

Erasmus+ for higher education in Thailand

What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ funds academic mobility and cooperation projects that involve partners from "Programme Countries" and "Partner Countries" throughout the world. In 2018, 33 Programme Countries comprise the 28 EU Member States plus five other European countries*. Erasmus+ supports activities that are closely matched with the EU's priorities for cooperation policy with partner countries and regions. Four years into the programme, we can see how popular these initiatives are with countries from the region.

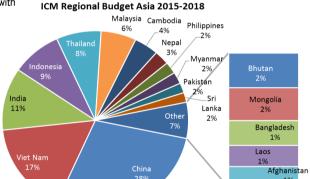
International credit mobility (ICM)

For over 30 years, students and staff have moved between European universities in the Erasmus programme. Since 2015, Erasmus+ has also allowed short-term mobility to Europe from other parts of the world for students, researchers, and staff. This two-way mobility allows students to study in a foreign university for 3-12 months and obtain credits which are then recognised at the sending institution as part of their degree. Starting in 2018, traineeships are also possible. There are also grants for staff mobility of 5-60 days.

There are distinct budgets for different regions of the world that are divided between all the European countries. Programme-Country institutions make up bilateral partnerships with universities from Asian countries and apply on behalf of their partners.

Proposals received involving Thailand
Projects selected involving Thailand
Students and staff moving to Europe
Students and staff moving to Thailand
Percentage of regional budget (see chart)

TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015
506	102	243	74	87
302	48	173	43	38
826	191	243	171	221
582	145	173	143	121
5,6	7,692	0,002	6,502	8,224



Others

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees (EMJMDs) award EU-funded scholarships to Master students from around the world that cover covering tuition, travel, and a living allowance. The programmes last from one to two years during which students study in at least two different European countries, and obtain a joint, double degree, or multiple degree. Institutions from partner countries can also be part of the consortia that deliver these programmes (though this is not obligatory) as Full Partners, which means they officially award degrees, or as Associated Partners, where they participate in the programme in some kind of capacity, but do not award the actual joint degree.

Thailand in EMJMD projects	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total EMJMDs selected	153	44	39	27	32	11
Total proposals received	506	112	122	92	119	61
Proposals received involving Thailand	25	6	7	4	5	3
EMJMDs selected involving Thailand	8	3	3	1	1	0
Full partners from Thailand in EMJMDs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates from Thailand in EMJMDs	9	3	4	1	1	0

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Each EMJMD receives EU funding to award a certain number of scholarships to students worldwide. Additional scholarships are also available for students from regions comprising emerging or developing economies. Students apply directly to the programme coordinator and can find the programmes on the EMJMD catalogue (see links).

Erasmus Mundus Master Scholarships 2014-2018

	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014		Programme	
Scholarship-winners from Thailand	59	17	13	8	11	10		countries 1101	India 326
from global budget	45	12	11	8	4	10			Bangladesh 283
From additional regional budget	14	5	2	0	7	0			China 234
Scholarships worldwide	7259	1669	1556	1347	1308	1379		Asia 1853	Pakistan 230
EM programmes offering scholarships		86	100	87	120	149	Rest of the		Philippines 194 Nepal 135
							world 4304		Indonesia 128 VietNam 126
									Thai Sri Lanka 37
									Others 101

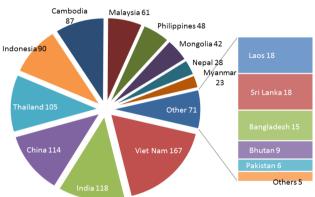
Capacity-building for Higher Education

Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education action (CBHE) projects, which lasts from two to three years, are aimed at modernising and reforming higher education institutions, developing new curricula, improving governance, and building relationships between higher education institutions and enterprises. They can also tackle policy topics and issues, preparing the ground for higher education reform, in cooperation with national authorities. Around 26% of the annual global budget for CBHE projects is earmarked for Asian countries.

Thailand in CBHE projects **TOTAL** 2018 2017 2016 2015 Proposals received in call overall 515 2971 887 833 736 Projects selected in call overall 581 147 149 147 138 Proposals received involving Thailand 17 16 15 11 59 Projects selected involving Thailand 40 12 10 10 8 Projects coordinated by Thailand 5 1 3 0 1 Instances of participation from Thailand 105 28 33 24 20

Capacity building projects can be addressed to a group of countries or a single country. They can also be cross-regional, including institutions from different partner regions.

Participation in CBHE projects Asia 2015-2018



Jean Monnet Activities

in selected projects

Jean Monnet (JM) activities aim to develop EU studies worldwide. For over 25 years they have been supporting Modules, Chairs, and Centres of Excellence to promote excellence in teaching and research on the European integration process at higher education level. The programme also supports policy debate with the academic world through networks and a number of associations in the domain of EU studies.

Thailand in Jean Monnet	TOTAL	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Proposals received in call overall	4838	1255	1177	1034	879	493
Projects selected in call	1215	235	238	270	260	212
Applications from Thailand	3	0	0	2	1	0
Selected projects from Thailand	2	0	0	2	0	0
Networks involving partners from Thailand	0	0	0	0	0	0

More information:

Erasmus+ website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/node_en

Erasmus+ projects & results: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/projects/

Erasmus+ funding opportunities: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

Erasmus Mundus programme catalogue: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/scholarships-catalogue_en

^{*} In 2018 these five countries are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey.