The beneficiaries must ensure that the EU grant does not benefit any affiliated entities, associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties that are subject to restrictive measures adopted under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union or Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU).

Specific rules for Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

When implementing Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) partnerships for excellence, the beneficiaries must respect the following conditions for the students of the EMJM master course (all students, with or without scholarship):

- select the students following an open, transparent, impartial and equitable selection procedure, which ensures that the best students are selected
- not charge application fees during the selection process
- ensure that no conflict of interest exists in or arises from the selection procedure and make available appeal procedures for the students
- ensure that the students are adequately supervised
- ensure that the master course starts no later than in the academic year following the year of the grant signature and that at least four editions of the EMJM master course are implemented
- ensure that the students spend at least two study periods in two countries which are different from the country of residence of the student at enrolment ('mobility periods') and of which at least one country is an Erasmus+ Programme Country

  Each of the two mandatory study periods must correspond to a workload of at least one academic semester (30 ECTS credits or equivalent); compulsory mobility periods cannot be replaced by virtual mobility (distance learning).
- ensure that the study periods under the master course take place in full partner higher education institutions (partner HEIs), or under their direct supervision
- enter — following the enrolment — into a Student Agreement with the students, which specifies at least the following:
  - the academic, administrative, financial and insurance aspects of the participation in the master course (including minimum mobility requirements)
  - the obligation of the students to participate in evaluations/surveys conducted by the beneficiaries and/or the granting authority
  - the modalities for becoming member of the Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association (EMA)
  - the arrangements for complaints procedures
  - the scholarship arrangements and eligibility conditions (if applicable; see below)

- ensure that the students benefit from a health and accident insurance scheme and cover its costs

  The scheme must take effect from when the students start their journey to participate in the master course (maximum two months before the start of the master course) and until at least two months after the end of the studies (end of the course, unless the student leaves earlier).

  The cover must include:

  - sickness, pregnancy/childbirth and accident, in particular:
    - direct payment of hospital stays
    - reimbursement of outpatient care and other medical expenses
    - 100% cover for doctor's fees, medicines, examinations and analyses prescribed by a physician, urgent dental care following an accident, all hospital expenses and surgical fees (including advances on hospital expenses), repatriation in the event of serious illness or accident
    - costs for urgent dental care without accident up to 250 EUR per year
    - non-permanent and non-chronic mental disorders
    - pregnancies of less than 6 months (at the moment of departure from the home country to participate in the action) may not be excluded from cover
  - death (whether attributable to the activities under the action or not and covering all cases, including suicide), in particular:
    - transport of the mortal remains to the place chosen by the deceased's family
    - funeral and laying-out costs
    - costs of the coffin
  - permanent invalidity (whether attributable to the activities under the action or not), in particular partial or full permanent disability resulting from an accident
  - third party liability occasioned by physical or material damage to third parties (as provided for under the applicable national law)
  - theft and loss of personal belongings, in particular:
    - identification documents (identity card, passport, etc.)
    - travel tickets
    - luggage

  - the entire enrolment period (including mobility periods and worldwide travel required for the participation in the master course)

- ensure that family members of students can sign the same insurance coverage at their own expense, regardless of their age
- assist the students in the administrative procedures (including visa requirements)
- ensure that the mobility declaration in the Portal Continuous Reporting tool where the enrolled students are encoded is regularly updated, including when an update is explicitly requested by the granting authority
- make sure that the students are informed about the collection and processing of personal data by the granting authority (including data in the mobility declaration)

For scholarships, the beneficiaries must moreover:

- advertise and publish the scholarships internationally, including on the web-sites requested by the granting authority
- ensure that the scholarships are awarded for a full-time enrolment in the master course, and cover its entire duration (i.e. max. 12, 18, or 24 months) or, in case of recognition of prior learning, a minimum of one academic year
- ensure that, during action implementation, no more than 10% of the total number of scholarships are awarded to students from the same nationality (this rule does not apply to the additional scholarships for targeted regions of the world, if applicable)
- ensure that the Student Agreements for scholarship holders specify:
  - the starting date and duration of the scholarship (the end being understood as the last official activity in the context of the course, usually the graduation ceremony, unless the student leaves the course early)
  - the monthly scholarship amount (in euro and, if relevant, in the currency in which it is paid)
  - the obligation of the students to inform the beneficiary as soon as possible of any events or circumstances likely to affect the Student Agreement
  - the eligibility conditions for receiving the scholarship; these conditions must correspond to the conditions outlined in Article 6.2.A(b) of this Agreement
  - that the scholarship holders cannot benefit from another EU funded scholarship scheme to follow the same (or another) EMJM master course (for the entire period of enrolment in the course)
  - a reduction of the scholarship in case of the minimum mobility requirements are not fulfilled (proportionate amount corresponding, for instance, to the missing mobility period of the concerned academic semester)

- ensure that the scholarships are paid in accordance with the rules under the consortium agreement and the Student Agreement and are not used as a conditionality (e.g. to improve academic performance, ensure presence/participation, etc)

- ensure that the scholarship holders do not have to bear any costs for the implementation of the action as described in Annex 1 (including tuition fees, insurance coverage and any other mandatory costs)

- ensure that, when their general accounts are established in a currency other than the euro, the scholarship amount to be paid is converted at the monthly accounting exchange rate published on the European Commission website (InforEuro)

- suspend scholarships (and scholarship payments) if students are forced to temporarily interrupt their studies (following duly justified and well documented reasons) and resume them afterwards, provided that the action is still ongoing (payments after the end of the action set out in the Data Sheet, Point 1, will be ineligible).

The beneficiaries must also ensure that the consortium agreement ('EMJM Partnership Agreement'; see Article 7) is signed before the enrolment of the first students in the master course and that it covers all consortium members and partner institutions (including associated partners, if relevant). The agreement should include all academic, operational, administrative and financial aspects that are necessary for the proper implementation of the action and the management of the scholarships.

The beneficiaries may continue to run the course as 'Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters' course for up to three additional editions after the end of the action, provided that they continue to respect objectives, scope and expected impact.