



Erasmus Mundus Association

for Consortia cooperaTion

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Introduction: why EMACT?

- EMJM = outstanding network of institutions and programmes... but with very few (or almost no) relations between them
 - Many common problems and needs
 - Many potential cooperation in the academic field
- EMACT as a topic-based and problem-based approach but... which **shall be smooth and light**

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- **Exchanging on our difficulties/needs on specific topics + good practices**
 - E.g.: insurance schemes, applications platforms, implementation of joint degrees, etc.
 - E.g.: quality insurance mechanisms (sharing external expertise, practices, etc.)
 - E.g.: teaching practices, etc.
- **Pooling resources or exchanging skills (for teaching/research)**
 - E.g.: pooling / sharing information about scholars' invitations
 - E.g.: sharing online seminars or courses, pooling available skills/knowledge on transversal topic (e.g. on ecological and digital transition)
 - E.g.: pooling internship offers, considering Master's thesis exchanges (for transdisciplinary topics)
 - E.g.: sharing seminars / courses (in-person invitations or online seminars)
 - E.g.: favouring transdisciplinary seminars/research on transversal topics

Introduction: **why EMACT?**

- **Dissemination and outreach of EMJMs programmes**
 - E.g. dissemination of joint information, working papers, MOOCs, industrial partnerships, joint social networking, etc.
- **Collective actions to support changes in the current regulations**
 - E.g.: overcome the resistances for the European accreditation process

A short but intense story

- **2020-2021:** A first group of French coordinators (to face COVID issues)
- **February 17, 2021:** 1st EMACT meeting (constitution of the association)
- **January 27, 2022:** 2nd EMACT meeting (definition of an agenda)
- **May 16, 2022:** 3rd EMACT meeting (**first in-person**) (follow-up) in Paris
- **January 10, 2025:** 4th EMACT meeting (**second in-person**) (follow-up) in Rome



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A few figures... about the **Jan. 10, 2025** in-person meeting (updated on November 11)

- **92 registrations + 44 willing to come with a colleague** (updated on November 11)
- **96 consortia**
 - AMASE, AquaH, ARCHMAT, BIOPHAM, BIOREF, CARTO, Cartography MSc, ChIR, COSI, CyberMACS, CYBERUS, DENSYS, EACH, EDISS, EDUMaH, EIMAS, EMA, EMCL, EMGS, EMILDAI, EMIMEP, EMJM Chemoinformatics+, EMJM-EMLex, EMLE, EMMIR, EMQAL, EPH+, EPOG, EPS, ESWOCHY, Europhotonics, FAMEais, FIPDes, Flourish, FOOD4S, GEM, GeoPlaNet, Global-MINDS, GREENANO, GrEnFln EMJM, HySET, IMARC, IMATEC, IMBRSea, IMFSE, WE-TEAM, EMShip, SINReM, IMSOGLO, IMRD, AquaH, IMBRSea, S-DISCO, IMIM, IMQP, IMSISS, InterMaths, IPCVai, iPSRS, Jemaro, Epico, Epico+, Dream, Eu-Core, JMPMB, LASCALA, LCT, LIVE, MAGMa, MARIHE, Master Erasmus Mundus TPTI, ME3+, MEDfor, MIPDaL, Multiphase, MUNDUS MAPP, MundusMAPP, NOHA, QEM, RADMEP, RePIC, REPLAY, SARENA, SE4GD, SEAS 4.0, SERP / QUARMEN, SITEs, SpaceMed, SPOT, STRAINS, Sus2BioEng, TCCM, TISE, TPTI, WINTOUR10
- **Key stakeholders attending the meeting**
 - EACEA
 - EMA

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EMACT and the Erasmus Mundus Support Initiative

- The EACEA has launched a call for the creation of an *Erasmus Mundus Support Initiative* (selected in 2023), covering part of the initial EMACT objectives:
 - Promoting and supporting the **exchange of experience and good practices**
 - Enhancing **networking opportunities** and **mutual support** for various stakeholders
 - Developing a **collaborative structure** for the community to complement existing initiatives
 - Promoting the Erasmus Mundus programme and showcasing its achievements
- The EMACT specificity as a (yet informal) but **long-term representation of EMJM(D)s**
 - **Exchanging with consortia as peers**
 - **Regular meeting of the board** to discuss main topics among consortia coordinators
 - **Advocacy** (European approach, national ministries, assurance quality agencies...)
 - **Close interactions with the EMSI** (test of the new platform, discussions on EM perspectives, contribution to conferences, surveys...)

Examples of undertaken initiatives

WORKING GROUPS	ACTIONS
EMJMD Management (including insurance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey on insurance contracts Survey on sustainability
Managing the promotion / application/selection process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First discussions among users of the eMundus selection platform
Visas and residence permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey on visa issues
Joint degree and European approach to quality assurance	<p><u>Survey on joint degrees</u></p> <p><u>2 initiatives in favour of the “European approach” (42 consortia signing)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 letter for the Italian Ministry to ask for the implementation of the “European approach” 1 letter for the French Ministry to ask for a <u>free</u> access the “European approach” <p><u>2 initiatives concerning the French Ministry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for the inclusion of the EM specificities in the new national platform for masters (MonMaster) for the edition of joint degree with French partner when the French partner is not coordinating

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ACTIVITIES	PRIORITIES / ACTIONS
Participation to various events / discussions	<p>Exchanges with the EACEA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erasmus Mundus Support Initiative’s meetings. E.g. « Erasmus Mundus: A European Stakeholder Perspective on Relevance, Impact, and Ambitions » (September 18, 2023)... • EMSI Thematic Seminar: Planning and delivering jointness in Erasmus Mundus Master programmes (November 7-8, 2024) <p>Participation at other events</p>
Communication	<p>LinkedIn (linkedin.emact.eu) and communication tools</p> <p>Dissemination of relevant information (EMACT newsletter – join.emact.eu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from EMA (visa issues, programme representatives, country representatives...) • from useful projects (Civic engagement, MindFul Mundus, etc.)

Some of the priorities for 2025

WORKING GROUPS	PRIORITIES / ACTIONS
EMJMD Management (including insurance)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development (with EMA) of a platform for alumni management • Working group for eMundus users • Collective negotiation insurance prices
Managing the promotion / application/ selection process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss methods/solutions to the increasing number of applications
Visas and residence permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch a collective complaint in relation to structural problems identified with some EU Member State who do not comply with <u>the EU Directive 2016/801</u> on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals • Discuss possible solutions (official letters /specific support from EACEA?) • Create a list of international offices
Joint degree and European approach to quality assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with national accreditation agencies / authorities • Participation to the discussions for the European degree

Board

Ermina Begovic	SEAS 4.0 , Sustainable Ship And Shipping 4.0, Italy
Rajon Bhuiyan	iPSRS , Intelligent Photonics for Security Reliability Sustainability and Safety
José Borges	MEDFOR , Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management, Portugal
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Cécilia Provost	E-PiCo , Electric Vehicle Propulsion and Control; JEMARO , Japan-Europe Master on Advanced Robotics; DREAM , European Master in Dynamics of Renewables-based Power Systems, France
Ilva Putzier	EMLE , European Master in Law and Economics, Netherlands
Barbara Rega	FIPDes , Food Innovation and Product design, France

Need for **enlarging the board** and creating **working groups**
→ **January 10, 2025 meeting!**

Organisation and tools

A newsletter

- **Approximately every month**
(based on information provided by consortia and institutions)

Joining EMACT:

<https://join.emact.eu>

Join on LinkedIn

<https://linkedin.emact.eu>



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Dear colleagues,

Here is the EMACT newsletter with some of the information we received from you. We decided to publish only the information of collective interest for the coordinators. In particular, we do not publish calls for applications and we will focus, in the future, mostly on future events or opportunities. If you have news to publish **about events, scholars' invitations, etc.** please send **by December 15** a short paragraph with the relevant information (the paragraph shall be written in order for us just to copy and paste it in the newsletter) to news@emact.eu. The next newsletter will be sent in a newsletter at the beginning of January.

We are also pleased to announce that the **EMACT board has 4 new members**: in order to replace Elena Fabbri, the board has decided to ask all those who proposed themselves as volunteers at the last May 16 meeting, whether they would like to join the board. We thus welcome **Jean-Marc Bonnissieu** (QEM), **Raquel Galeano** (IMAESC), **Cécilia Provost** (E-PiCo, JEMARO, DREAM), **Ilva Putzier** (EMLE)

You will also find below the **follow-up about the activities launched by EMACT** at the May 16, 2022 meeting.

Best regards,

The board of EMACT.



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FOLLOW-UP | Topics in relation to French authorities

TMM - Meeting (October 21) - French Ministry of Higher Education and Research

The board has met the team in charge of the TMM (Trouver Mon Master) at the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research.

Outcomes of the meeting

- International programmes (>50% of



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