





## Press Release

## DEPEND, the Erasmus+ project connecting Ireland, France, and Scotland

Maynooth University in Ireland, St. Andrews University in Scotland, and Université de Lorraine in France, jointly announce the new Erasmus+ Joint Master Degree Programme "DEPEND" in Advanced Systems Dependability. This EU partnership of the three universities has been recently awarded a grant under EU Erasmus+: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees to provide funding for students attending the course.

This new programme stems from the previously successful Erasmus Mundus "DESEM" programme in Dependable Systems led by Maynooth University from 2013 to 2017.

The new DEPEND programme, coordinated by Maynooth University, is a two-year Masters programme. Students attend two of the participating universities for one year each, with the final degree being a Joint Degree issued by the consortium of the three universities, and recognized by the three countries involved. The courses provide an integrated approach, covering both the theoretical knowledge required to understand the topics, and the practical skills required to apply this knowledge. The programme consists of three streams, covering safety, reliability, availability, and security of software-based systems. Thanks to this programme, graduating students will be well placed do research or enter into the corporate world.

Joint Summer Schools are included in the programme, where students get an opportunity to present their work and attend a number of workshops. In order to ensure the quality of the courses, places will be limited to about thirty students. Scholarships from the EU will be available for up to 20 students every year, with both European and International students being invited to apply for the programme and associated grants. The grant covers the tuition fee, and also provides a travel and living allowance, providing a sum of up to €49,000 per student for the 2-year programme.

Call for applications will be open soon! The deadline for applications will be March 2018.

More information on the course website: <a href="http://www.mscdepend.ie">http://www.mscdepend.ie</a>

