

Erasmus+ for higher education in Albania

What is Erasmus+ ?

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2018, 33 Programme Countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus five other European countries**. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. Four years into the programme, we can see how popular these initiatives are with countries from the region.

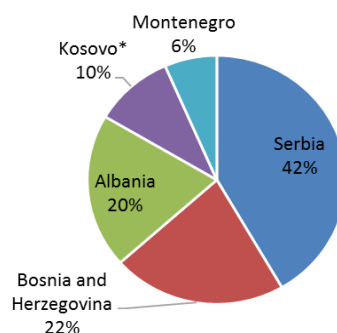
International credit mobility (ICM)

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for 3-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. Starting in 2018, traineeships are also possible. There are also grants for staff mobility of 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Programme-Country institutions make up bilateral partnerships with universities from Western Balkans countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

ICM regional budget Western Balkans 2015-2018

	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received involving Albania	593	205	155	116	117
Projects selected involving Albania	432	157	109	88	78
Students and staff moving to Europe	3434	1.225	838	817	554
Students and staff moving to Albania	1952	728	509	376	339
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)	19,8	24,7	17,6	19,7	17,2



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

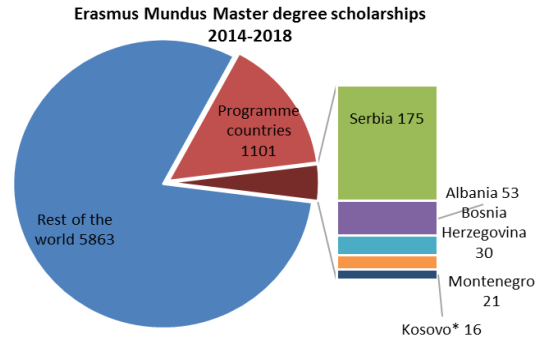
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain a joint, double degree, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory) as Full Partners, which means they officially award degrees, or as Associated Partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of capacity, but do not award the actual joint degree.

Albania in EMJMD projects

	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	153	44	39	27	32	11
Total proposals received	506	112	122	92	119	61
Proposals received involving Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0
EMJMDs selected involving Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0
Full partners from Albania in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Albania in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0

Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. Additional scholarships are also available for students from regions comprising emerging or developing economies. Students apply directly to the programme coordinator and can find the programmes on the EMJMD catalogue (see links).

	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Scholarship-winners from Albania	53	8	10	15	4	16
<i>from global budget</i>	41	8	10	15	4	4
<i>From additional regional budget</i>	12	0	0	0	0	12
<i>Scholarships worldwide</i>	7259	1669	1556	1347	1308	1379
EM programmes offering scholarships	542	86	100	87	120	149

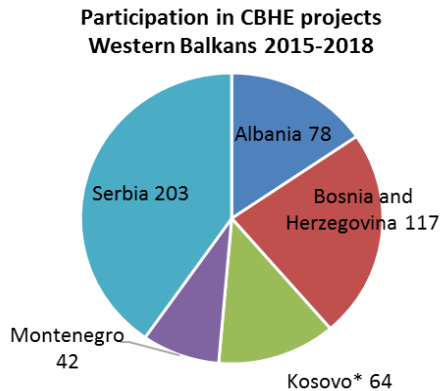


Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which lasts 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 institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 11% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for Western Balkans countries.

Albania in CBHE projects	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015
Proposals received in call overall	2971	887	833	736	515
Projects selected in call overall	581	147	149	147	138
Proposals received involving Albania	175	52	65	36	22
Projects selected involving Albania	23	6	6	6	5
Projects coordinated by Albania	4	2	2	0	0
Instances of participation from Albania in selected projects	78	20	32	12	14

Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.



Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet (JM) activities aim to develop EU studies worldwide. For over 25 years 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.

Albania in Jean Monnet	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	4838	1255	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1215	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Albania	35	12	12	6	3	2
Selected projects from Albania	8	1	4	2	0	1
Networks involving partners from Albania	1	0	1	0	0	0

More information:

- Erasmus+ website:** http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en
- Erasmus+ projects & results:** <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/>
- Erasmus+ funding opportunities:** http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en
- Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue:** https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

** In 2018 these five countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.