

22 February, 2022

Dear Valued Partner,

We are honoured and proud to announce that **our Danube AgriFood Joint Master (DAFM)** program proposal has been selected for funding by the European Education and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) for 6 years with a coordination of the Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE).

During the past weeks we went through the grant preparation and our grant agreement is approved and signed, thus our project is listed in the <u>Erasmus Mundus Catalogue</u>

The application for the master program has been launched and will be open until 15 March, 2022 at <a href="https://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/courses/course/3130-dafm-danube-agrifood-master-joint-master-program?search=17354037">https://apply.stipendiumhungaricum.hu/courses/course/3130-dafm-danube-agrifood-master-joint-master-program?search=17354037</a>

Students at master's level from all over the world can apply. They must have a bachelor's degree (first degree) or be in their last year of bachelor studies and graduate before the master's programme starts.

Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters are high-level and integrated study programmes, at master level. They are designed and delivered by an international partnership of higher education institutions.

By supporting these jointly recognised Master degrees, the EU aims at fostering excellence and internationalisation of the participating institutions. There are also scholarships for students to take part in these prestigious programmes. Scholarships cover the cost of a student's participation in the programme, travel and a living allowance with its sum of 1400 EUR/month for 24 months.

We are pleased to share that our DAFM project proposal received high evaluation score (85/100) and the following evaluation was given about the project relevance in the evaluation summary report:

"The overall and specific objectives are very well defined and are relevant to the EMJM. The joint masters clearly addresses the needs identified from appropriate sources, for example, institutions, business sector, students, lecturers, scholars, and policy makers. The needs clearly respond to the UN Agenda 2030. The project is built upon lessons learned from previous editions and addresses well the identified societal and labour market needs in the fields of agriculture and food industry. The EMJM is critical to achieving strategic food production and

security goals. The scientific areas of the academic content are properly identified. The project has potential to increase the attractiveness of the European Higher Education Area, which is attributed to the popularity of previous editions, successes and accolades of the programme, and the strong participation of the food industry. The strategy for internationalisation is credible since results of the programme can be transferred and adapted to any river basin region."

We would be pleased to welcome your interested students, so please disseminate and circulate our call and visit our website: www.agrifoodmaster.eu

We are looking forward to starting a very fruitful cooperation under the Danube AgriFood project.

Best regards,

Danube AgriFood

Danube AgriFood Consortium