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**Erasmus+ Programme**

**Inter-institutional agreement**

**Key Action 1
Learning mobility for higher education students and staff**

**between EU Member States and**

**third countries not associated to the Programme**

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. This agreement is valid for the Erasmus+ call years 2022-2025 in:

* KA171

The institutions commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+ and to respect the quality requirements of the Programme, outlined in the [Erasmus Charter for Higher Education](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en)[[1]](#footnote-1) and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the [principles of GDPR](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en)[[2]](#footnote-2) and in line with the technical standards of the [European Student Card Initiative](https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en)[[3]](#footnote-3), when this becomes available for international mobility involving third countries not associated to the Programme.

Sending institutions located in EU/EEA countries have to ensure compliance with the provisions of art. 46 GDPR for all participants’ personal data exchanged in the context of their mobility with institutions from non-EU/EEA countries without an adequacy decision, on the condition that enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies for data subjects are available in the respective third country. The participants should be informed in a transparent manner about the level of protection of their personal data, if this is different from the one where the sending institution is located.

1. **Information about the higher education institutions**

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| **Name of the institution (and department where relevant)** | **Erasmus code or city[[4]](#footnote-4)** | **Contact details [[5]](#footnote-5) (email, phone)** | **Websites** |
| Masaryk University | CZ BRNO05 |  | General:https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/exchange-non-degree-studies/erasmus-icmCourse catalogue:https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/international-student-guide/course-catalogue |
| University of Tirana | Tirana |  | General:https://unitir.edu.al/Course catalogue:https://unitir.edu.al/incoming-erasmus-mobilities/ |

1. **Mobility numbers per academic year**

The partners agree to update the mobility data, whenever possible, by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year formally via an amendment of the inter-institutional agreement. In case of later updates in the mobility data, the partners can also accept informal communication means (e.g. exchange of emails as written proof).

**Number of student and staff mobility periods**

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| **FROM****[Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]** | **TO****[Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]** | ***Study cycle*****[short cycle, 1st , 2nd or 3rd]** | ***Student Mobility*** *[Specify here total number of students]* | ***Staff Mobility*** *[Specify here total number of days]* |
| Tirana | CZ BRNO05 | All cycles | 2 | 2 |
| CZ BRNO05 | Tirana | All cycles | 1 | 1 |

1. **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[[6]](#footnote-6) at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 “Preparation and Support”).

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| **Receiving institution[Erasmus code or city]** | **Languageof instruction 1** | **Languageof instruction 2** | **Recommended level** |
| Student Mobility  | Staff Mobility |
| CZ BRNO05 | Czech | English | B2 for CzechB2 for English | B2 for CzechB2 for English |
| Tirana | English | Albanian | B2 for EnglishB2 for Albanian | B2 for EnglishB2 for Albanian |

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution. The links to the course catalogue are provided in the first section*.*

1. **Partnership arrangements: fees and organisational support funds**

In accordance with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, partners commit to charge no additional fees to students:

* In connection with the organisation or administration of their Erasmus+ mobility period. Any violation to this rule by the partners shall be brought to the attention of the National Agency and may lead to the termination of the participation in the project linked to this inter-institutional agreement if no corrective measures are taken.
* 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.

Partners agree on the following use and repartition of organisational support funds including a list of objectives that both partners consider a priority:

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| **OS Use and Repartition** | **Priority Objectives** |
| CZ BRNO05 as project coordinator shall be responsible for the OS use and repartition used for the management of the project and mobility organization. | Activities supporting the exchange |
| Organization of the mobilities (practical and financial aspects) |
| Providing the services to participants |
| Management of the project |

1. **Outreach and Selection of participants: calendar, application procedure and requirements**
* Partners commit to doing outreach to participants with fewer opportunities to encourage their participation in the Programme and, where needed, agree on a common strategy to meet indicative inclusion targets.
* Partners commit to running selection procedures for mobility activities that are fair, transparent and documented, ensuring equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility. The calls for applications must be public and an appeal procedure must be in place. Under no circumstances, shall applicants and selected participants incur any costs during application and selection procedures.
* In the case of student mobility, partners will ensure that other elements beyond academic merit are taken into account to ensure participation of students with fewer opportunities. Selection criteria and procedures must be clearly communicated in the call for applications.

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

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| **Receiving institution****[Erasmus code or city]** | **Term**  | **Deadline[[7]](#footnote-7)** |
| CZ BRNO05 | Autumn Term: Sep - JanSpring Term: Feb - Jun | 15 April1 October |
| Tirana | Autumn Term: Oct - FebSpring Term: Mar - Jun | 1 May30 November |

The receiving institution will send its decision no later than 6 weeks.

The partners commit to have a fair, transparent, coherent and documented application and selection procedure outlined in their respective websites and regularly updated, together with the contact details of the relevant department:

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| **Application procedure** |
| **Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]** | **Contact details****(email, phone)** | **Website for information**  |
| CZ BRNO05 |  | https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/exchange-non-degree-studies/erasmus-icm |
| Tirana |  | https://unitir.edu.al/bursa-shkembimi-programi-erasmus/ |

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| **General selection criteria** |
| **Requirement** | **Details** | **Website for information (optional)** |
| Academic requirements | Based on Transcript of Records from previous studies | For CZ BRNO05:https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/exchange-non-degree-studies/erasmus-icmFor Tirana:https://unitir.edu.al/bursa-shkembimi-programi-erasmus/ |
| CV |  |
| Motivation letter | Academic, professional, personal reasons of the choice |
| Inclusion measures[[8]](#footnote-8)  | Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities |
| Other | Language skillsPh.D. students: research report, pre-acceptance letterStaff: training plan, pre-acceptance letter |

1. **Preparation and support**

The Higher Education Institution(s) in an EU Member State or associated third country commit(s) to:

* Ensure that students are aware of their rights and obligations as defined in the[*Erasmus+ Student Charter*](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en)*[[9]](#footnote-9).*
* Arrange travels or provide a pre-financing of the grant to **reduce the costs that participants need to cover upfront**, to the extent possible.

All involved Higher Education Institutions commit to the following preparation and support measures. Information and assistance can be provided by the contact points and information sources in the table below:

* The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding **accommodation**, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. It is considered best practice to use the individual grant to pay for the deposit of dormitories.
* Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for their activities abroad, including blended mobility, by undertaking activities to achieve the necessary level of **linguistic proficiency** and develop their **intercultural** **competences**.
* Provide assistance related to obtaining **visas**, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and, if needed, use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full.
* Provide assistance related to obtaining **insurance**, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full. The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided.
* The receiving institution will inform about the existence of relevant infrastructure and provide support to incoming **participants with fewer opportunities**.
* Provide **appropriate mentoring and support arrangements** for mobile participants, including for those pursuing blended mobility, as well as **integrate incoming mobile participants** into the wider student community and in the Institution’s everyday life.
* Provide participants with their **grant as soon as possible upon arrival**, including if necessary, a first payment using cash, check or similar to avoid delays linked to opening a bank account.
* The institutions commit to encourage participants to act as **ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme** and share their mobility experience, e.g. by providing information about the existence of Erasmus+ alumni networks, inviting former participants in promotion activities, etc.

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| **Preparatory & Support Measures** | **Institution [Erasmus code or city]** | **Website for information & arrangements** |
| Accommodation | CZ BRNO05 | https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/international-student-guide/housing-at-mu |
| Tirana | https://unitir.edu.al/incoming-erasmus-mobilities/ |
| Visa | CZ BRNO05 | https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/international-student-guide/visa-information |
| Tirana | https://unitir.edu.al/incoming-erasmus-mobilities/ |
| Insurance | CZ BRNO05 | https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/medical-insurance?lang=en |
| Tirana | https://unitir.edu.al/incoming-erasmus-mobilities/ |
| Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities | CZ BRNO05 | https://www.teiresias.muni.cz/ |
| Tirana | https://unitir.edu.al/bursa-shkembimi-programi-erasmus/ |

1. **Recognition**

Institutions commit to:

* Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed. Among the recognition tools belong learning agreements, training or teaching mobility agreements, transcript of records or confirmations of stay. European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System or its local equivalent will be used for the recognition of credits.

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| *A normal course load at CZ BRNO05 consists of 30 ECTS per semester; one ECTS is the equivalent of 25 hours of work.**Each local credit at University of Tirana (Tirana) is equivalent of 25 hours of work, or 1 ECTS credits.* |

* 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 non-academic organisations and the mobile participants.
* Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules completed abroad, as automatically counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
* Partners commit to taking measures to ensure recognition of student and staff mobility upon their return, including:
	+ Providing incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with free-of-charge transcripts. The documents must be in English or in the language of the sending institution and containing a full, accurate and timely record of the achievements at the end of the mobility period.
	+ A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than five weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.
	+ Providing students on traineeships and staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.
1. **Grading systems of the institutions**

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through [EGRACONS](http://egracons.eu/) according to the descriptions in the [ECTS users’ guide](https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en)[[10]](#footnote-10). The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

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| **Institution [Erasmus code or city]** | **EGRACONS [If applicable]** | **Website for information** |
| CZ BRNO05 | N/A | https://czs.muni.cz/en/student-from-abroad/international-student-guide/grading-system-and-ects |
| Tirana | N/A | University of Tirana uses ECTS for transfer and accumulation. The ECTS credit is a notional, averaged unit of 25 hours of student workload for passing a course (contact hours, any form of individual study). Each degree curriculum has 60 ECTS per year. Each department individually establishes the number of course credits based on its weight regarding the standard workload students need in order to achieve the expected learning results. Credits are awarded only if the student fulfils all the requirements necessary for passing. GRADES: The Albanian grading scale runs from 1 to 10 and the marks have the following meanings: 1-4 fail, 5-6 sufficient, 7 satisfactory, 8 good, 9 very good, 10 excellent. |

1. **Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)**

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1. **Termination of the agreement**

Any party may terminate this agreement, giving at least twelve months written notice to the other party. Following delivery of the notice of termination, no new intake of students shall be made, and the parties shall take reasonable steps to correct imbalances in the numbers of exchange students between the parties. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

**SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)**

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| **Institution** **[Erasmus code or name and city]** | **Name, function** | **Date** | **Signature[[11]](#footnote-11)** |
| CZ BRNO05 |  |  |  |
| Tirana |  |  |  |

1. <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Higher education institutions (HEIs) from EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme should indicate their Erasmus code; HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme should mention the city where they are located. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, it is recommended to use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. You may find the implementation guidelines of the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy** here: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. The ECTS user’s guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide\_en [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation [↑](#footnote-ref-11)