

Selection and Admission Process SURPAVE Jan 2026

**1. To be eligible for the EMJM SURPAVE programme the applicant should fulfil these minimal requirements (EMJM scholarships, self-funded and sponsorships):**

**DEGREE**

In order to be admitted to the Joint Master's programme SURPAVE, students need a relevant bachelor's degree (equivalent to a minimum of 180 ECTS credits) in an appropriate domain which gives immediate access to a master's degree in the home country.

For example in the field of: Civil Engineering, Transportation, Construction Engineering, Material Engineering, Electromechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering.

The Admission Board can consider other academic bachelor's degrees or master's degrees.

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

All non-native speakers should have achieved the minimum score specified in one of the following language proficiency tests or similar:

- IELTS (academic version): 6.5 overall, with no sub-test less than 5.5;
- Internet-based TOEFL: 94 overall, with minimum scores of Listening 17, Reading 18, Speaking 20, Writing 17;
- PTE-A (Pearson Test of English-Academic): 60 overall, with no sub-test less than 51;
- UCLES First Certificate in English (FCE), CEFR level B2.

**2. Selection Procedure For Students**

- Deadline Submission 1 March 2026.
- Pre-screening for formal requirements. Only submitted, complete applications through the online application process will be evaluated. Incomplete and clear non-eligible applications will be rejected.
- Applications fulfilling the formal requirements will be processed by the Admission Board.

**The selection procedure is a two-stage procedure.**

### Stage 1

All Partner Universities of the consortium will be involved in screening the applicant list of stage 1 based on the application forms. Each application will be evaluated by the Admission Board. The applicants are ranked till 30 (list A) and a reserve list R (31 and onwards), based on:

- Evaluation of the candidate's academic records 50%
- Evaluation of the candidate's motivation and recommendation letter 25%
- Professional and/or research experience 25%

Timing: 2-4 March 2026.

Results and invitations for stage 2 by mail: 6 March 2026

### Stage 2: 9-14 March 2026

- Every applicant of the main list (List A) is interviewed by a 20-minutes interview to assess the level of English of the student, the motivation and the overall level in engineering by a panel composed by at least three evaluators from the Admission Board. During this interview, a 10 minute presentation will be given by the applicant, including: background studies, motivation, future vision. During the interview the following criteria will be assessed: a. Oral communication in English b. General communication skills c. Reasons and motivation to attend the programme, d. Initiative and potential for leadership d. Academic backgrounds and interests e. Potential to enhance cultural diversity within the cohort.

A new ranking is set via 60% weight list A and 40% outcome interview.

Students (30) are ranked in three sets:

- List 1– scholarship holders: best ranked successful applicants who are offered EMJM Scholarship (see yearly number of positions). The list is also subjected to EMJM rules (e.g., number of maximum scholarships). If not accepted by the student, the best ranked person from list 2 is offered the position.

- List 2 – non scholarships: best ranked students who are offered to join the program without an EMJM scholarship (number= 30 – yearly number of positions). For these applicants, sponsorship might be available.
- List 3 – not selected applicants who are rejected after the interview.

List R: If insufficient students are selected by means of the procedure above, best ranked students from the R-list will be invited for an interview. (16-23 March 2026)

The Admission Board will discuss the lists and submit the lists to the Academic Committee for final approval. The Academic Committee approves the list of the admitted students (List 1 and List 2). Students (List 1, 2, 3 and R) will be informed by the EMJM coordinator within 2 weeks after Academic Committee Approval (31 March 2026). Accepted students need to confirm within 7 days (7 April 2026).

When positions are not completely filled, a new announcement of the available positions will be made on the website 10 April 2026. The next deadline for application is 1 June 2026, with the same procedure as above. EEA Candidates can apply until 1 September, if positions are still available.

Restrictions: To ensure geographical diversity for scholarships, no more than 10% of the total number of scholarships are awarded during the project to candidates coming from the same country of residence.

Year	Total Maximum	EMJM Scholarships			Non-EMJM funded students
		EU and third countries	NDICIC	Type 3 IPA	
2026	30	12	5	2	50
2027	30	15	5		
2028	30	12	5		
2029	30	11	3		
		50	18	2	
total	120	70			50