

The Erasmus Mundus Programme: an introduction

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Erasmus Mundus:

a *cooperation* and *mobility* programme in the field of **Higher Education** that aims to:

- *enhance* the quality of European higher education
- *promote* European higher education
- *improve* career prospects of students
- *promote* **dialogue and intercultural** understanding through cooperation with third countries in the field of higher education

EM funds allocation: a meaningful trend

I Phase (2004-2008): 290 Mil. €
+ 36,4 Mil. € Ext. Cooperation Window 2006

II Phase (2009-2013): 960 Mil. € (more than tripled)

From 2014 on further increase is expected

Erasmus Mundus II is articulated in 3 Actions

- **Action 1:** EM **joint Master programmes** (EMMCs) and **joint doctoral programmes** (EMJDs) of outstanding academic quality, which includes a scholarship scheme
- **Action 2:** **Partnerships** between EU and Third Countries HEIs in specific regions (as a basis for structural co-operation and mobility at all levels of higher education)
- **Action 3:** Measures to **enhance the attractiveness** of EU as an higher education destination (e.g. CaribErasmus)

Action 1: Joint Masters & PhDs

- Offered by HEIs in at least 3 EU countries (+ HEIs from Third Countries may participate too)
- Admission, selection and exam criteria are jointly set
- They can release double, multiple or joint degrees
- They are selected and funded by the EC for 5 years
- Attention is paid to **quality** assurance and monitoring
- Mobility for students is compulsory
- Scholarships granted for non EU and EU **students** (1 max 2 years)
- Fellowships granted for non EU and EU **scholars** (3 months max)

Action **1**: Joint Masters & PhDs

Plus, with reference to PhDs only:

- Fellowships are granted for a period of 36 months
- Minimum mobility of 6 months (over the 3-year period)
- Inter-disciplinarity and innovation are encouraged
- Participation of research institutes + industry (associated members) is contemplated
 - There is “Co-tutorship” for theses among different participating HEIs

Action 2: Partnerships

- Large partnerships between **HEIs** from EU and from third countries of a specific region.
- The third countries concerned are those covered by the external cooperation instruments; a compendium on the website shows those approved for the Caribbean.
- Limited periods abroad (within the consortium of HEIs) of **students** at all levels (Ba, MA, Doc and Post-doc) and **academic** and **admin staff** enrolled or belonging to one of the HEIs partner
- Definition of priorities (subjects and objectives) based on third countries' needs

Action 3: Promotion of European HE

It funds:

- Attractiveness projects (like CaribErasmus, including internationalisation of Erasmus Thematic Networks)
- Grants for promotion of Erasmus Mundus for National Structures (restricted Calls)
- Studies, Calls for Tender (e.g. quality assessment of Masters Courses, Cluster meetings)
- Support to the EM Alumni Association (www.em-a.eu)

In practice

- **Since 2004, more than 500 universities...**
- **Have developed around 130 Master and PhD courses...**
- **Enrolling more than 8000 students and 2000 professionals**
...
- **in a number of disciplines...**

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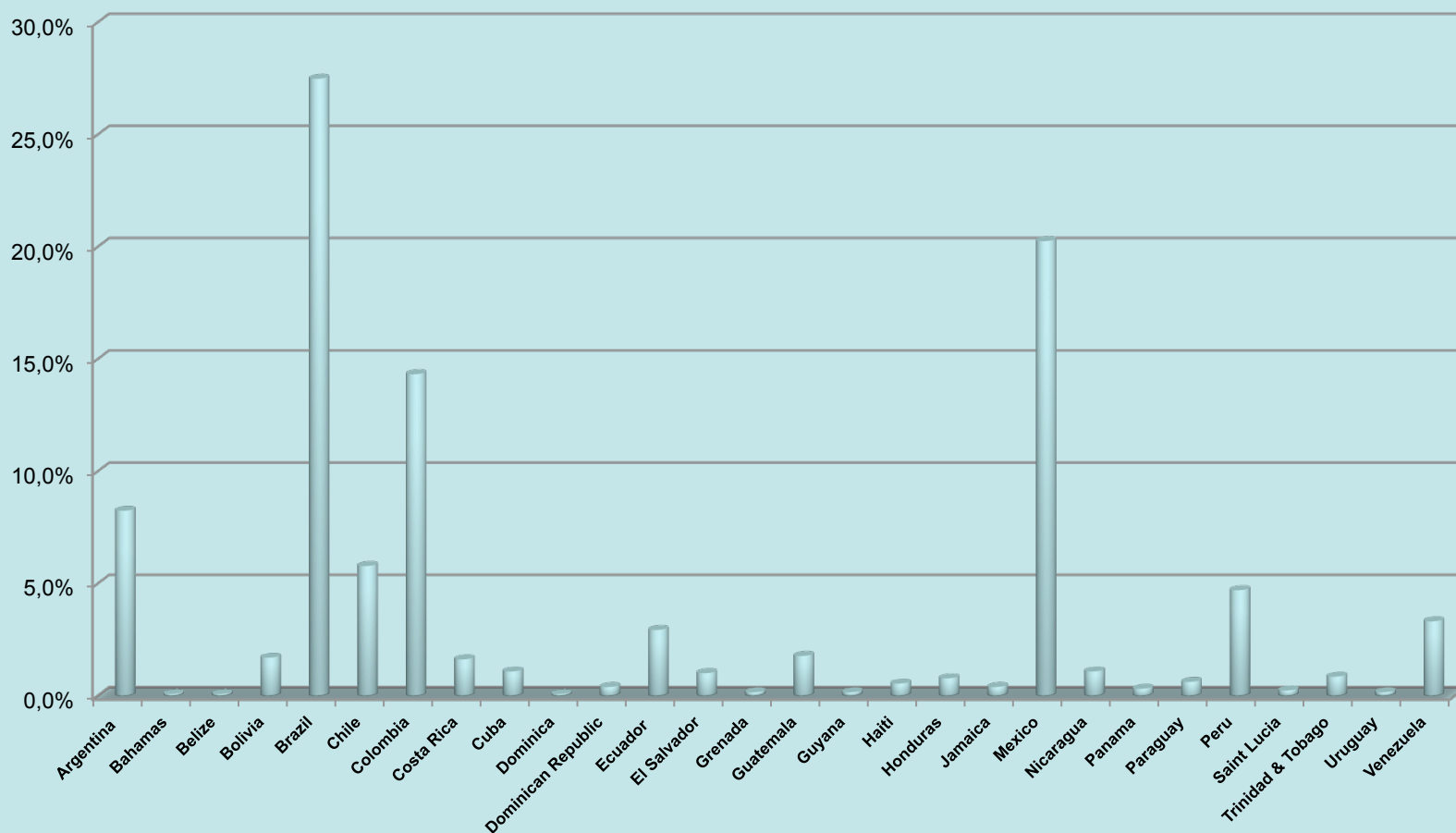
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Temas

- Agricultura y Ciencias Forestales
- Arquitectura, Planificación Urbana y Regional
- Arte y Diseño
- Ciencias Empresariales y Administración
- Comunicación y Ciencias de la Información
- Educación y Formación Docente
- Ingeniería y Tecnología
- Geografía y Estudios Ambientales
- Ciencias de la Salud
- Humanidades
- Lingüística
- Derecho
- Matemáticas, Informática
- Ciencias Naturales
- Ciencias Sociales, Economía, Cultura

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Caribbean participation in EMMCs

NATIONALITY	Total	2004	2009	2010	2011 (...)
Antigua and Barbuda	2	0	1	0	1
Barbados	1	0	0	1	0
Cuba (1°)	25	0	2	7	5
Dominica	1	0	0	0	0
Dominican Republic	6	0	2	1	0
Grenada	2	0	0	0	0
Haiti (3°)	8	0	0	0	1
Jamaica (4°)	7	0	0	1	1
Saint Lucia	3	0	0	0	0
Trinidad & Tobago (2°)	12	0	3	0	1

PLUS

- Capacity building
- Cofund and extend existing mobility programmes
- Gain visibility and international prestige
- Extend existing networks and meet international partners
- Exchange experiences, knowledge and good practices
- Attract brilliant students and qualified staff (temporarily)
- Offer new education and research opportunities to students and staff
- ...

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- It needs strong administrative support
- Number of scholarships relatively low
- Complex management (reports, deadlines, quality, monitoring, recognition..)
- Many different ways to run EM projects
- Commitment and economic investment (limited management funds)
- Sustainability is an issue

How to participate: **students**

- By enrolling in an EM Master or PhD course (Action 1) in the discipline of their interest (first check available courses on EC the website, select the one of interest and apply directly with the consortium).
- By spending a period of time studying or doing research abroad in the frame of an EM partnership (Action 2; get the information through the international relations department of own university).

How to participate: **HE Institutions**

By **joining** an EM consortium (Action 1), a partnership (Action 2) or a project to enhance attractiveness (Action 3): in all cases, the Third country institution cannot directly submit a grant proposal which has to be done by a EU organisation.

The EC website and the *Programme Guide* provide all necessary details and support to access these modalities.

More information

Erasmus Mundus EC dedicated Website:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/index_en.php

“Study in Europe” Support Section (for logistics, visas...)

http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/index_en.html

Erasmus Mundus Alumni Association

<http://www.em-a.eu/erasmus-mundus.html>

www.cariberasmus.eu

Thank you

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