



FAQs: Erasmus+ Call for proposals 2020 - EAC/A02/2019 Jean Monnet Activities

1. Institutions from which countries are eligible to apply under the Jean Monnet Activities?

The Jean Monnet Activities are open to all countries throughout the world.

2. Does my institution need to hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) to be eligible?

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) established in the Erasmus+ **Programme countries** applying for Jean Monnet Modules, Chairs, Centres of Excellence, Projects and Networks are required to hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).

HEIs established in partner countries do not need to hold an ECHE.

Please see the list of the Erasmus+ Programme countries in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide (chapter '*Who can participate in the Erasmus+ Programme*').

3. What should be done if the ECHE reference does not appear in the data automatically displayed in the eForm?

Please note that the PIC code of your institution has been linked to the ECHE reference and therefore should automatically appear in the respective field of the eForm. Please verify whether you have used the correct PIC code for your institution. If the problem persists, please contact the ECHE team at: EACEA-ECHE@ec.europa.eu for assistance.

4. What is the duration of the Jean Monnet Activities?

Jean Monnet Modules, Chairs and Centres of Excellence, the activities related to Support to Associations and Networks are co-financed for the duration of three years.

The Jean Monnet Projects are financed for a duration of 12, 18 or 24 months.

5. Must the academic coordinator of a project have a permanent post at the applicant institution?

In the case of a Jean Monnet Chair, the Chair holder must have a permanent post at the applicant institution.

For other Jean Monnet actions, there is no formal requirement in this regard. Nevertheless the legal representative must ensure that the project is implemented as planned in the application, ensuring that the academic coordinator implements the activities he/she is in charge of during the entire project lifetime.

6. What do you understand by "rank of professor" in the context of the required academic level for a Jean Monnet Chair holder? Is the status of "associate professor" sufficient or must the proposed candidate be a "full professor"?

The professorial rank refers to a member of academic staff demonstrating sustained competence in teaching and independent research.

Given that the academic ranking structure varies between countries, the external experts will examine the academic profile of the candidate taking into account not only his/her academic title but also the level of expertise in the field of European integration studies demonstrated by teaching and research experience, publications record and other aspects related to the *curriculum vitae*.

7. What is the definition of teaching hours under the Jean Monnet actions?

Teaching hours are defined as contact hours in the framework of a group lecture/seminar/tutorial. These may include distance, online and blended learning courses. "One to one" meetings, involving individual instruction (e.g. supervision of a thesis) do not count as teaching hours, nor do the hours of activities classified under "Events" in The Detailed Project Description (section F.). In order to avoid confusion, please take particular care to distinguish between teaching activities and events in your application.

8. Is a Jean Monnet Chair holder responsible for delivering the entire required minimum of 90 teaching hours per academic year or can the teaching hours be shared between several members of the teaching staff?

A Jean Monnet Chair holder is expected to assume sole teaching responsibility for the obligatory teaching programme delivered in relation to the Chair (90 hours). Other lecturers may be involved in teaching additional hours, if they are planned.

9. Is it possible to involve a lecturer from a different country in teaching activities? Which rate should be applied for this academic - the rate of the applicant country (where the teaching activities will take place) or the rate of his/her country of residence?

Lecturers from different countries may be involved, but only the rate of the applicant country may be used for teaching hours.

10. Can a part of the teaching hours be delivered outside the applicant institution?

The minimum teaching hours (40 hours per academic year for Modules and 90 minimum hours for Chairs) must be delivered at the applicant institutions. Additional hours may be delivered outside the applicant institution.

11. Can we use part of the grant to remunerate a PhD student involved in the delivery of the seminars or the preparation of a conference?

A PhD student who is not a member of the university teaching staff may be remunerated for his/her contribution to the project activities from the project's budget, provided that the university establishes for this purpose a contractual relation with the person concerned, respecting the national legislation.

12. Can a doctoral candidate apply to become a coordinator of a Jean Monnet Module?

The profile of the proposed module coordinator is paramount. He/she must be a specialist in European integration studies with experience in teaching and research. Younger researchers/academics (i.e. scholars who have obtained a PhD degree within the last five years) are targeted with up to 20% of the total budget allocation for Modules set aside to support these early-career academics.

13. Who are the 'non-local speakers' to be indicated in the budget table for Jean Monnet Projects?

Non-local speakers are persons who give a written or spoken contribution at the event and for whom travel and subsistence costs are incurred (i.e. they come from a different city or country to the place where the event is organised).

In order to be considered a non-local speaker, the speaker should have travelled a distance of at least 100 km. Below 100 km all speakers are to be considered as 'local' speakers. Please note that the distinction between 'local' and 'non-local' refers only to speakers.

Non-speakers are to be considered as participants without consideration of their travel distances.

The distances are to be calculated by using the Erasmus+ distance calculator tool:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

(see also the distance bands on the budget template for each event)

14. Can permanent staff costs be considered as part of the co-financing contribution of the beneficiary institution under the budget-based system?

Yes, but please note that contributions in kind are not permitted under the Jean Monnet activities.

15. In the context of a Jean Monnet Project, is it possible to organise an event (e.g. conference) in a country other than the host country of the applicant institution?

For Jean Monnet Projects it is possible to organise events in countries other than the applicant country. When completing the Excel budget form (annex to the eForm), please select for each event the country where the respective event will take place.

16. Do we need to use the budget resulting from the flat-rate calculation of teaching hours to pay teaching costs?

The flat-rate is a method of calculation of the grant. Although the teaching hours serve as factor within the calculation of the overall budget and the grant, this does not predetermine the actual use of the

budget which is intended to cover all eligible costs that are necessary to implement the approved activities, as indicated in the application.

17. Do I need to use the 'top-up' percentage (10% for Jean Monnet Chairs and 40% for Modules) for additional academic activities (e.g. purchase of books)?

The same principle as above applies. The 'top-up' is part of the calculation method of the budget and the grant, but does not predetermine how funds should be used to implement the activity.

18. Is there a budget ceiling for staff costs and teaching costs for Jean Monnet actions financed through the budget-based system (Centres of Excellence, Support to Associations, Networks)?

Under the budget-based system, there is no pre-determined ceiling for staff costs and teaching costs. The proposed budget should be constructed on the basis of the expected real costs, based on the hourly teaching and staff cost rates usually applied at the applicant institution.

19. Should the budget proposal be presented annually or over the entire contractual period of co-financing of the Jean Monnet actions?

The budget proposal should cover the entire contractual period for which support is requested.

20. Can an institution apply for more than one Jean Monnet action type?

Yes, in principle one institution may submit several applications under the same Call for Proposals. However, the activities proposed in these applications must be clearly separate and different from each other. The same activities (even if in different applications) will not be co-financed twice.

Attention: Under the 2020 Call for Proposals (EAC/A02/2019):

- If you apply for Jean Monnet Chair and the staff member has not the rank of Professor, the proposal will become a Jean Monnet Module proposal.

For further details, please consult the Programme Guide 2020:
https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources_en