European Commission

Erasmus+ Programme
Jean Monnet Action for higher education

Stimulating teaching and research on the European Union and foster dialogue between academics and decision-makers in the EU and around the world

What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the EU-funded programme to support individual exchanges and institutional cooperation in the fields of education, training, youth and sport. The programme has a strong international dimension, which opens up many of these opportunities to individuals and stakeholders from countries worldwide.

What are Jean Monnet Actions?

The **Jean Monnet Actions** for higher education aim at **promoting excellence worldwide in teaching and research** in the **field of European Union studies**. These Actions also aim at **fostering dialogue between the academic world and policymakers**, in particular with the aim of enhancing governance of EU policies.

'European Union studies' refers to the teaching, learning and research about the European Union, its history, aims, structures, functions and/or its policies.

European Union studies cover the role of the EU in a globalised world, spread knowledge about the EU to the wider society, promote active European citizenship and the founding values of the European Union. Jean Monnet is expected to bring **positive and long-lasting effects** on both students and researchers/professors, to the organisations involved, as well as to the policy context. They will support the academic and public debate on EU matters.

Jean Monnet "Teaching and Research" actions will:

- promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide and facilitate career development on EU studies for next generation;
- foster dialogue between the academic world and society, including local, regional, state and EU level policymakers, civil servants, civil society actors, representatives of the different levels of education and of the media;
- generate knowledge and insights in support of EU policymaking and strengthen the role of the EU within Europe and in a globalised world;
- reach out to a wider public and spread knowledge about the EU to the wider society (beyond academia and specialised audiences), bringing the EU closer to the public;
- strive to function as a vector for public diplomacy towards third countries not associated to the Programme, promoting EU values, including inclusion and diversity, and enhancing the visibility of what the European Union stands for and what it intends to achieve.

Which Actions are supported?

Teaching and research activities:

New introductory or advanced teaching programmes or courses designed to be embedded in the official curriculum of a higher education institution.

- **Jean Monnet Modules** are short teaching programme or course in the field of European Union Studies at a higher education institution. Each Module lasts three years with a minimum duration of 40 teaching hours per academic year. Modules may concentrate on one particular discipline in European studies or be multidisciplinary in approach.
- A **Jean Monnet Chair** is a teaching post with a specialisation in European Union Studies for university professors for duration of three years. The position is held by only one professor, who provides the minimum of 90 teaching hours per academic year. The Chair may also have a team to support and enhance the activities of the Chair, including the provision of additional teaching hours.
- **Centre of Excellence** is a hub or focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects with project duration of three years. The Centre has a major role in reaching out to students from faculties not normally dealing with European Union issues as well as to policy makers, civil servants, organised civil society and the general public.

Jean Monnet policy debate

Under this heading, **thematic networks in Higher Education** (one network on internal EU issues and one network on foreign policy issues addressing one specific priority will be supported each year) will have as their primary objective to collect, share and discuss among the partners research findings, content of courses and experiences, products (studies, articles, etc.). Each network will establish a tool allowing the partners to share their academic works and run peer review exercises, also commenting on the posted documents.

For the 2027 Call for Proposals, there are two thematic networks on external policy:

1. Jean Monnet network EU-Canada. Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 9 applicants and must include at least 3 entities from Canada. The coordinator must be established in an EU Member State or a third country associated[1] with the Erasmus+ Programme or in Canada.
2. Jean Monnet network EU-Ukraine-Moldova. Proposals must be submitted by a consortium of at least 10 applicants and must include at least 5 entities from Ukraine. The coordinator must be established in an EU Member State or a third country associated with the Erasmus+ Programme or in Ukraine. HEIs established in Moldova may also participate, but not as coordinators.

Who can apply and take part in Jean Monnet actions? How?

Higher education institutions around the world are eligible to apply for Jean Monnet actions. HEIs established in EU Member States or the eight countries associated to the Programme must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs from the third countries not associated to the Programme.

Most Erasmus+ projects are based on partnerships. Jean Monnet (except Networks) is an exception – only one institution is required, and successful applications are therefore awarded a so-called mono-beneficiary contract. Only applications by single applicants are allowed. The exception to this is of course the networks which by their nature require a multi-partner approach.

[1] The third countries associated to the Erasmus+ programme are the following: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Republic of North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, and Türkiye. **Switzerland and the UK also plan to associate to the programme in 2027, bringing the total of associated third countries to eight.**

More information

Detailed information on the **criteria and funding rules**: Erasmus+ Programme Guide

Information on how to apply to annual calls for proposals is provided on the European Commission's Funding & Tender Opportunities portal**:** https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/home

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Look at some examples of Jean Monnet Actions funded since 2021 – you can filter by coordinator country