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# EMSI Thematic Seminar

## Planning and delivering jointness in Erasmus Mundus Master programmes

7 – 8 November 2024, Brussels

### Purpose of the event

Since the start of the Erasmus Mundus programme, jointness has been at the core of Erasmus Mundus Master’s programmes, having propelled both academic excellence and effective implementation. Given the importance of this topic for the Erasmus Mundus community, we are organising a thematic seminar “Planning and delivering jointness in Erasmus Mundus Master’s programmes” on 7 and 8 November 2024 in Brussels, Belgium (Comet Meetings – Louise, Pl. Stéphanie 20, 1050 Brussels).

This interactive, 1.5-day seminar, will bring together approx. 70 experienced academics and administrative staff, from well-established Erasmus Mundus Master Programmes, with long-standing and in-depth experience in designing and implementing jointness, in its multifaceted aspects, in the respective programmes. The purpose of the event is to facilitate expert-level discussion between the participants about their practices, allowing them to gain a comparative perspective, get inspired by their peers, and advance the practices on jointness at programme level, serving as inspiration also for other programmes.

### Draft Programme

**Day 1: Thursday, 7 November 2024, full day**

<b>08:30 – 09:30</b>	<i>Registrations and welcome coffee</i>
<b>09:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> EACEA representative
<b>09:45 – 10:15</b>	<b>Icebreaker activity</b>
<b>10:15 – 11:20</b>	<b>Framing jointness – interlinked dimensions: an institutional and alumni perspective</b>

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	<p><i>This opening session will feature two keynote speeches: one from a distinguished expert and long-standing institutional practitioner, and another from an alumna sharing her personal learning experience. Together, these perspectives will provide a comprehensive reflection on the cross-cutting nature and value of jointness in Erasmus Mundus Master’s programmes, highlighting the progress achieved to date. The session will set the stage for the discussions to follow, offering valuable insights and a foundation for exploring new ways to advance jointness within Erasmus Mundus programmes.</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>11:20 – 12:00</b></p>	<p><i>Networking break</i></p>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:20</b></p>	<p><b>Jointness in Erasmus Mundus Master Programmes – case examples</b></p> <p><i>This session will feature three cases of Erasmus Mundus programmes, which have been consistently enhancing the jointness of cooperation between European and international partners across all areas of programme design and delivery, including both academic and administrative matters. They will also address the related challenges and the added value of jointness from the programme and institutional perspective.</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<p><b>13:30 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><i>Networking lunch</i></p>
<p><b>14:30 – 15:45</b></p>	<p><b>Interlinked dimensions of jointness – parallel sessions (fishbowl set-up)</b></p> <p><i>Three parallel sessions will explore different dimensions of jointness in the context of joint student recruitment and admissions, mutual recognition of learning outcomes and joint certification, including the award of joint degrees, as well joint learning and teaching. The discussions will focus on the rationale for advancing jointness in each specific context and practical ways to further enhance it, while sharing good practices and lessons learnt from various programmes. The sessions are designed as highly interactive, the active audience participation throughout the sessions being required.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 1: Joint recruitment &amp; admissions</u></b></p> <p><i>This session will explore strategies for attracting and selecting students in a coordinated manner across partner institutions, focusing on best practices for achieving a diverse and high-quality student body. Participants will discuss own approaches in harmonising recruitment processes and criteria from an institutional and student point of view.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 2: Mutual recognition &amp; joint accreditation</u></b></p> <p><i>This session will examine the added value and the complexities of fully recognising learning outcomes and awarding joint degrees in an international cooperation setting. It will feature discussions on overcoming administrative and legal barriers, aligning academic standards, and enhancing the value and recognition of joint certifications from an institutional and student point of view.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 3: Joint learning and teaching</u></b></p>

	<i>This session will focus on collaborative approaches to curriculum development, teaching methods (including student performance assessment, examinations and thesis supervision) and pedagogical innovation. Participants will share experiences and explore ways to create cohesive and integrated learning experiences that maximize the benefits of joint programmes based on the programme and learner perspective.</i>
<b>15:45 – 16:15</b>	<i>Networking break</i>
<b>16:15 – 17:30</b>	<p><b>Interlinked dimensions of jointness – parallel sessions</b></p> <p><i>The three parallel sessions dedicated to the different dimensions of jointness, covering joint student recruitment and admissions, mutual recognition of learning outcomes and joint certification, including the award of joint degrees, as well joint learning and teaching, will be re-run in order to provide participants with the opportunity to explore more than one dimension.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 1: Joint recruitment &amp; admissions</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Session 2: Mutual recognition &amp; joint accreditation</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Session 3: Joint teaching &amp; learning</u></b></p>
<b>17:40 – 18:10</b>	<p><b>Debriefing session in plenary and Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><i>The moderators of three parallel sessions will present the key discussion points and recommendations to all participants.</i></p>
<b>18:10 – 18:15</b>	<p><b>Closing of Day 1</b></p> <p>EACEA representative</p>
<b>19:30 – 21:00</b>	<i>Networking dinner</i>

**Day 2: Friday, 8 November 2024, 1/2 day**

<b>09:00 – 09:15</b>	<b>Welcome to Day 2</b>
<b>09:15 – 10:20</b>	<p><b>Joint promotion &amp; visibility – case examples</b></p> <p><i>This plenary session will explore jointness in the context of promotion and visibility, featuring two distinct cases from different programmes and an approach adopted by a European university alliance. This session will highlight various strategies for enhancing the visibility and promotion of joint programmes, focusing on the benefits and challenges of collaborative efforts. Participants will gain insights into effective practices, innovative approaches, and lessons learnt from these diverse experiences.</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
<b>10:20 – 11:00</b>	<i>Networking break</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Interlinked dimensions of jointness – parallel sessions (fishbowl set-up)</b>

	<p><i>Three parallel sessions will explore several key dimensions of jointness within Erasmus Mundus programmes, such as joint student services and mobility, joint cooperation with industry and programme sustainability, and joint collaboration with international partners. The sessions are designed as highly interactive, requiring active audience participation throughout the sessions.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 1: Student services &amp; mobility</u></b></p> <p><i>The session on student services and mobility will examine how joint efforts can enhance the student experience through integrated support services and coordinated mobility schemes across multiple institutions. The discussion will highlight innovative approaches, best practices, and solutions to common challenges.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 2: Cooperation with industry &amp; programme sustainability</u></b></p> <p><i>The session on cooperation with industry and programme sustainability will focus on building joint strategies supporting partnerships with the private sector to enhance the relevance and impact of joint programmes. It will cover strategies for fostering innovation and strengthening industry connections for graduate employability and long-term sustainability.</i></p> <p><b><u>Session 3: Enhancing jointness with non-European partners</u></b></p> <p><i>The session on jointness in cooperation with international partners will explore effective strategies for deepening collaboration with both full and associate partners outside Europe. It will feature examples from institutions and programmes that have successfully managed diverse regulations and cultural differences, offering practical insights for enhancing more global, integrated partnerships under Erasmus Mundus.</i></p>
<p><b>12:40 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Debriefing session in plenary</b></p> <p><i>The moderators of three parallel sessions will present the key discussion points and recommendations to all participants.</i></p>
<p><b>13:00 – 13:20</b></p>	<p><b>Institutional spillover of jointness of Erasmus Mundus programmes at Master and Bachelor level</b></p> <p><i>This closing input will showcase an institutional example of how to widen the positive effects of jointness achieved by an institution’s Erasmus Mundus programmes at a broader institutional level.</i></p>
<p><b>13:20 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Closing of the seminar</b></p> <p>DG EAC and EACEA representatives</p>
<p><b>13:30 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><i>Networking lunch</i></p>
<p><b>14:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Bilateral meetings</b> with EACEA Project Officers upon demand (pre-scheduled)</p>