

4EU+ JOINT PROGRAMMES

GENERAL GUIDELINES

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Timeline of preparation

- Result of WP3 + WP6 meeting on joint programmes (22. 10. 2020)
- Report on preliminary conclusions in WP2 (31. 3. 2021)
- Presentation before the Coordination committee (13. 4. 2021)
- The document was then open for commentaries (until 28. 4. 2021) and subsequently updated (8. 6. 2021)
- Open for another round of commentaries on 20. 12. 2021 (until mid-January 2022) and subsequently updated
- Presentation before the Coordination committee (12. 4. 2022)
- Opened for commentaries (until 30. 4. 2022) and updated to its final form

EHEA Compatibility

It is crucial to pay very close attention to the current and upcoming policy of European Commission, in order to remain with regards to it as compatible as possible. These policies facilitate the alliance's chances in EU-funded projects such as **Erasmus Mundus**¹ and **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions**,² possible application of **European Approach**,³ policies connected to **Lisbon Recognition Convention**⁴ and ongoing **European Degree initiative**.

¹ For more information on an Erasmus Mundus see: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/individuals/students/erasmus-mundus-joint-masters-scholarships> and http://www.erasmusplus.ac.me/?page_id=5616&lang=en.

² For more information on Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions see: <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/>.

³ For more information on an European Approach see: <https://engq.eu/index.php/work-policy-area/engq-the-bologna-process/european-approach-to-joint-programmes/>

and

https://www.egar.eu/assets/uploads/2018/04/02_European_Approach_QA_of_Joint_Programmes_v1_0.pdf.

⁴ According to Lisbon Recognition Convention we do not translate the names of the degrees and qualification into English, and we propose to use terms: first cycle programme (of studies); second cycle programme (of studies); long cycle programme (of studies). The same applies for the degrees: first cycle diploma/degree; second cycle diploma/degree; long cycle diploma/degree. We refrain from the usage of BA, MA etc., as we do not

Framework Conception

JOINT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES			
TITLE	Joint (study) programme	Cooperation among pre-established (study) programmes, organization of mobility	Other Types
DESCRIPTION	One jointly realized study programme	Cooperation among and between two or more pre-established, independent study programmes	Micro-degrees, Learning Pathways, Micro-qualifications, Internships, Summer Schools, Joint Teaching modules, Massive Open Online Courses etc.
TYPE OF DEGREE/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE	Awards one qualification of the particular study cycle issued by the universities in the consortium regardless of the number of certificates received. Preferable variation is one joint diploma/certificate. Two solutions: - Joint Degree - Double/Multiple Degree	Awards multiple qualifications of the particular study cycle – one for each completed study programme. Each university attests this by issuing its own diploma/certificate and diploma supplement. Solution: - Dual Degree	These initiatives alone usually do not result in a diploma/certificate awarding. Some cases (e.g. micro-credentials) can include issuing of appropriate documentation at the end (different from classic diploma/certificate)
ACCREDITATION PROCEDURE	Accredited by all participating institutions according to requirements of national legislation (which may or may not recognize European Approach)	Each programme involved has to be accredited according to respective national legislation.	These initiatives themselves usually do not require standalone accreditation process (but are usually realized within a unit that does)
AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS	Requires written agreement signed by all participating institutions describing in great detail all aspects of the said study programme	Requires written agreement signed by all participating institutions describing all aspects of the cooperation	Formal requirements for all different models vary case by case and are not yet defined
GRADUATION FORM	Graduation requires one final thesis (joint completion requirements)	Graduation requirements should accommodate legal background of each involved partner (E.g. one thesis could lead to one joint supervision and one joint examination/defence; two theses to two supervisors and two examinations/defences)	Completion requirements for all different models vary case by case and are not yet defined

award those qualifications – we award titles in national languages (on diploma and diploma supplement), and we do not translate them. For more information on Lisbon Recognition Convention see:
<https://www.coe.int/en/web/higher-education-and-research/lisbon-recognition-convention>.