



# **Cooperation with Southern Mediterranean countries**

**EU funded programmes  
Opportunities for universities**

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# The EU policy framework

The **European higher education in the world**  
strategy launched in 2013

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52013DC0499>

promotes **mobility** and **cooperation**  
between universities,  
EU member states and non-EU countries

## Dialogue with Southern Mediterranean countries on higher education

### Policy dialogue meetings

- June 2012
- June 2014 (on employability)
- 12-13 July 2016

### Technical seminars

Information Day on Erasmus+  
(Cyprus, 2013)

Seminar on quality assurance  
(Brussels, 2014)

Seminar on Recognition of  
Credits and Qualifications  
(Brussels, 2015)

Further information and meetings reports at

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/international-cooperation/southern-mediterranean\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/international-cooperation/southern-mediterranean_en.htm)



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## The legacy of previous programmes in South Med countries (2007-2013)

### Erasmus Mundus Action 1

full partners in 6  
EMMCs  
599 scholarships  
147 scholars  
15 fellows

### Erasmus Mundus Action 2

Over 7000  
beneficiaries

46 partnerships

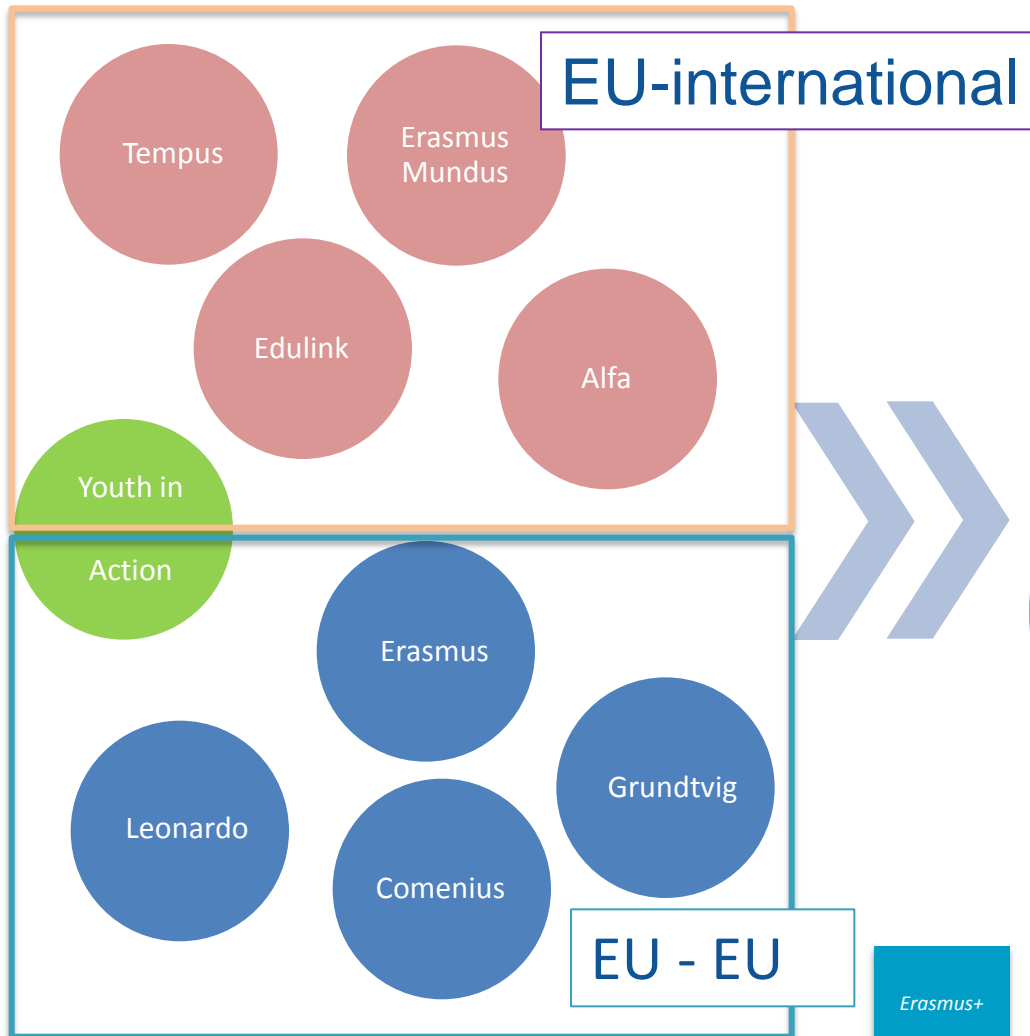
### Capacity building

161 cooperation  
projects

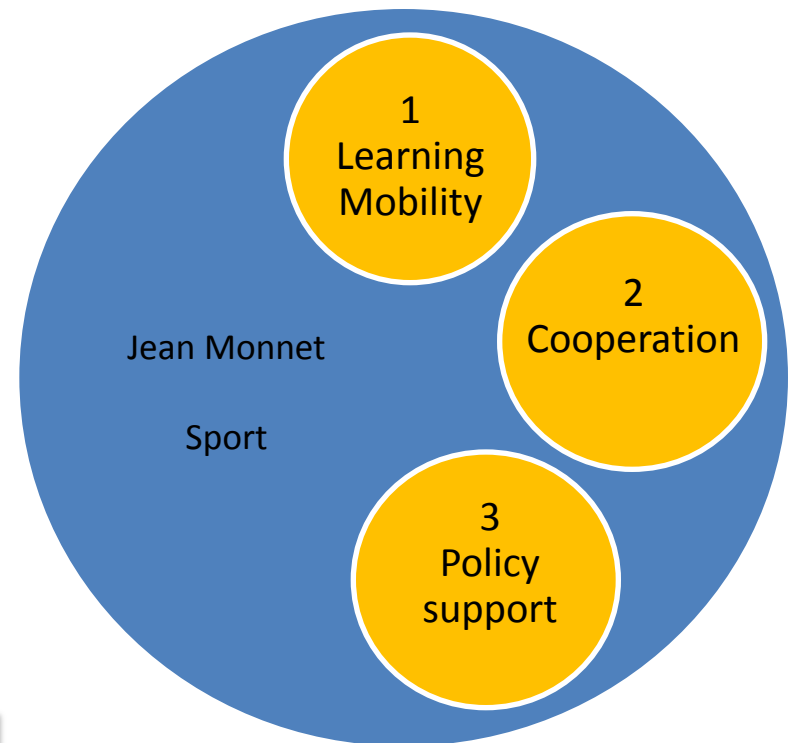
175 institutions  
involved

2007-2013

2014-2020



**ERASMUS+**



# International higher education cooperation opportunities

## Academic mobility

International credit mobility

Degree mobility

Erasmus Mundus JMD

## Academic cooperation

Capacity Building for HE

Jean Monnet Activities



## Erasmus+ (2015-2020) and South Med region

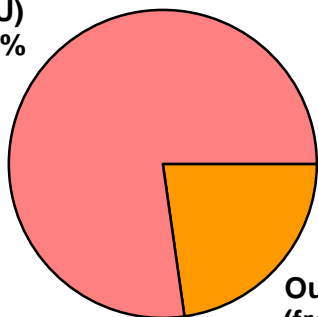
- ✓ **Credit mobility** for staff and students: 155 million € (approx. **26,000 mobility flows**)
- ✓ Additional windows for **Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes**: 17 million € (approx. **380 scholarships**)
- ✓ **Capacity Building** for Higher Education with Special Mobility Strand: 172 million € (approx. **215 projects**)

# Southern Mediterranean countries

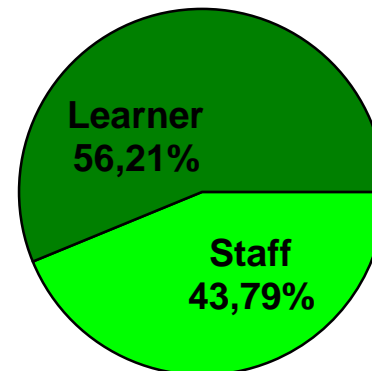
## Credit mobility – 1<sup>st</sup> call results - 2015

Planned mobilities	Incoming (to EU)	Outgoing (from EU)	Total
Learner	2.759	539	3.298
Staff	1.773	796	2.569
Total	4.532	1.335	5.867

Incoming  
(to EU)  
77,25%



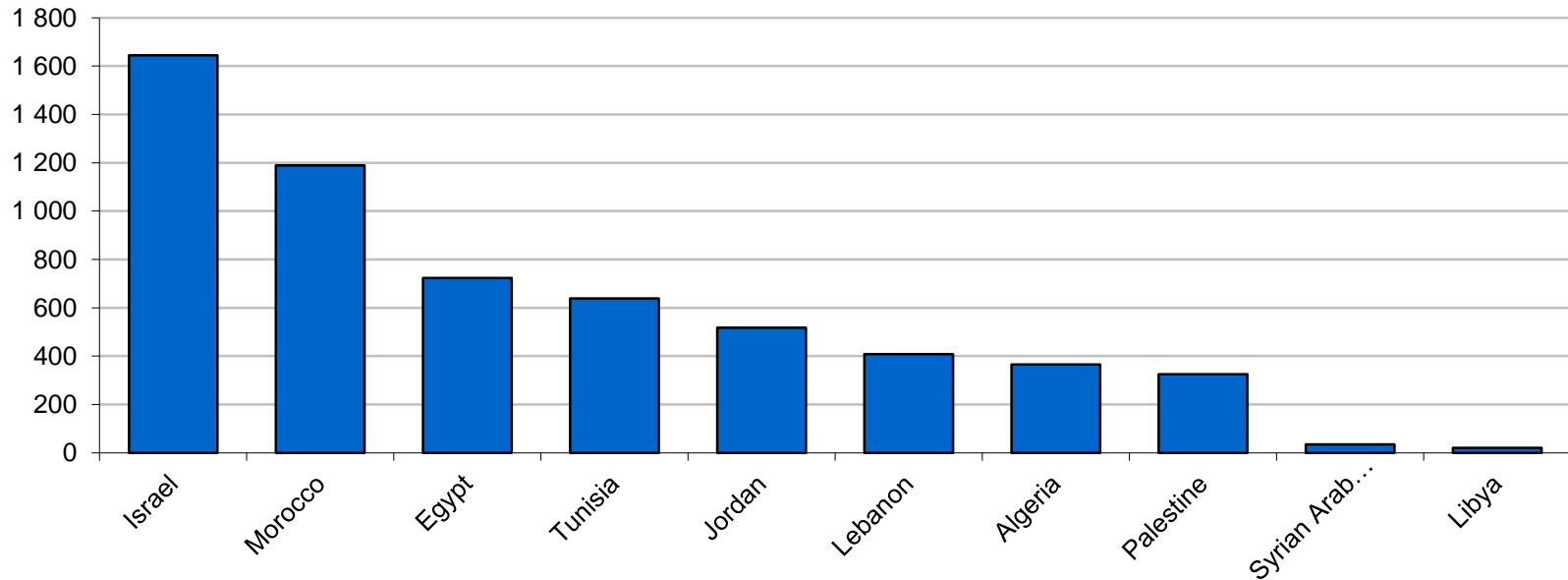
Outgoing  
(from EU)  
22,75%



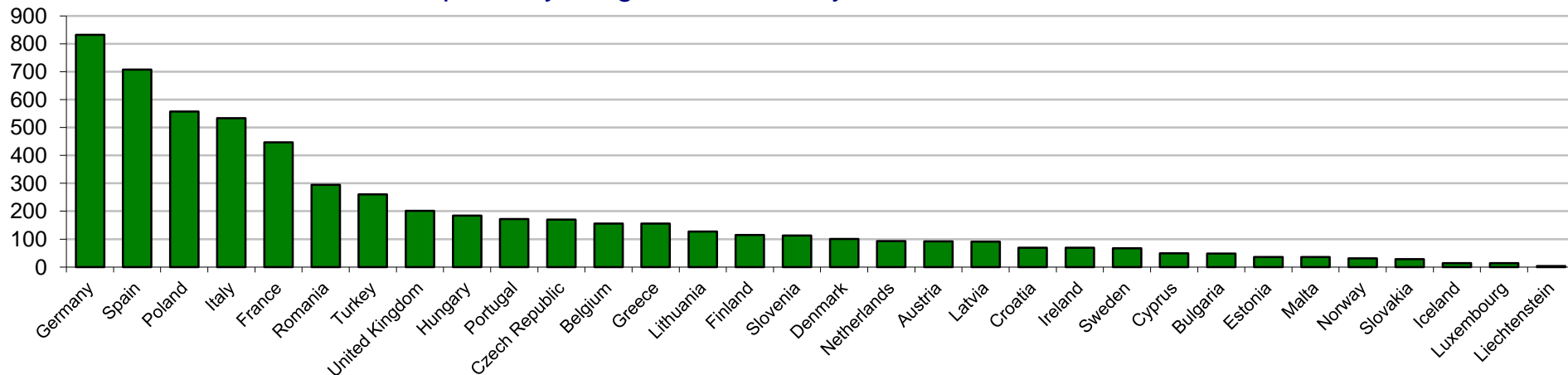


# Credit mobility 2015: 5870 mobilities planned !

## Number of planned Participants by Partner Country



## Number of Participants by Programme Country



# Erasmus+ - Joint programmes

## Number of scholarships awarded

	Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters	Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates*
2014	71	12
2015	79	9

\* Phasing out until 2017 – Joint Doctorates moved to Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

**1 full partner university (EG) and 5 associated (2 MO, EG, TU, DZ)**

**Mechatronic engineering / European Plant Health Master**

## Erasmus+ - Capacity Building – 2015 call

	Number of applications	Number of projects selected	Budget in M€
At Global level	515	140	122.26
Southern Mediterranean countries	143	<b>40</b>	<b>36.15</b>

- 15/40 projects coordinated by South Med countries
- Only 3 including a special mobility strand
- 33 Joint projects / 7 Structural projects
- Balance between multi-country and national projects



## Types of projects selected – Last trends

- Development of **new programmes** (software engineering, microelectronic, energy management, traffic safety, health computing, vegetal biotechnologies...)
- Use of **Information technologies** in higher education linked to scientific experiments + access to higher education + governance + internationalisation
- Raising the quality of **teacher training** and modernise teaching methods
- Improve the **employability of students** (entrepreneurship, innovation, business centres...)



# Jean Monnet Action

## 1. Teaching and research in the field of EU-studies

<b>MODULES</b>	40h teaching programme (max grant: 30,000 €)
<b>CHAIRS*</b>	90h teaching posts (max grant: 50,000 €)
<b>CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE**</b>	focal points of competence and knowledge (max grant 100,000 €)

## 2. Policy debate and exchanges

**NETWORKS:** foster creation & development of international consortia (of HEIs, Centres of Excellence, departments, etc.) in area of EU studies. Min. 3 partner institutions from 3 different countries. Duration: up to 3 years (max grant: 300.000 €)

**PROJECTS:** support innovation, cross-fertilisation & spread of EU content. Involvement of other partners possible. Duration: 12-24 months (max grant: 60.000 €)

# Horizon 2020

## Marie Skłodowska Curie Action

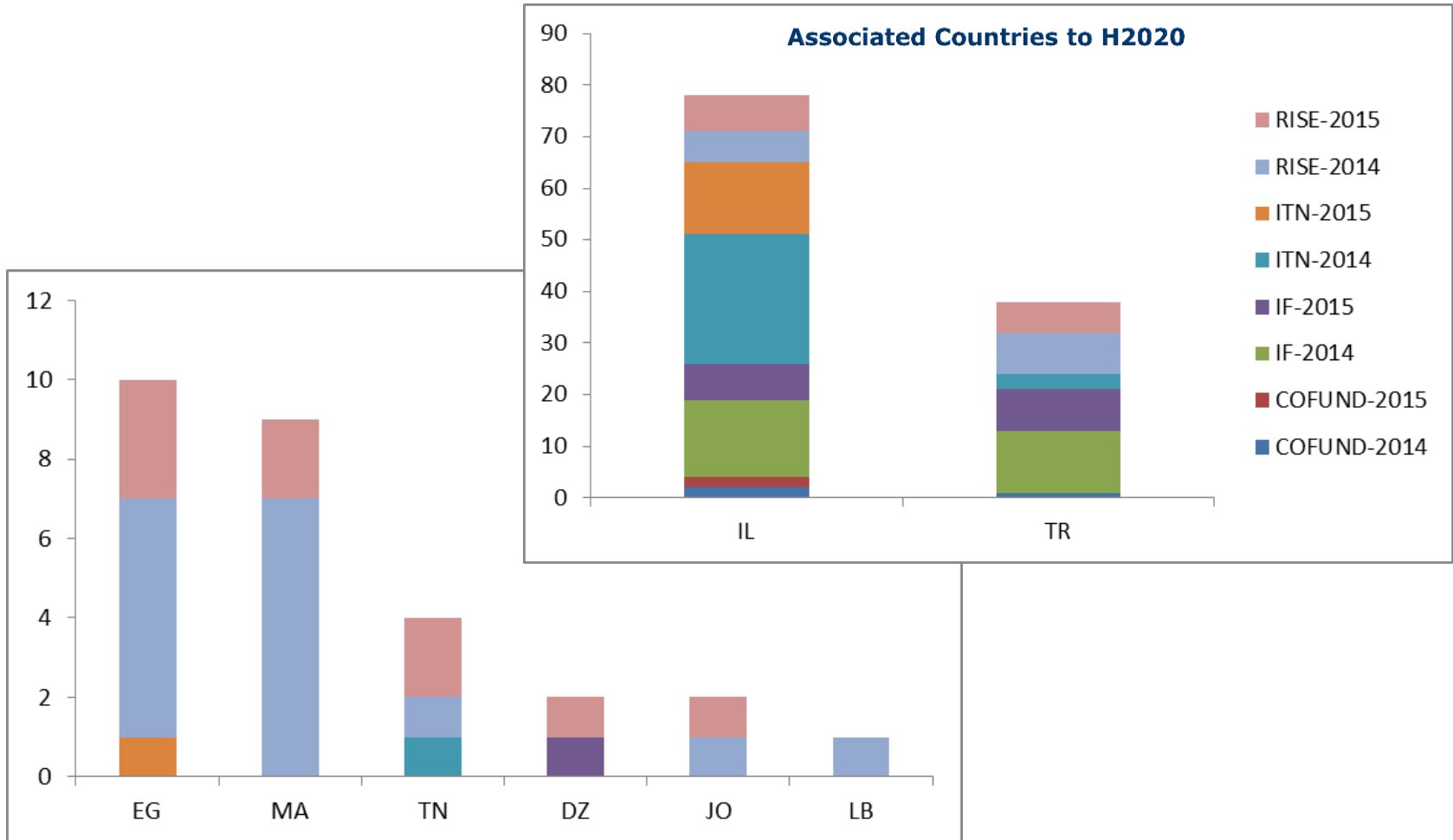
Individual Fellowships	<b>IF</b> experienced researchers 'post-Doc'	Support for experienced researchers to undertake international and inter-sector mobility, incl. career restart and reintegration
Innovative Training Networks	<b>ITN</b> early-stage researchers 'pre-Doc'	Doctoral and initial training: European Training Networks, European Industrial Doctorates, European Joint Doctorates
Co-funding of programmes	<b>COFUND</b> 'pre-Doc' or 'post-Doc'	Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes: - doctoral programmes (ESR) - fellowship programmes (ER)
Research and Innovation Staff Exchange	<b>RISE</b> 'pre-Doc' or 'post-Doc'	International and inter-sector cooperation through the exchange of staff



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# South Med in MSCA funded projects 2014 & 2015



Projects signed or under preparation. IF and COFUND 2015 data refer only to main-listed projects.

# Summary messages



1. Use your **national relays** (National Agencies in Europe, Erasmus+ Offices in partner countries)
  2. **Credit mobility:** work with non-traditional partners
  3. **Joint programmes:** be partner as an institution, send your best students
  4. **Capacity building:** use the mobility strand, don't forget social sciences
  5. **Jean Monnet:** develop EU studies in partner countries
  6. **Marie Skłodowska Curie:** make its potential better known !
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# Useful links – Erasmus+

## **eTutorial**

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/introduction-international-dimension-erasmus-plus\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/introduction-international-dimension-erasmus-plus_en)

## **Call for proposals**

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOC\\_2015\\_347\\_R\\_0006&from=EN](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOC_2015_347_R_0006&from=EN)

## **Programme guide**

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf)

## **Reference guide for selected partner country universities (credit mobility)**

[http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/international-cooperation/documents/guide-credit-mobility\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/international-cooperation/documents/guide-credit-mobility_en.pdf)