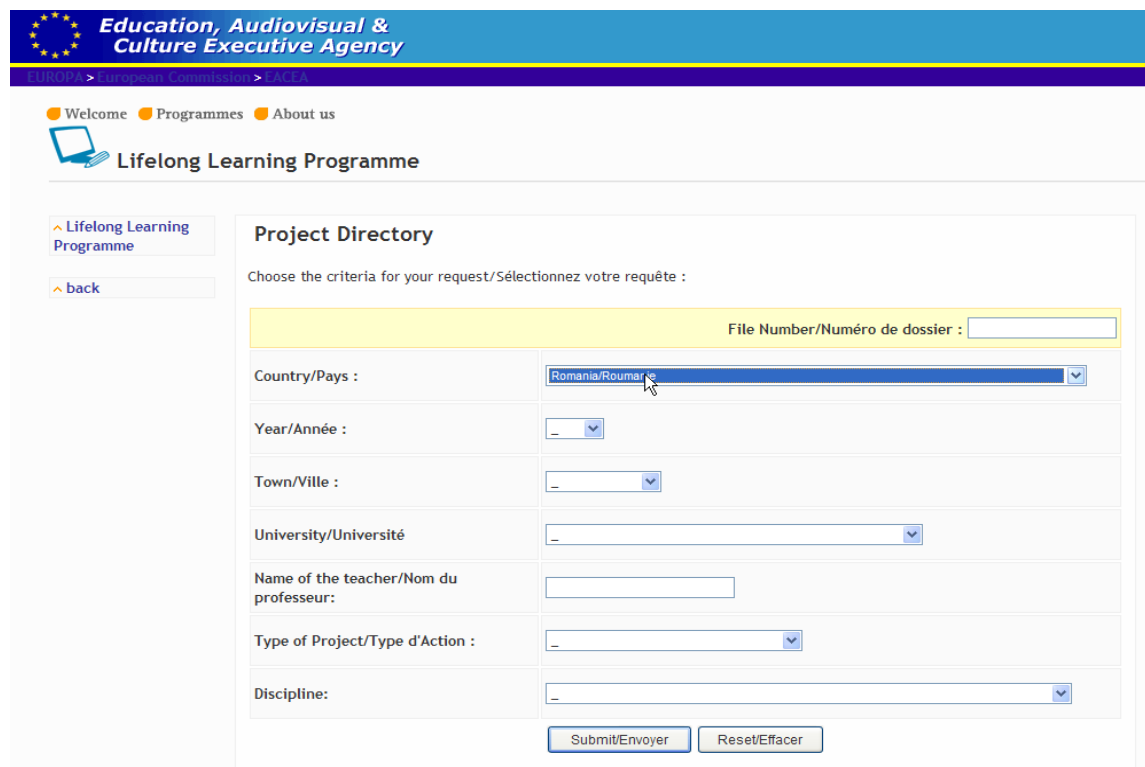
Jean Monnet Activities:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/jean-monnet_en

Jean Monnet Functional Mail-Box : EACEA-AJM@ec.europa.eu

Directory of Jean Monnet projects

Do you wish to know who holds a Jean Monnet Chair or runs a Jean Monnet project in your country?



The screenshot shows the 'Project Directory' search interface on the EACEA website. The header includes the EACEA logo and navigation links for 'Welcome', 'Programmes', and 'About us'. The main content area is titled 'Project Directory' and prompts the user to 'Choose the criteria for your request/Sélectionnez votre requête :'. The search form includes a text input for 'File Number/Numéro de dossier', a dropdown menu for 'Country/Pays' (currently set to 'Romania/Roumer'), and dropdown menus for 'Year/Année', 'Town/Ville', 'University/Université', 'Type of Project/Type d'Action', and 'Discipline'. There is also a text input for 'Name of the teacher/Nom du professeur:'. At the bottom of the form are 'Submit/Envoyer' and 'Reset/Effacer' buttons.

<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/jeanmonnet/directory/New/Version/2008/V1/ajmrepertoire/distrib.Asp>

Erasmus+: facts and figures

- Around €16.5 billion for 2014-2020 will cover the programme as a whole, including the following key aspects of international cooperation:
- 350 new Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree courses
- 30 000 new scholarships for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree students and staff (75% for individuals from partner countries)
- 130 000 credit mobility scholarships for mobility between universities in partner countries and programme countries
- 1 000 capacity-building projects for higher education
- 2 000 Jean Monnet projects

Thank you for your attention!

- EMJMDs: EACEA-EPLUS-JMD@ec.europa.eu
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