



# Erasmus Mundus Association

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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:** 1<sup>st</sup> EMACT meeting (constitution of the association)
- **January 27, 2022:** 2<sup>nd</sup> EMACT meeting (definition of an agenda)
- **May 16, 2022:** 3<sup>rd</sup> EMACT meeting (**first time in-person**) (follow-up)



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**A few figures...** about the in-person meeting May 16, 2022

- **118 registrations**
- **86 consortia**
  - AquaH, ARCHMAT, BDMA, BeinPM, Bioceb, BIOPHAM, BIOREF, CARTO, ChEMoinformactics+, ChIR, CNE, CYBER, DENSYS, DEPEND, DocNomads, DREAM, DRIE, DYCLAM+, E-PiCo, ECT+, EDISS, EIMAS, EMA, EMACT, EMCL, EMDM SpaceMed, EMERALD, EMGS, EMILDAI, EMIMEO, EMJMD ALA, EMLE, EMMIR, EMQAL, EPH+, EPOG+, EPS, ESWOCHY, Eu-HEM, Euroculture, Europhotonics, Europubhealth+ - EPH+, EUROSUD, FAME+, FIPDes, FOOD4S, GEM, GENIAL, GLOCAL, IMAESC, IMBRSea, IMFSE, IMIM, IMRD, IMSISS, ISLANDS, JEMARO, JMPMB, Kino Eyes, LAGLOBE, LASCALA, LCT, LIVE, M-Carto, ME3+, MEDFOR, MESC+, MITRA, Mundus Journalism, MUNDUS MAPP, Nanomed, NEURASMUS, NOHA, PlantHealth, PSRS, QEM, RADMEP, Re:Anima, SE4GD, SEAS 4.0, SMACCs, TCCM, TISE, TROPIMUNDO+, WACOMA, WINTOUR
- **Key stakeholders attending the meeting**
  - EACEA
  - EMA
  - ProDeJIP
  - AMPLIFIER/GODIJIP



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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 Structure/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...)

# Undertaken initiatives

- **Surveys on**
  - **application platforms**
  - **academic cooperation** (wishes of the consortia)
  - **sustainability survey**
- **Joint work with EMA** (Erasmus Mundus students and Alumni association): **Alumni management tool**
- **Two initiatives in favour of the “European approach”** (*42 consortia / universities signing*)
  - **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 free access the “European approach”**:
- **Initiatives concerning the French Ministry**
  - for the inclusion of the **EM specificities in the new national platform for masters (TMM)**
  - for the **edition of joint degree** with French partner when the French partner is not coordinating

# Undertaken initiatives

- **Participation to various events / discussions**
  - Exchanges with the **EACEA**
  - **Erasmus Mundus Support Initiative's meetings.** E.g. « Erasmus Mundus: A European Stakeholder Perspective on Relevance, Impact, and Ambitions » (September 18, 2023)...
  - **T.I.M.E (Top International Managers in Engineering)** association (October 25-28, 2023)
- **Dissemination of relevant information (**EMACT newsletter**)**
  - from EMA (visa issues, programme representatives, country representatives...)
  - from useful projects (Civic engagement,
  - agenda...

# Some of the priorities for 2023-2024

WORKING GROUPS	PRIORITIES / ACTIONS
<b>EMJMD Management &amp; Sustainability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey on <b>insurance contracts</b></li> <li>• creation of a working group for <b>eMundus users</b></li> <li>• Development (with EM-A) of a <b>platform for alumni management</b></li> </ul>
<b>Joint degree and European approach to quality assurance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey on the <b>joint degree process</b> (concrete cases and implementation, exchange of good practices, mutual support)</li> <li>• Participation in the <b>pilot of a "label for joint degrees"</b></li> <li>• <u>Later</u>: <b>meeting with national accreditation agencies / authorities</b></li> </ul>
<b>Visas and residence permits &amp; Dissemination and attractivity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey on <b>local practices</b></li> <li>• Create a <b>list of international offices</b></li> </ul>
<b>Academic/pedagogical cooperation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping of the <b>volunteers</b> for <b>master's thesis joint supervision</b> and for <b>sharing scholars' invitations</b></li> </ul>



# Board

<b>Ermina Begovic</b>	<b>SEAS 4.0</b> , Sustainable Ship And Shipping 4.0, Italy
<b>José Borges</b>	<b>MEDFOR</b> , Mediterranean Forestry and Natural Resources Management, Portugal
<b>Mickael Capron</b>	<b>BIOREF</b> , Biorefinery Master, France
<b>Juliane Cron</b>	<b>CARTO</b> , Erasmus Mundus Master of Science in Cartography, Germany
<b>Heathcliff Demaie</b>	<b>DENSYS</b> , Decentralized Smart Energy Systems, France
<b>David Flacher</b>	<b>EPOG+</b> , Economic Policies for the Global transition, France
<b>Raquel Galeano</b>	<b>IMAESC</b> , Masters in Adult Education for Social Change, UK
<b>Cécilia Provost</b>	<b>E-PiCo</b> , Electric Vehicle Propulsion and Control; <b>JEMARO</b> , Japan-Europe Master on Advanced Robotics; <b>DREAM</b> , European Master in Dynamics of Renewables-based Power Systems, France
<b>Ilva Putzier</b>	<b>EMLE</b> , European Master in Law and Economics, Netherlands
<b>Barbara Rega</b>	<b>FIPDes</b> , Food Innovation and Product design, France

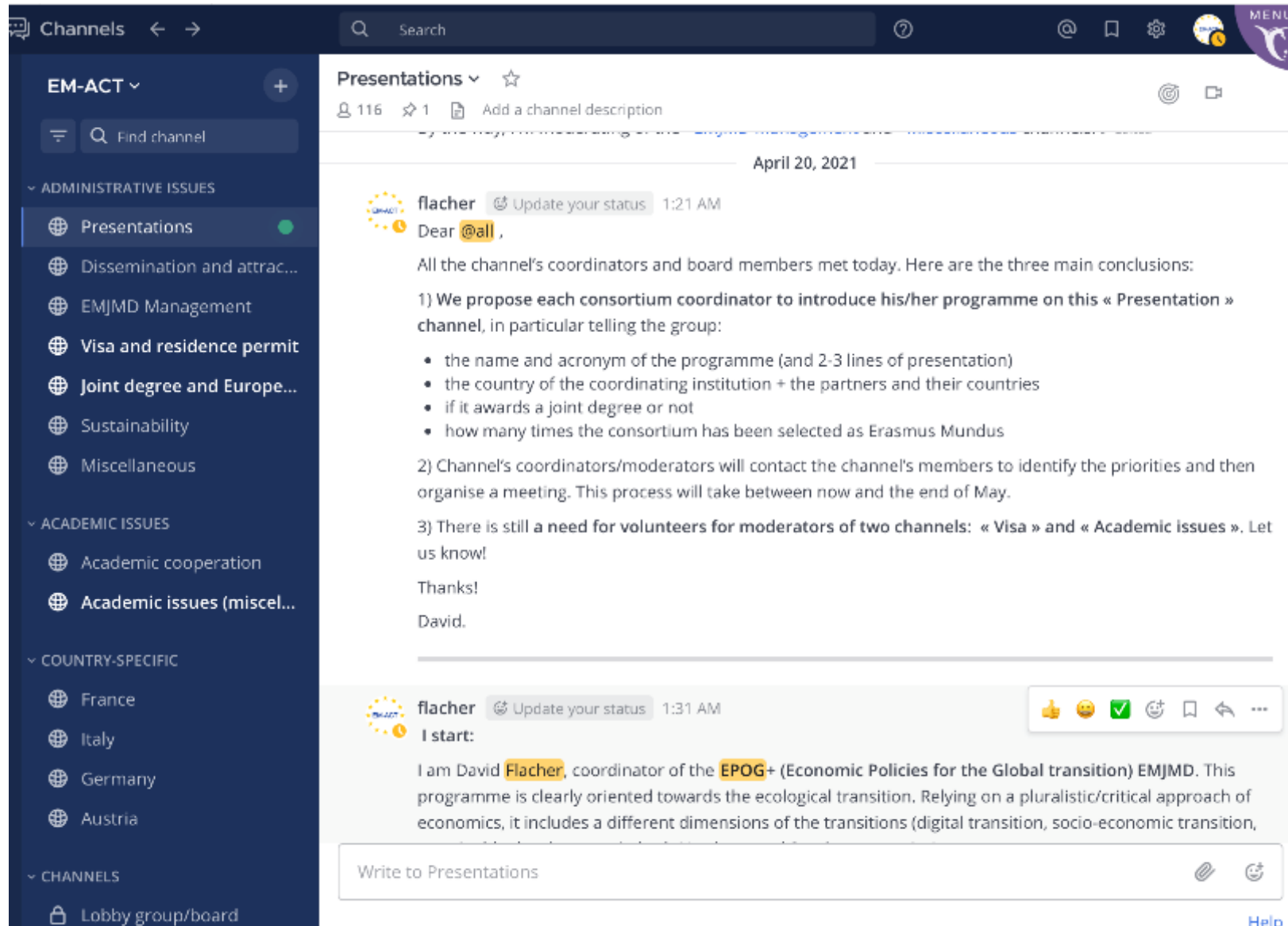
# Organisation and tools

## A platform with channels and moderators

<b>Dissemination and attractivity</b> (communication, selection process, etc.)	<b>Vanessa Borges</b> (MEDFOR, Portugal)
<b>Visas and residence permits</b>	<b>Sophia Fesei Dangana</b> and <b>Isabel keller</b> (International relations, Université de Lorraine)
<b>EMJMD Management</b>	<b>Heathcliff Demaie</b> (DENSYS – France)
<b>Joint degree and European approach to quality assurance</b>	<b>Sébastien Clausen</b> (PANGEA – France)
<b>Sustainability</b>	<b>Cécilia Provost</b> (Centrale Nantes, France)
<b>Academic/pedagogical cooperation</b>	<i>To be renewed</i>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Heathcliff Demaie</b> (DENSYS – France)

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## The Mattermost platform



### Available on:

- Internet browsers
- Desktop apps
- Mobile apps

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## A newsletter

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

Joining EMACT:

<https://join.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](mailto: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



# Thanks!

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