



The European Commission contribution to the development of Joint Degrees

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Structure of discussion

- ✓ Type of transnational degree
- ✓ What are Joint Degrees?
- ✓ Why Joint Degrees?
- ✓ How can the Commission help?
- ✓ What else should we do?
- ✓ Conclusions



Types of transnational degree

- ✓ **Genuinely “joint”**
 - **Single curriculum, assessment, award**
 - **Staff and/or Student Mobility**
 - **But legal difficulties**



Types of transnational degree

- ✓ **Genuinely “joint”**
- ✓ **Double/multiple**
 - Same but more than one degree?
 - Or more variety in the cursus



Types of transnational degree

- ✓ **Genuinely “joint”**
- ✓ **Double/multiple**
- ✓ **Families of degrees**
 - **Common framework, varied implementation**



Types of transnational degree

- ✓ **Genuinely “joint”**
- ✓ **Double/multiple**
- ✓ **Families of degrees**
- ✓ **Other degrees modules, curricula, electives**



What are joint degrees?

- ✓ Legal definition (cf recommendation)
- ✓ Need for clear terminology distinguishing between types
 - Joint and double are legally and practically different



Why are Joint Degrees important? (1)

- ✓ **Internationalisation of institutions**
 - **Most developed form of cooperation**
 - **Most sustainable form of cooperation**



Why are Joint Degrees important? (1)

- ✓ Internationalisation of institutions
- ✓ **European citizenship**
 - Most developed trans-national experience



Why are Joint Degrees important? (1)

- ✓ Internationalisation of institutions
- ✓ European citizenship
- ✓ **Quality**
 - Clustering/pooling of specialisations



Why are Joint Degrees important? (2)

✓ Efficiency

- Value for money for tax-payers



Why are Joint Degrees important? (2)

- ✓ Efficiency
- ✓ Employability for students



Why are Joint Degrees important? (2)

- ✓ Efficiency
- ✓ Employability for students
- ✓ Image of institution



How can the Commission help ERASMUS Joint Degrees?

- ✓ Supports **development, clustering** of institutions
 - Priority in CDs
 - 2+1 years, € 125,000 average grant
- ✓ Supports **delivery**
 - Priority in IPs
 - Annual application, € 19,000 average
 - SM/TS
 - ECTS, etc



How can the Commission help Joint Degrees?

ERASMUS

- ✓ Supports **content** through (eg) TNs projects (eg tuning)
- ✓ Supports **quality** through ENQA ...
- ✓ Supports **piloting** through EUA ...



How can the Commission help Joint Degrees?

ERASMUS MUNDUS

- ✓ Supports **image** of joint Degrees
- ✓ Supports **marketing** by institutions
- ✓ Both academic and professional courses
- ✓ Supports **recruitment** outside Europe



What else could be done

- ✓ Framework for Quality Assessment
- ✓ Impact assessment
- ✓ Work on obstacles
 - Legal
 - Fees
- ✓ New programmes ...



Conclusions

- ✓ Clarify terminology
- ✓ Pressure for legal change
- ✓ Use Joint/double degrees for quality purposes
- ✓ Framework for transnational QA