



# Erasmus+ for higher education in Uzbekistan

## What is Erasmus+ ?

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2021-27. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from 27 EU Member States and six associated countries\* on the one hand (Erasmus+33), and from non-associated countries throughout the world on the other. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the common priorities for cooperation policy with third countries and regions. These factsheets look at the extent of an individual country's involvement in this international dimension of Erasmus+ since the programme started in 2021, and compares its involvement in the 2014-2020 phase.

\*These six countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Türkiye. For the purposes of these country factsheets we refer to the 27 + 6 countries as *Erasmus+33*. This is not an official term and has no policy significance.

## International mobility

Erasmus+ funds study or teaching periods at a foreign university for students and for academic and administrative staff. Erasmus+ international credit mobility provides for exchange between universities in Erasmus+33 countries and those in other parts of the world. **Students** study abroad for 2-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at their home (sending) institution as part of their degree. Traineeships are also possible within this academic study period. Alternatively, shorter-term study periods of 5-30 days are also possible if combined with online studies as 'blended mobility' **Staff** mobility can be for 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world. The global budget is divided between the Erasmus+33 countries. Institutions from these countries make up bilateral partnerships with universities from Central Asia and apply on behalf of their partners. The first selection of projects in the 2021-27 phase was made in 2022. The figures below represent the mobility planned by projects selected in each annual call for proposals.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
Instances of university participation from Uzbekistan	1 015		212	232	297	274			
Students and staff moving to Erasmus+33	1 338		254	308	369	407			1 423
Students and staff moving to Uzbekistan	652		126	125	192	209			644
Percentage of mobility in region	36.2		30.9	32.7	38.5	42.9			23.8

In addition to the above mobility managed under ICM Partnerships selected in Calls for Proposals, individual European universities can also decide on an ad-hoc basis during the year to use up to 20% of their European mobility budget to send students and staff to non-associated countries. These are the numbers of Europeans sent to Uzbekistan each calendar year in this way.

	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
Students and staff going to Uzbekistan	135	0	7	28	42	58			n/a

## Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJMs) award EU-funded scholarships to Masters students worldwide. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different Erasmus+33 countries, and obtain a joint, double, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory). They can take part as full degree-awarding partners - or as associated partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of other capacity. Erasmus Mundus Design Measures (EMDMs), introduced in 2021, are preparatory projects to bring a joint programme to the point where it is ready to operate as an accredited joint degree programme, and apply to EMJM.

Uzbekistan in Erasmus Mundus projects	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
Total EMJMs selected in call	166	27	30	34	36	39			250
Total EMJM proposals received in call	557	70	58	94	140	195			713
Proposals received involving Uzbekistan	7	0	1	1	0	5			12
Selected EMJMs involving Uzbekistan	5	0	1	1	0	3			7
Coordinators/partners from Uzbekistan in EMJMs	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
Associated partners from Uzbekistan in EMJMs	5	0	1	1	0	3			6
Total EM Design Measures selected	266	40	62	57	55	52			na
EMDM proposals involving Uzbekistan	5	2	0	1	2				na
Selected EMDMs involving Uzbekistan	0	0	0	0	0	0			na

Each EMJM receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide, covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. Additional scholarships are also available for students from specific regions. Students can find the programmes on the Erasmus Mundus joint masters catalogue (see links), and apply directly to the programme coordinator. It is also possible to pursue EM Masters without a scholarship.

EM scholarship winners from Uzbekistan	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-20
From global budget	53	12	10	11	10	10			84
From additional regional budget	14	2	2	4	2	4			36
Scholarships worldwide	39	10	8	7	8	6			48
EM programmes offering scholarships	13 524	2 413	3 038	2 869	2 805	2 399			11 851
		139	168	155	149	129			348

## Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which last from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 6% of the global budget for CBHE projects is for the Central Asia. The first projects in the 2021-27 phase were selected in 2022.

Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional.

Uzbekistan in CBHE projects	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-2020
CBHE proposals received in call	3 887		620	790	972	1 505			4 830
CBHE projects selected in call	636		149	162	153	172			908
CBHE proposals received involving Uzbekistan	296		42	55	75	124			267
CBHE projects selected involving Uzbekistan	26		7	8	5	6			44
CBHE projects coordinated by Uzbekistan	10		3	3	0	4			1
Instances of participation from Uzbekistan in selected projects	115		34	37	19	25			160

## Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet activities (JMA) aim to develop EU studies worldwide. Since 1989 they have been supporting Modules, Chairs, and Centres of Excellence to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process at **higher education level**. The programme also supports policy debate with the academic world through networks and a number of associations in the domain of EU studies.

Uzbekistan in Jean Monnet	2021-27	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2014-2020
JMA higher education proposals received in call	5 951	781	823	1 020	1 337	1 990			7 600
JMA higher education projects selected in call	1 438	242	357	337	257	245			1 862
Proposals received from Uzbekistan	252	9	18	27	65	133			38
Projects selected involving Uzbekistan	15	2	4	4	2	3			3
Networks involving partners from Uzbekistan	0		0	0	0	0			0

More information:

**Erasmus+ website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en)

**Erasmus+ projects & results:** <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>

**Erasmus+ funding opportunities:** <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-from-outside-the-eu>

**Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue:** [https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/erasmus-mundus-catalogue\\_en](https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/scholarships/erasmus-mundus-catalogue_en)