

**Notice on change to the admission criteria for the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master –
GrEnFin Call for the academic year 2025/2026
7th April 2025**

The Director of the Department of Statistical Sciences “Paolo Fortunati” University of Bologna

Ascertained that:

- the evaluation criteria of the Notice for admission GrEnFin-EMJM – 2025-2026 are made up of three parts: academic merit for a maximum of 50 points, curriculum vitae for a maximum of 20 points and online assessment test on the ConCalma platform for a maximum of 30 points, for a total of 100 points, with an eligibility threshold set at 60 points;
- the online assessment test was held on 10, 11 and 12 March 2025, via the ConCalma platform;

Noting that on 27/03/2025 the Admission Board acknowledged having received reports of ‘cheating’ and therefore declared that it will not proceed with the correction of the tests;

Examined the content of the reporting e-mails received at the grenfin.emjm@unibo.it e-mail address (Prot. nn. 903 and 904 of 03/25/2025);

Noted the unreliability of the test due to the irregularities reported (“cheating”) in carrying out the test and therefore the potential risk of giving rise to objective disparities in treatment between the candidates who participated;

Considering:

- the potential risk that would result from an award based on flawed assumptions, by awarding scholarships to individuals whose assessment may have been distorted on the basis of the reports received on 25 March 2025;
- the deadline set by the EMJM project for uploading on the Mobility Tab the admitted students data by 30 April 2025 at the latest;

Taking into account that the cancellation of the entire procedure would result in the loss of the EMJM funding and that the cancellation and repetition of the test would not guarantee the proper conduct of the test, nor, above all, compliance with the terms of the project;

Considering the need and urgency to amend the conditions for selection of candidates, as compared with those laid down in the Notice for admission limiting the evaluation of candidates to only titles since it is not possible, in the short time available, to proceed with a new test on the ConCalma platform, to respect the terms of the project and thus allow students to benefit from the EMJM scholarships, also taking into account the fact that the method of selection including the test was a method identified by the University of Bologna and is not an Erasmus Mundus requirement;

For the reasons stated above, the Director of the Department of Statistical Sciences “Paolo Fortunati” decrees:

- to establish the evaluation of academic merit and curriculum vitae only, excluding the evaluation of the test and resetting the eligibility threshold as follows:

Academic merit - maximum 50 points

Curriculum vitae - maximum 20 points

Eligibility threshold 42/70

- that the Admission Board may proceed with the assessment of candidates' that were present on the day of the test, considering the criteria of academic merit and curriculum vitae, in accordance with the provisions stated above and to draw up the Ranking List of admitted and eligible students.