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**ERASMUS+ and EMJMD Scholarships**

**Opportunities reserved for Albanian students, academics, and institutions.**

**What is Erasmus+?**

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme for education, training, youth, and sport in Europe. Erasmus+ is a unique programme in size, scope and global recognition, involving 33 countries and accessible to the rest of the world through its international activities. This year we celebrate **35 years of the Erasmus+ programme**. Moreover, the success of this flagship has been widely recognised. **On** **1 July, the new Erasmus+ 2-euro coin entered into circulation in the Eurozone**. Euro area countries will jointly issue around 37 million Erasmus coins to celebrate this anniversary.

**What opportunities offer Erasmus+?**

Since its launch, Erasmus+ has offered the opportunity to more than **12 million people** to travel around Europe. For over 35 years, Erasmus has facilitated student and academic exchanges between European universities and offered mobility and cooperation opportunities in

* higher education;
* vocational education and training;
* school education (including early childhood education and care);
* adult education;
* youth;
* and sport.

With a doubled budget of **EUR 28 billion, Erasmus+ 2021-2027** will offer millions of opportunities to learn and experience Europe. It will contribute to skills development and will support a substantial increase in physical and virtual learning mobility across the EU and beyond. The programme offers a wide range of opportunities for study periods abroad, traineeships, apprenticeships, and staff exchanges in all fields of education, training, youth and sport.

Erasmus+ contains interesting developments for young people such as the integration of [DiscoverEU](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en) - a unique initiative for 18 years olds to discover Europe.

The programme supports new youth participation activities to get involved in democratic life, highlighting shared European values and fundamental rights.

The key pillars of the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 programme are:

* **Inclusive Erasmus+:** bringing enhanced opportunities to people with fewer opportunities, including people with diverse cultural, social and economic backgrounds, and people living in rural and remote areas.
* **Digital Erasmus+:** providing high-quality digital training and exchanges to reinforce digital skills.
* **Green Erasmus+:** promoting sustainable means of transport in line with the [European Green Deal](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en) and raising awareness of environmental issues.

Erasmus+ is backed by a robust financial support of €26.2 billion and an additional €2.2 billion from the EU’s external instruments. In total, mobility programmes such as student mobility schemes and [DiscoverEU](https://europa.eu/youth/discovereu_en) account for 70 % of the budget.

It will benefit more than 10 million people and shows the importance of EU opportunities for youth and education.

**Opportunities offered to Albania:**

So far, Erasmus+ has provided **mobility grants for almost 9 thousand students, researchers, academic and administrative staff from Albania.** It has financed 117 scholarships for Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees students (19 in 2022), made it possible for Albanian universities to offer new joint masters' degrees with their EU partners, and gave the opportunity to many young people from Albania to take part in youth exchanges, volunteering and young workers programmes. In addition, Albanian benefited from around **five thousands** **incoming students, researchers, academic and administrative staff from different countries.**

Staring from next year, a **new Enhanced Partnership** **will start with the Western Balkans** under the Erasmus+ programme. For the first time, in 2023, universities education organisations and institutions in the Western Balkans will have the possibility to take part in **European University Alliances,** on equal footing with organisations from EU Member States and third countries associated to the programme. With its European Universities initiative, the European Commission wants to **foster excellence, innovation and inclusion in higher education across Europe**, transforming them **into the universities of the future with structural, systemic and sustainable impact.**

**What is EMJMD?**

The Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees Scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships in the world. By supporting these jointly recognised Masters's degrees, the EU aims to promote excellence and the internationalisation of the participating institutions.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJMD) are EU-funded high-level and integrated study programmes, at a master's level. These programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain a joint, double degree, or multiple degrees.

Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. They cover the cost of a student’s participation in the programme, travel expenses, and a living allowance.

EMJMD is making it possible for Albanian universities to offer new joint masters' degrees with their EU partners. 19 Albanian students won an EMJMD scholarship in 2022. From 2014 until nowadays, in total the programme awarded scholarships to 118 excellent Albanian students.

**How to be part of Erasmus programme?**

For more information please visit the following link :

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities-under-erasmus>