

2021-2027

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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 associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

The institutions¹ 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 20[21]-20[27] in:

- KA131
- 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 <u>Erasmus Charter for Higher Education</u>² and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the <u>principles of GDPR</u>³ and in line with the technical standards of the <u>European Student Card Initiative</u>⁴, 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 Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

⁻ Bilateral agreements are for cooperation between one higher education institution located in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme

⁻ Multilateral agreements are for cooperation between a mobility consortium of higher education institutions located in one single EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme.

² https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter en

³ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr-en-

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en

1. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department where relevant)	Erasmus code or city ⁵	Contact details ⁶ (email, phone)	Websites
Ulster University	UK COLERAI01	Leanne Whiteman	Ulster website: https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad
	COLERAIUI	Global Mobility Officer	
International Department		University of Ulster, Cromore Road, Coleraine, BT52 1SA, Northern Ireland	
		T: +44(0)28 701 24550	
		E: GoGlobal@ulster.ac.uk	
Ulster University	UK COLERAI01	Sara McDowell Senior Lecturer	Ulster website: https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad
Academic Contact		School of Geography and Environmental Sciences sp.mcdowell@ulster.ac.uk	
Charles University	CZ PRAHA07	Erasmus+ Institutional coordinator: Ester Brožová: ester.brozova@ruk.cuni.cz	Charles University Website: https://cuni.cz/uken-1.html

⁵ Higher education institutions (HEIs) from 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.

⁶ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

Faculty coordinator: Markéta Čapková, capkovamark@natur.cuni.cz	
Department coordinator:Dagmar Chalupová, dagmar.chalupova@natur.cuni.cz	

2. 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 agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof).

Number of student and staff mobility periods

FROM	то			_	Number of mobility periods			
[Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	area ISCED CODE ⁷ (optional)	namea cycle NAME [short cycle, 1st , 2nd or (optional) 3rd] (optional)	Student Mobility [Specify here total number of students]	Student Mobility [Specify here total number of months]	Staff Mobility [Specify here total number of staff]	Staff Mobility [Specify here total number of days]	
UK COLERAI01	CZ PRAHA07		Physical Geography		2	10	0	0
CZ PRAHA07	UK COLERAI01		Physical Geography		2	10	0	0

Optional additional information	
UK COLERAI01	
Academic Requirements	

https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf

Incoming students should note that there will be restrictions on modules depending on the semester they attend, as modules run in particular semesters.

Students attending Ulster will be expected to major in the subject area. The University of Ulster cannot therefore guarantee that students will be able to undertake modules outside of the School / Subject Area specified in the agreement.

It is recommended that students partake in our International Student Orientation week which is offered at the beginning of each term.

https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/apply

3. 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 <u>language skills</u> at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

Receiving institution	Subject area	Language of	Language of	Recommended level		
[Erasmus code or city]	(Optional)	instruction 1	instruction 2	Student Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages: B1]	Staff Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages for teaching: B2]	
UK COLERAI01	Physical Geography	English	English	B2 Language requirements for students coming to Ulster University:	No staff mobility	

⁸ 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

				https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/apply/english- language-requirements	
CZ PRAHA07	Physical geography	English	Czech	B2 Language requirements for students coming to Charles University: https://cuni.cz/UKEN-142.html	No staff mobility

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.

4. 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:

OS Use and Repartition	Priority Objectives

5. 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:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term duration	Deadline ⁹
UK COLERAI01	Autumn Term: from September to January	31 st May
	Spring Term: from January to June	31 st October
	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study- abroad/dates	
CZ PRAHA07	Subject to change: https://cuni.cz/UKEN-368.html	Subject to change: https://cuni.cz/UKEN-362.html

The receiving institution will send its decision no later than 5 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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⁹ Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

Application procedure					
Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information			
UK COLERAI01	Once nomination received you will be invited to complete our application form.	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/apply			
CZ PRAHA07	Students are nominated via CU nomination form. As soon as the nomination is approved, the applicants are provided with information about further administrative steps.	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-362.html			

Selection criteria

Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements		https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/apply
Academic requirements	Incoming students should note that there will be restrictions on modules depending on the semester they attend, as modules run in particular semesters.	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/apply
	Students attending Ulster will be expected to major in the subject area. The University of Ulster cannot therefore guarantee that students will be able to undertake modules outside of the	

	School / Subject Area specified in the agreement.	
	It is recommended that students partake in our International Student Orientation week which is offered at the beginning of each term.	
CV		
Motivation letter		
Inclusion measures ¹⁰		
Other		

6. Preparation and support

The Higher Education Institution(s) in a 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*¹¹.
- 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.

¹⁰ 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

¹¹ The Erasmus Student Charter is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter en

- 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.

Preparatory & Support Measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	UK COLERAI01	Residential Services <u>accommodation@ulster.ac.uk</u>	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/accommodation
Language Support	UK COLERAI01	Students will be able to avail of English language teaching and support from our Centre for English Language Teaching (CELT) goglobal@ulster.ac.uk	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/departments/academic- operations-and-portfolio-development/global- engagement/celt
Visa	UK COLERAI01	Visa and Immigration goglobal@ulster.ac.uk	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/apply/visas-and-immigration
Insurance	UK COLERAI01	goglobal@ulster.ac.uk	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/pre- arrival/travel/insurance
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	UK COLERAI01	Disability Services – Student Wellbeing	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/wellbeing/disability
Language Support	UK COLERAI01	Students will be able to avail of English language teaching and support from our Centre for English Language Teaching (CELT) goglobal@ulster.ac.uk	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/departments/academic- operations-and-portfolio-development/global- engagement/celt
Module Guidance	UK COLERAI01	goglobal@ulster.ac.uk	https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/study-abroad/modules
Accommodation	CZ PRAHA07	CU halls of residence	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-365.html

Language Support	CZ PRAHA07	Students can take Intensive Czech Language Course before the beginning of the semester	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-364.html#2
Visa	CZ PRAHA07	UK citizens have to apply for visa	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-366.html
Insurance	CZ PRAHA07	Organized by the applicants	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-1546.html
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	CZ PRAHA07	To be discussed individually	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-370.html
Course catalogue	CZ PRAHA07	Students are obliged to take a min. of 51% of your subjects from the offer at your host faculty. The rest (max. 49% of subjects) can be selected from the other faculties at the Charles University (if they correspond with your study field and there are places available in the course).	https://cuni.cz/UKEN-364.html

7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

• Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed.

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- 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:
 - O 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.
 - O A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.
 - o Providing staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.

8. Grading systems of the institutions

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through <u>EGRACONS</u> according to the descriptions in the <u>ECTS users' guide</u>¹². The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	EGRACONS [If applicable]		Website for inforr	nation
UK COLERAI01		UK COI	UK COLERAI01	
		UK Scale Percentage	Definition	
		70% and above	Excellent	
		60% - 69%	Very Good	
		50% - 59%	Good	
		44% - 49%	Fair	
		40% - 43%	Pass	
		39% and below	Fail	
	ι	UK Grading System	(60 credits)	
		GoGlobal@ulster.ac	<u>.uk</u>	
CZ PRAHA07		https://cuni.cz/UKEN-361.html		

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¹² The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en

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

10. 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."

The English version of this Agreement shall be the authoritative version of the Agreement for all purposes. In the event of a conflict between the English version and any translation of this Agreement, the English version shall control.

SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ¹³		
UK COLERAI01	Professor Paul Seawright				
	Deputy Vice- Chancellor		[Seant right		
	Aleš Soukup		PNDr Aloš Soukup, Ph.D. Digitálně podepsal RNDr. Aleš Soukup, Ph.D.		
CZ PRAHA07	Vice - dean		RNDr. Aleš Soukup, Ph.D. Digitálně podepsal RNDr. Aleš Soukup, Ph.D. Datum: 2023.01.19 13:01:43 +01'00'		

¹³ Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation