



2021-2027

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 institutions<sup>1</sup> 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 year 2023 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<sup>2</sup> and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the <u>principles of GDPR</u><sup>3</sup> and in line with the technical standards of the <u>European Student Card Initiative</u><sup>4</sup>, 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

<sup>-</sup> 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

<sup>-</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter\_en\_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr\_en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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 <sup>5</sup>	Contact details <sup>6</sup> (email, phone)	Websites
Johannes Kepler University Linz, Austria	A LINZ01	International Office: Christine Hinterleitner christine.hinterleitner@jku.at Tel: +43 732 2468 3290  Academic contact person: Prof. Reinhold Lang reinhold.lang@jku.at Tel: +43 732 2468 6611	General: <a href="www.jku.at/">www.jku.at/</a> Information for exchange students: <a href="www.jku.at/exchange">www.jku.at/exchange</a> Course catalogue: <a href="www.jku.at/exchange/courses">www.jku.at/exchange/courses</a>
Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University, Ukraine	E1018014 9	International.lnu@gmail.com +38066-294-1570  Mila Ovcharova international.lnu@gmail.com +38095-704-1880	General: www.luguniv.edu.ua

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

## 2. Mobility numbers per academic year

In case of later updates in the mobility data, the partners agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof).

#### **Number of student periods**

FROM	то	Subject area	Subject area	Study cycle	Nı	umber of mobility p	periods
[Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	ISCED CODE <sup>7</sup>	NAME	[short cycle, 1st , 2nd or 3rd]	Student Mobility  [Specify here total number of students]	Student Mobility [Specify here total number of months]	Student Mobility  [Specify here total number days]
		0413	Management and administration				
F1010014		0531	Chemistry				
E1018014 9	A LINZ01	0533	Physics	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	5	
		061	Information and Communication Technologies				

## 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").

 $<sup>^{7} \, \</sup>underline{\text{https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F\%202013\%20-\%20Detailed\%20field\%20descriptions.pdf}$ 

Receiving institution	Subject area	Language of	Language of	Recomm	ended 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]
LINZ01		English		B2	n/a

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, it is recommended to use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR): <a href="http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr">http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr</a>

## 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 of organisational support funds including a list of objectives that both partners consider a priority:

OS Use	Priority Objectives		
Language support	Successful mobility periods		
Orientation programme and support of the	Enhanced employability and improved career prospects		
participants	Capacity building for the Kenyan polymer industry		
Promotion or dissemination purposes (including conference participation)	Improved foreign language competences		
Visits of the partner university to evaluate	Enhanced intercultural awareness		
and strengthen the cooperation	Strengthening of the cooperation between the universities		
Administrative costs at JKU	Promotion and dissemination of the project		

#### 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 <sup>9</sup>
	Winter Term: from Oct 1 to Jan 31	15 May
A LINZ01	Spring Term: from March 1 to June 30	15 October
	For students taking courses earlier arrival is required.	

The receiving institution will send its decision within 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:

# **Application procedure**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
A LINZ01	exchange@jku.at, +43 732 2468 3246	www.jku.at/exchange

Selection criteria		
Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	Subject area (ISCED code) EQF level Good academic standing	
Motivation letter		
Inclusion measures <sup>10</sup>		
Good level of English language proficiency		

# 6. 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*<sup>11</sup>.
- Arrange travels or provide a pre-financing of the grant to **reduce the costs that participants need to cover upfront**, to the extent possible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> You may find the implementation guidelines of the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy** here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity</a> en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter\_en">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter\_en</a>

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.

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Preparatory & Support Measures	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
A LINZ01	Accommodation	exchange@jku.at, +43 732 2468 3246	www.jku.at/exchange
A LINZ01	Visa	exchange@jku.at, +43 732 2468 3246	www.jku.at/exchange
A LINZ01	Insurance	exchange@jku.at, +43 732 2468 3246	www.jku.at/exchange
A LINZ01	Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities		Available infrastructure for:  Reduced mobility, hearing/visual impairments, chronic diseases, students/staff with small children https://www.jku.at/institut-integriert-studieren/
A LINZ01	Grant payments	exchange@jku.at, +43 732 2468 3246	

## Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed. The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System will be used.
- 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 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 In case of courses taken at the receiving institution 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.
  - o 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.

#### 7. 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><sup>12</sup>. 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 information
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 $<sup>^{12}\</sup> The\ ECTS\ user's\ guide\ is\ available\ here:\ https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide\_en$ 

A LINZ01	yes	http://egracons.eu
E10180149	n/a	n/a

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

n/a

# 9. Termination of the agreement

The agreement is valid until the academic year 2024/25. In the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. In case of any changes, the partners agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails.

Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

# SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature <sup>13</sup>
Johannes Kepler University Linz, Linz	Christine Hinterleitner Head of the International Office	5.4.2024	Je Lead OCBITH AS OCH YHIBEPOLY TO
Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National University, Poltava	Olena Karaman Rector	03.04.2024	WWW. W.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation