

Key Action 1 - Mobility for learners and staff Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

Inter-institutional¹ agreement 20[14]-20[23]² between institutions from Programme and Partner Countries³

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects of the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits (or equivalent) awarded to students by the partner institution. The institutions also commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+.

Inter-institutional agreements can be signed by two or more higher education Institutions (HEIs), at least one of them must be located in a Programme Country of Erasmus+.

² Higher Education Institutions have to agree on the period of validity of this agreement

³ Erasmus+ Programme Countries are the EU Member States, the EFTA countries and other European countries as defined in the Call for proposals. Eligible Partner Countries are listed in the Programme Guide.

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A. Information about higher education institutions

Full name of the institution / country	Erasmus code or city ⁴	Contact details ⁵ (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course
Technical University of Liberec	CZ LIBEREC01	Studentská 2, 461 17, Liberec, Czech Republic Institutional Coordinator Mgr. Zuzana Veselá, head of International office zuzana.vesela2@tul.c z Michaela Andělová, ICM coordinator, michaela.andelova@t ul.cz	http://www.tul.cz/en
Kochi University of Technology	Kami City KOCHI	185Miyanokuchi, Tosayamada, Kami City, Kochi Japan Section Chief, International Relations Section Mr. Makoto Takeda takeda.makoto@koch i-tech.ac.jp +81 887 53 1130	https://www.kochi- tech.ac.jp/english/inde x.html

B. Mobility numbers⁶ per academic year

[Paragraph to be added, if the agreement is signed for more than one academic year:

The partners commit to amend the table below in case of changes in the mobility data by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year.]

[*Optional: subject area code & name and study cycle are optional.]

FROM TO Number of staff mobility periods

⁴ Higher Education Institutions (HEI) from Erasmus+ Programme Countries should indicate their Erasmus code while Partner Country HEIs should mention the city where they are located.

⁵ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement.

Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions and per education field (optional*: http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/International-standard-classification-of-education.aspx)

[Erasmus code of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code * [ISCED]	Subject area name *	Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of days of teaching periods or average duration *]	Staff Mobility for Training *
CZ LIBEREC01	KOCHI	041	Business and Administr ation Engineeri ng and engineerin g trades	2x 5days=10days	X
Kami City KOCHI	CZ LIBEREC01	041	Business and Administr ation	2x 5days=10days	x
		071	Engineeri ng and engineerin g trades		

C. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with the receiving institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period:

Receiving institution	Optional: Subject	Language of	Language of	Recommended language of instruction level ⁷	
[Erasmus code or city]	area	instruc- tion 1	instruc- tion 2	Student Mobility for Studies	Staff Mobility for Teaching
				[Minimum recommended level: B1]	[Minimum recommended level: B2]
CZ LIBEREC01	KOCHI	Czech	English	B1	B2
Kami City KOCHI	CZ LIBEREC01	Japanese	English	B1	B2

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution [Links provided on the first page].

 $^{^7}$ For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr

D. Respect of fundamental principles and other mobility requirements

The higher education institution(s) located in a **Programme Country** of Erasmus+ must respect the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education of which it must be a holder. The charter can be found here: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/erasmus-charter_en.

The higher education institution(s) located in a **Partner Country** of Erasmus+ must respect the following set of principles and requirements:

The higher education institution agrees to:

- Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination and to promote and ensure equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.
- Apply a selection process that is fair, transparent and documented, ensuring equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility.
- Ensure recognition for satisfactorily completed activities of study mobility and, where possible, traineeships of its mobile students.
- Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming students for tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities. Nevertheless, they may be charged small fees on the same basis as local students for costs such as insurance, student unions and the use of miscellaneous material.

The higher education institution located in a Partner Country of Erasmus+ further undertakes to:

Before mobility

- Provide information on courses (content, level, scope, language) well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.
- Ensure that outbound mobile participants are well prepared for the mobility, including having attained the necessary level of linguistic proficiency.
- Ensure that student and staff mobility for education or training purposes is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions or enterprises and the mobile participants.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants. Costs for visas can be covered with the mobility grants. See the information / visa section for contact details.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants. The institution from the Partner Country should inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Costs for insurance can be covered with the organisational support grants. See the information / insurance section for contact details.

 Provide guidance to incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation. See the information / housing section for contact details.

During and after mobility

- Ensure equal academic treatment and services for home students and staff and incoming mobile participants and integrate incoming mobile participants into the institution's everyday life, and have in place appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants as well as appropriate linguistic support to incoming mobile participants.
- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement as counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
- Provide, free-of-charge, incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with transcripts in English or in the language of the sending institution containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of their mobility period.
- Support the reintegration of mobile participants and give them the opportunity, upon return, to build on their experiences for the benefit of the Institution and their peers.
- Ensure that staff are given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement.

E. Additional requirements

[To be completed if necessary. Other requirements may be added on academic or organisational aspects, e.g. the selection criteria for students and staff; agreement on how to use organisational support funds; measures for preparing, receiving and integrating mobile students and/or staff including cultural preparation before mobility; the recognition tools used].

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)
CZ LIBEREC01	The facilities of the university are accessible for handicapped persons. There is also a centre for guidance and support: https://www.tul.cz/studenti/podpora-a-sluzby-studentum#akademick%C3%A1%20poradna In case of additional requirements of academic, organisational or other aspects (e.g. students with special needs), please consult our website: http://www.tul.cz/en/erasmus/incoming-international-students or contact the ICM coordinator: michaela.andelova@tul.cz.
Kami City KOCHI	Our campuses have various facilities and equipment designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities. The sending university is expected to contact KUT International Relations Section in the case there are prospective students who may

require special considerations during the selection process or during their studies, such as those with disabilities.
https://www.kochi- tech.ac.jp/entrance_info/admission/info_before/test-1.html

F. Calendar

1. Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term*	Term*		
CZ LIBEREC01	30 th June (15 th June if the student needs a Visa)	30 th November (15 th November if the student needs a Visa)		
	 TUL will send its decision within 6 weeks A Transcript of Records will be issued by the respective Faculty at TU Liberec before the departure of the student. 			
Kami City	May 31 st	November 30 th		
KOCHI	(Enrolment term: October 1 st to March 31 st)	(Enrolment term: April 1st to September 30th)		
	The receiving institution will send its decision within 6 weeks.			
	2. A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 4 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI. [It should normally not exceed five weeks according to the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education guidelines]			

[* to be adapted in case of a trimester system]

2. Termination of the agreement

[It is up to the involved institutions to agree on the procedure for modifying or terminating the inter-institutional agreement. However, in the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 20XX will only take effect as of 1 September 20XX+1. The termination clauses must include the following disclaimer: "Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict."]

G. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details
CZ LIBEREC01	TUL uses the ECTS credit system described at: The symbols of course unit duration: (Y) 1 full year academic year and (S) 1 semester. In addition to ECTS, TUL uses the local numeral grade system as following: (1) Excellent, (1-) Excellent Minus, (2) Very Good, (2-) Very Good Minus, (3) Good and (4) Fail. (R) SatisfactoryCompletion of Course - No Grade.
Kai City KOCHI	The grade system in use since 2006: AA (Outstanding) = GP 4, A (Excellent) = GP 3, B (Good) = GP 2, C (Pass) = GP 1, F (Failed) = GP 0

2. Visa

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
CZ LIBEREC01	Participants will be provided with all the necessary documents for the visa process by the TUL Erasmus+ office. Acceptance letters in Czech and English will be sent to the International Office of the students' home university together with the signed Learning Agreement, as well as the accommodation contract called "Smlouva o smlouvě budoucí". These documents state the dates of the beginning and the end of the semester according to the TUL academic calendar, or the beginning and the end dates of the traineeship.	http://www.mvcr.cz/mvc ren/article/a-visa-for-a- stay-of-over-90-days- long-term.aspx
Kami City KOCHI	To obtain a student visa to enter Japan, incoming students need a Certificate of	https://www.kochi- tech.ac.jp/english/campu

Eligibility (COE) issued by Japanese immigration. KUT applies for the COE on the student's behalf, and it takes about a month for issue of the certificate. Once KUT receives the COE, KUT International Relations Section will send it to the student with certificate of admission. After receiving those two documents, the student must apply for a student visa at the nearest Japanese embassy or consulate. E-mail: international@ml.kochi- tech.ac.ip	s_life/life_in_japan/visas. html
tech.ac.jp Tel: +81 887 53 1130	

3. Insurance

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
CZ LIBEREC01	We accept EU health insurance card, students with non-EU nationality should show their insurance contract at arrival.	https://www.tul.cz/en/a dmissions/mandatory- health-insurance/
Kami City KOCHI	The incoming students must send the insurance certificate (in English) to KUT before coming to Japan and obtain KUT's approval for the coverage. When KUT is sending students to partner schools, we require them to purchase travel insurance as specified by the university, which is offered by Japan Educational Exchanges Services (JEES)	https://www.kochi- tech.ac.jp/english/camp us_life/life_in_japan/hea lth.html

4. Housing

The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

Institu tion [Erasmu s code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
CZ LIBERE C01	Accommodation is booked at Harcov Residence Halls by TU Liberec Erasmus Office upon acceptance of the student. There is no need to send a special application form or to register. To inform about the time of arrival, send an e.mail to:us.koleje@tul.cz and ICM coordinator.	https://www.tul.cz/en/students/ life-at-tul/acommodation/
Kami City KOCHI	KUT offers accommodation to all international students depending on which campus they belong to. Kami main campus students are accommodated in International House, and Takasone Dormitory Building C is offered if they belong to Eikokuji Campus.	https://www.kochi- tech.ac.jp/english/campus_life/h ousing/international-house.html https://www.kochi- tech.ac.jp/english/campus_life/h ousing/takasone-dormitory-c- eikokuji-campus.html

H. Signatures of the institutions (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ⁸	univerzita
CZ LIBEREC01	doc. RNDr. Miroslav Brzezina, CSc. rector	1 0 -03- 2023		KTOR S
Kami City KOCHI	Prof. Masahiko Isobe, President	March 20, 2023		
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⁸ Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation