

**The Joiman Project:
joint degree management and
administration network**

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Joiman is a project financed by the European Commission under the framework of LLP/Erasmus/structural network measure, which started in November 2008.

The success of the Erasmus Mundus Programme worldwide, together with the scheduled implementation of the Bologna Process, pushed European Universities to reserve to joint curricula development a special place in their internationalisation strategies. European Universities have been involved in joint programme development since the eighties, however the Erasmus Mundus Programme has brought a substantial change in the “philosophy” of joint programme creation and management, focusing on the concept of consortia teaching and administrative integration. Four years after the launch of the Erasmus Mundus Programme, many administrative issues are still open, such as sustainability and funding systems and the need for common procedures and tools for consortia cooperation.

Observing the experience of the partners involved in the EM projects and, more generally, in joint programmes, Joiman project has been created with the aim to provide a platform, where an experienced group of partners could share among each other their knowledge and know-how in solving the most common problems during the first stage of the Erasmus Mundus Programme. Common tools or strategies will be created to support the involved Universities and other potential participating HEIs in order to overcome the persisting administrative and legal difficulties in this field.

The outcome of the project will be the creation of a set of guidelines and good practice examples about the administrative issues related to joint degrees management. Furthermore, strategies will be devised to apply the solutions worked out during the project to the issues related to the development of doctoral joint programmes and/or with non EU partners (Asia, US, Latin America etc.). The topics that will be addressed by the project are the following:

- Application, enrolment, selection and certification of students career;
- Financial sustainability of joint programmes;
- Governance/organisation/quality in joint programmes;
- Development and administration of joint PhD programmes;
- Development and administration of Joint Programmes with “non UE” and “non Bologna Process” institutions.

PARTNERS

The consortium of the Joiman Project is composed by **15 Universities** and **3 Erasmus Mundus National Structures**, covering 11 European Countries, among them Countries from the Southern Europe, Continental Europe, Scandinavian region and Central and Eastern Europe Area. All the 15 universities are prominent and broadly based research universities with intensive international co-operation between them and with partners all over the world. Twelve out of the fifteen universities are member of the Utrecht Network, a group of 33 European Universities working together in the area of internationalisation of higher education and running, among the other projects, the EXAMPLE Erasmus Mundus Action 4 initiative aimed at the promotion of the European higher Education system in the world. All the 15 Universities have gained a long-standing experience in the development of Joint Programmes at Master Level, with a massive participation in the Erasmus Mundus Programme.

The network is enriched by the participation of the EM National Structures (EM-NSs) of Italy, Belgium (Flemish) and Lithuania. EM-NSs provide universities with information on Erasmus Mundus ongoing projects and enhance synergies between the network partners and other ongoing projects.

LIST OF JOIMAN PARTNERS

- 1 Italy - Università di Bologna
- 2 Italy - Università degli Studi di Padova
- 3 France - Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille
- 4 France - Université Louis Pasteur Strasbourg 1
- 5 France - Université Bordeaux 1
- 6 Spain - Universidad de la Iglesia de Deusto
- 7 Austria - Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz
- 8 Belgium - UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN

- 9 Romania - Universitatea "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iasi
- 10 Lithuania - VILNIAUS UNIVERSITETAS
- 11 Norway - Universitetet i Bergen
- 12 Sweden - Lunds universitet
- 13 Czech Rep - Masarykova Univerzita
- 14 Germany - Ruhr-Universität Bochum
- 15 Germany - Universität Leipzig
- 16 Italy - NS Erasmus Mundus ITALIA
- 17 Belgium - NS Erasmus Mundus FLEMISH BELGIUM.
- 18 Lithuania - NS Erasmus Mundus LITHUANIA

FIELDS OF INVESTIGATION

- Application Procedures in Joint Programmes;
- Selection procedures in Joint Programmes;
- Enrolment procedures and Certification of mid term and final studies in Joint Programmes (JP)
- Different national legislation on fees and scholarships;
- Scholarships and Social cohesion;
- Sustainability of JP;
- Organisation of services at different governance level;
- Dialogue between central and peripheral structures;
- Organisation of different Joint PhD models;
- Development of joint programmes with non European Institutions.

OUTPUTS

According to the different fields of investigation, the Joiman Project is expected to achieve the following outputs:

- Survey on administrative procedures, survey on financial issues and sustainability of Joint Programmes and survey on organisation and quality assurance in Joint Programmes;
- Good Practices Reports on administrative procedures in JP;
- Good Practices Report on financial policies in JP;
- Good Practices Report on Quality/Organisation/Services in JP;
- Good Practices Report on Joint PhD Implementation;
- Good Practices Report on JP Implementation with non UE HEI;
- Call for Paper on joint PHD and Joint master with non EU institutions;
- Cooperation Agreement and Financial Cooperation Agreement Template.

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