



Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctoral Programmes Management

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EMJD

Challenges and Opportunities 1/2

The Bologna Process has strengthened the interest in JPs among EU and non-EU Higher Education institutions operating in different geographical, cultural and, finally, educational contexts

A Joint Programme focuses on
INTEGRATION

Challenges and Opportunities 2/2



Integration means:

- harmonization of PhD candidates administration procedures (application, admission, selection and enrolment)
- definition of a common tuition fee policy among the consortium participants
- assurance of providing each candidate with the same level of services



Main problems 1/2

- Accreditation and recognition
- Administrative issues on joint selection, enrolment and PhD candidates careers
- Sustainability of joint programmes



Main problems 2/2

- **Accreditation and recognition** of PhD degrees at national level:
 - different approaches in EU Countries
- **Administrative issues** on joint selection, enrolment and management of candidates:
 - implying collaboration and coordination among the administrative units in all partner institutions
- **Sustainability** of joint programmes
 - meaning that different national university funding systems have to plan the continuation of the programme based upon the cooperation



Accreditation

Many institutional models available in Europe and outside

BUT

A new consortium should be aware of how the programme is legally approved and accredited in the participating institutions, in compliance with the national legislation

NOTE it is crucial for the implementation of the PhD programme to decide whether a new PhD programme has to be set up or whether it can be included within an already accredited PhD programme



Administrative issues 1/3

Main administrative issues to be tackled at the beginning of a EMJD:

- **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT** used in the Home University
 - Is it aligned with what EACEA requires?
- **HEALTH AND ACCIDENT AND THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY**
 - Have EACEA minimum requirements about insurance been met?



Administrative issues 2/3

Main administrative issues to be tackled
at the beginning of a EMJD:

- Net and gross amounts of PHD CANDIDATES' FELLOWSHIPS (minimum net amount for EACEA = 1.400€)
- STARTING DATE of PhD courses and seminars
- enrolment PROCEDURES in force, deadlines, requirements and fees, visa, residence permits, etc



Administrative issues 3/3

Possible solution:

Drafting common **GUIDELINES**
concerning the EMJD management
would be

- useful both to administrative staff and PhD candidates
- a proof for transparency and reliability



Sustainability

It is not just about funding

BUT

it means also

- sustaining the impact of EM beyond periods of Commission funding
- maintaining the 'quality' aspects of a project or starting new activities and forms of cooperation among partners



JDP Management

Responsibilities, division of tasks and services provided 1/2

Different roles within the Consortium

- Coordinating institution: it is an interface between the EACEA and the Main Partners/Associated Partners
- Consortium is then a new governing entity
- Partner institutions are usually in charge of implementing tasks related to the EMJD



JDP Management

Responsibilities, division of tasks and services provided 2/2

Identified tasks

- *Academic tasks:*
 - performed by the academic staff involved and usually distributed within the consortium
- *Administrative tasks:*
 - decentralised/delegated to administrative bodies
- *Services for PhD candidates:*
 - decentralised or missing (e.g. when staff support is not available). The EM model encourages institutions to include a number of services in their offer and organisation of the JP.

A strategy towards the internationalisation

Strategic policy adopted by the Institution

- contributes to a systematic development of JPs and enhances internationalisation giving the institution credibility/visibility
- motivates academic and administrative staff to work towards the development and running of a JP (increasing the internationalisation process)

Why EMJD?



EMJDs are an opportunity

- for taking advantage from mutual experience
- for raising awareness about the problems connected to the implementation of an integrated programme trying to find common solutions



Ongoing EM-Action 1 Projects

UNIBO coordinates:

- EDLE - European Doctorate in Law and Economics: funded in 2009, started in A.Y. 2010/2011
- LAST-JD - Joint International Doctoral Degree in Law, Science and Technology: funded in 2011, started in A.Y. 2012/ 2013



Ongoing EM-Action 1 Projects

UNIBO participates in:

- **MACOMA - Erasmus Mundus PhD in Marine and Coastal Management: funded in 2010, Coordinator - Cadiz University (Spain)**
- **MARES - Doctoral Programme in Marine Ecosystem Health and Conservation: funded in 2010, Coordinator – Ghent University (Belgium)**



And now....let's get the fun started!

Administrative issues will be discussed later
this afternoon during the round table



Thanks

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