

OVERVIEW (WELCOME PAGE)

EU and India are engaged in jointly promoting higher education. Delhi and Brussels have already cooperated on several topics, including:

- Modernisation of higher education, academic excellence, and faculty and student mobility
- Vocational education and training
- Lifelong learning
- Transparency, quality and equity in education and recognition of qualifications.

The 13th EU-India Summit in March 2016 underlined higher education an important area of cooperation between them. It was agreed to strengthen their cooperation and increase exchanges. The aim is to get more Indian students and teachers studying, researching, and teaching in Europe (and vice versa). Different programmes are available:

- On the Indian side, the Global Initiative of Academic Networks makes possible for more European teachers to practice in India.
- On the EU side, this is made possible for student exchanges through the [ERASMUS+](#) programme, and for teaching and research through [Marie Skłodowska-Curie](#) and [Jean Monnet](#) actions.

With one fifth of world's universities, Europe has a wide range of high standard education and research. Tuition fees and daily costs are reasonable, and there are also many scholarships opportunities. Although the UK is still the main destination for Indian students, other EU countries are increasingly popular, such as Germany, France, Sweden, the Netherlands, Italy, Finland, Spain, but Indian students are also starting to choose to go to lesser known European countries with a few top level universities such as for example Cyprus or Lithuania.

A majority of Indian students used to come to Europe to pursue engineering (mainly computer science & information systems, mechanical or electronics and electrical engineering) or business courses, yet the trends are changing fast as Indian students are increasingly choosing Europe also for accounting and finance, bio science, economics, law, medicine or the arts, inter alia!

More information at:

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-1142_en.htm

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2016/03/30/>

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/updates_en

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/jean-monnet_en

FACTS AND FIGURES (2nd section of the WELCOME PAGE)

- 4,000 universities (1/5 of world's universities) and 20 million students (1/4 of the world's students) in Europe, with hundreds of thousands of Bachelor's Degrees, Master's Degrees and PhD/Doctoral programmes.
- With almost 50000 Indian students in the EU right now, Europe is the 2nd preferred destination of Indian Students wishing to study abroad
- In terms of quality, European universities are among the best: half the universities in international rankings are from the EU
- 12,500 undergraduate programmes and a significant proportion of graduate programs are taught in English in all 28 EU countries!
- About 4000 Indian students and scholars have received Erasmus grants (130 grantees for the 2016 batch)
- 1680 Indian researchers have benefited from grants through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellowship Programme since 2007.
- EU financed capacity building projects for India: 36 Indian institutions from 12 states participated in 10 different EU projects and partnering with 37 European universities from 18 EU member States
- Around 6,000 EU enterprises in India employ 1.2 million persons directly and an estimated 5 million indirectly. All these businesses are keen to employ graduates with exposure to Europe
- Europe is also a great place to live, as 7 of the world's 10 happiest countries are there, according to the World Happiness Report. Also, European countries have championed gender equality and the empowerment of women, which makes Europe an ideal destination to empower female students

NEWS AND EVENTS (THIRD SECTION OF WELCOME PAGE)

Conference on "Cooperation in the higher-education sphere between the EU and India"

29 September 2016, India Habitat Centre (New Delhi)

The purpose of the conference is to act as a forum for the discussion of achievements in the sphere of higher-education cooperation between the higher-education sectors of the European Union and India. It is envisaged as a practical conference, aimed at the needs of higher-education sector professionals, with 300 delegates to be invited to participate from India and EU member states.

European Higher Education Fair

30 September and 1st October in Pragati Maidan (New Delhi)

In order to reach out to more Indian students about the opportunities to study in Europe, the EU is regularly organizing higher education fairs, where all European universities can showcase their international programs to Indian students. It will bring more than a hundred universities from 26 out of the 28 EU Member States, with 20 of them listed in the Times Higher Education rankings of the world's top 400 and 4 are in the top 100.

European Higher Education Virtual Fair

A virtual fair will complete the picture offered by the European Higher Education Fair, in order to connect students from all over India and South Asia to an even wider range of European higher education institutions through a dedicated portal.

Overall, with the physical and virtual fairs, the EU wants to reach out to talented and ambitious Indian students looking for international exposure at the university level, and bring to their consideration some top ranked universities, as well as some worthwhile though lesser-known alternatives.

FICCI Higher Education Summit

10-12 November 2016, Vigyan Bhawan (New Delhi)

In addition to the fairs, the EU will partner with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) at its Higher Education Summit, with a high level delegation from Europe, European-themed statements and sessions, and an EU exhibition booth.

Erasmus+ Workshop for Indian higher education institutions:

Chandigarh October 3

Jaipur October 4

Ahmedabad October 18 (tbc)

Bhubaneswar November 9

Hyderabad November 15 (tbc)

Kolkata December 8

Ranchi December 9

EU POLICY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (NEED MORE THAN JUST ERASMUS+ Stuff, need more policy content)

For nearly 30 years, the EU has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over 3 million European students to spend part of their studies at another higher education institution or with an organisation in Europe.

With [Erasmus+](#), it's no longer just about Europe: people from all over the world can access such opportunities. The newly expanded programme is the biggest of its kind in the world and includes education, training, youth and sport within Europe and internationally.

For students, studying abroad is a central part of Erasmus+ and has been shown to have a positive effect on later job prospects. It is also a chance to improve language skills, gain self-confidence and independence and immerse yourself in a new culture. Therefore, Erasmus+ provides fully funded scholarships to Indian students, either for short duration studies or for completion of a master's course. For credit mobility, access to scholarships will be through Indian universities directly participating in Erasmus+ as partners in a consortium. There are hundreds of them in India, in almost every State.

For staff, with Erasmus+, opportunities are available to spend time teaching at an education institution abroad. These opportunities are available to both staff working in the education sector and to individuals working outside the sector invited to share their knowledge and experience. Training opportunities are also available to staff working in education (including teaching and non-teaching capacities). Training periods abroad can consist of job shadowing, observation periods or specific training courses abroad.

With an overall budget of €14.7 billion for the period 2014-2020 the programme offers opportunities for more than 4 million students, staff members, researchers and other people around the world to journey outside their home countries (mobility scholarships). 1.68 billion of this amount will be assigned for activities with countries outside the EU to improve the quality of higher education, develop dialogue and boost the capacity of institutions in Partner countries – such as India – to cooperate internationally. It will support the international mobility of 135,000 university students and teachers in non-EU countries.

This will fund the following key results of international cooperation:

- 350 new Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees
- 30,000 scholarships for Joint Master Degree students and staff (minimum 75% for individuals from Partner Countries)
- 130,000 credit mobility scholarships for individuals to move between higher education institutions in Partner Countries and Programme Countries
- 1,000 capacity-building projects for higher education
- 2,000 Jean Monnet projects

More information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/contacts/national-erasmus-plus-offices_en

<https://www.facebook.com/EUErasmusPlusProgramme>

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/EUErasmusPlus>

www.em-a.eu

<http://www.esaa-eu.org>

EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN INDIA IN THE FIELD OF PRIMARY SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION (NEED UPDATES ON PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, SARAJINI please complete, even with a copy paste for now)

Since 2013 has been launched a €1 million project aiming to strengthen the quality, access and governance of undergraduate education in India, through Indo-EU Higher Education partnerships and collaborations. Implemented by a consortium led by the British Council, the expected results are:

- Greater cooperation and knowledge exchange between the EU and India to increase the quality, access and governance of undergraduate education, through a consortium of collaborative university partnerships ;
- Improved capability and understanding of the practical application and value of technology-enhanced approaches to education in India amongst practitioners, students, institutions and government policy makers ;
- Enhanced student learning, student voice and participation through online international collaborative experiences, access to high quality open resources and interactive learning modules.

SUB PAGES OF ERASMUS FOR STUDENTS AND FOR INSTITUTIONS

ERASMUS+ FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS

1. International Credit Mobility

Started in 2015, it provides short-term study scholarships (3-12 months) in a participating European University counting towards a degree back home. To participate, students must check if their own university (via the international office) has an international credit mobility agreement with corresponding universities in the EU.

Interested students have to apply from late 2016 and contact their own university's international office to see:

- Which universities they can go to
- Which study programme they can choose

Budget 2016: €128.98 million for mobility between Programme & Partner Countries

IN INDIA: The latest batch of Erasmus scholarships this summer fully funded the study programmes of 135 Indian students and scholars from all fields, originating from 17 Indian States and now based in 20 European countries.

2. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master or Doctoral Degrees (EMJMD)

The EMJMD offers global scholarships for students from all over the world to complete a full master from a list of over 100 courses (including astrophysics, forensic science, viticulture and oenology, etc.) with study at 2 or more universities, or to complete a doctoral degree offered by a consortium of European universities.

All student scholarships cover tuition fees, travel and living expenses in Europe for the full duration of the course:

- Erasmus Mundus Masters – around €25,000 a year ;
- Masters Course – around €2,400 for a 2-week stay ;
- Masters Course – around €14,800 for a 3-month work assignment ;
- Fellowships for doctoral candidates – up to €129,900 for 3 years.

Students wishing to apply should [check out the list](#), and visit a master programme's website for more information on its application requirements and timing:

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/library/emjmd-catalogue_en

Budget 2016: €57 million + €19 million for "targeted regions"

IN INDIA: can't find any info, I don't think there is

3. Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research Fellowship Programme

The programme aims to support the career development and training of researchers, irrespective of nationality, in all scientific disciplines. Through innovative training, worldwide and cross-sector mobility – with a focus on innovation skills – up to 3,000 PhD scholarships are funded every year (almost 25,000 over the last seven years) in Europe. There are vacancies all year round and Indian candidates should apply directly to the projects published on the [Erasmus+](#) website.

IN INDIA: Under this programme, 1680 Indian researchers have benefited from grants since 2007.

More information at:

If you have questions about Erasmus+ opportunities or ongoing projects in India, or if you require advice on events etc., feel free to contact staff in Brussels:

- Brian Toll – International cooperation in education and youth, Jean Monnet actions
- Virgilio Miolato – Erasmus+: Higher Education, Erasmus Mundus, Joint Master Degrees
- Patricia Moreau – Erasmus+: Higher Education, International Capacity Building (also

manages ongoing projects under Tempus and bilateral higher education cooperation programmes with industrialised countries)

StudyPortals is the international study choice platform and brings transparency for students to the wealth of international study opportunities. The website provides students with an extensive overview of European study programme.

PhDportal.com is the international platform for PhD opportunities in Europe. The online database allows worldwide students to find and compare a huge amount of PhD programmes in order to pursue a doctorate degree in Europe.

ScholarshipPortal integrates funding opportunities for studying, working or performing research in one country from Europe. The portal stimulates and helps students all around the world to find and apply for appropriate scholarships in order to study in Europe

STeXX is a social platform where students share their study experiences and review their university. These real life stories and first hand experiences in any country in the world help other students in their study choice and preparation.

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities-for-individuals/students/erasmus-mundus-joint-master-degrees_en

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions/>

ERASMUS+ FOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Higher Education Institutions may apply for funding to join a consortium of European partners. Among the programme, 2 different opportunities are available:

1. Capacity Building in Higher Education

Erasmus+ supports the modernization and reform of higher education institutions and systems in the eligible Partner Countries such as India. These institutions can apply for:

- Joint Master Degrees (as partners): This action develops high-standard joint degrees to students around the world. Participation is opened for higher education institutions worldwide which will benefit from international visibility.
- Credit Mobility: Indian universities may contact their European partners to prepare programmes for funding that will enable credits transfer and recognition between both. European universities would have to apply for funding on behalf of the partnership.

Budget: € 131.47 million

IN INDIA, at the start in 2015, 6 Indian institutions received such grants for two capacity building projects. In 2016, already 36 Indian institutions from 12 states participated in 10 different projects, partnering with 37 European universities from 18 European States.

2. Jean Monnet Activities

Jean Monnet activities fund and support worldwide academic teaching and research (Chairs, Modules and Centres of Excellence), cooperation projects, conferences and publications in the field of EU studies. Postgraduate level courses on European Union issues, developing dialogue between the academic world and policy makers, or promoting debate and exchanges on EU policy priorities are few examples of activities that can be made. Universities, organisations and associations from all over the world can apply direct to EACEA for Jean Monnet activities.

Budget 2016: € 11.4 million + € 3 million for certain Partner Countries

IN INDIA: Jean Monnet activities have recently been granted to Indian universities and professors from JNU and Manipal.

More information at:

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/jean-monnet_en

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Erasmus+ for Youth Organisations (NEED TO CHECK IF THERE'S A WINDOW FOR INDIA, CAN'T FIND ANY INFO)

Erasmus+ provides opportunity for Indian organisations and participants to be involved in joint projects with their European counterparts, in order to achieve: "*cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices*". 2 sorts of actions are available:

1. Capacity building in the field of youth

Enabling transnational non-formal learning (such as youth exchanges and the European Voluntary Service) while being integrated with education systems and the labour market.

1. Strategic Partnership projects in the field of youth

Partnerships lasting between 6 and 36 months and addressing a broad range of topics such as cooperation between regional authorities and encouraging the active participation of young people in society.

More information at:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities-for-individuals/young-people/european-voluntary-service_en