



Erasmus+ Programme

International credit mobility

Key Action 1: Learning mobility of Individuals

What is it?

For over 30 years, Europe has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over four million European students to spend part of their studies in another higher education institution (HEI) in Europe. In 2015, **Erasmus+** opened up these opportunities, funding mobility from other parts of the world to "Programme Countries", and for outgoing mobility for European students to go to "Partner Countries".

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| Programme Countries | EU Member States + Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey |
| Partner Countries | All other countries worldwide ¹ |

Credit mobility can be defined as a limited period of study or traineeship abroad (in the framework of on-going studies at a home institution) for the purpose of gaining credits. After the mobility phase, students return to their home institution, where the credits are recognised and they complete their studies.

How does it work?

Students and doctoral candidates are able to study abroad for a period of 3 months (or one academic term or trimester), up to a maximum of 12 months in each study cycle and may benefit from an Erasmus+ grant. Traineeships within a company are also possible, for 2 to 12 months. **Staff** can spend a teaching and/or training period abroad from 5 days (excluding travel) to a maximum of 2 months and may also benefit from a grant. The grant for staff may provide funding for two additional days of travel (one before and one after the mobility).

In order for the mobility to happen, a HEI in a Programme Country must sign an [inter-institutional agreement](#) with a HEI in a Partner Country. Under this agreement, it can host students, doctoral candidates or staff from the Partner Country HEI, and can also send students, doctoral candidates or staff to the Partner Country HEI. In the agreement, the sending and receiving institutions agree on the range of courses open to visiting students and on the options for staff mobility. These agreements make sure that the sending institution will recognise the credits gained by its students for successfully completed activities abroad, which will contribute to the student's degree once they return. Programme Country HEIs require an [Erasmus Charter for Higher Education](#) to apply and take part; by signing the inter-institutional agreement, Partner Country HEIs agree to adhere to these principles.

How is it funded?

Each Erasmus+ **National Agency** established in a Programme Country has a budget to fund a number of mobility projects between HEIs in that Programme Country and those in Partner Countries. Institutions from Programme Countries can apply to their National Agency to organise projects with HEIs in one or more Partner Countries. The National Agency awards the successful HEIs a grant to cover the mobility of a number of students and staff. This grant will cover the cost of the individual grants and also include a portion for organisational support.

¹ For budgetary reasons, credit mobility agreements are not possible with the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the Vatican City State are not covered by this action.

For individuals

Students and doctoral candidates from Partner Countries may receive a monthly contribution to their expenses abroad of between EUR 800, EUR 850 or EUR 900 (depending on the cost of living in the Programme Country: see the Erasmus+ Programme Guide). For students and doctoral candidates going to Partner Countries from Programme Countries, the rate is EUR 700 per month for all Partner Countries. Staff coming from Partner Countries may receive a daily contribution to their expenses of between EUR 140 and EUR 180 (depending on the cost of living in the Programme Country: see Programme Guide). Staff from Programme Countries going to Partner Countries will get EUR 180 per day.

| Distance | Travel contribution |
|----------------|---------------------|
| < 100 km | EUR 20 |
| 100-499 km | EUR 180 |
| 500-1999 km | EUR 275 |
| 2 000-2 999 km | EUR 360 |
| 3 000-3 999 km | EUR 530 |
| 4 000-7 999 km | EUR 820 |
| ≥8 000 km | EUR 1,500 |

Each selected individual participant will get a travel contribution based on the distance from the sending to the receiving institution.

For institutions

The mobility project grant will include a contribution of EUR 350 per mobile participant in order to offset the costs to the institution of organising the mobility project.

2020 Call for Proposals: budget

In the 2020 Call for Proposals over **EUR 193 million** will be shared between the Programme Countries for mobility with a range of regions throughout the world. The [Programme Guide](#) lists the countries per region.

How can a higher education institution apply?

Only HEIs from Programme Countries may submit an application to manage a project for mobility between Programme and Partner Countries. This application process is separate from the application process for 'intra-European' mobility, i.e. between two Programme Countries.

The deadline is **5 February 2020**.

An application for international credit mobility will cover mobility for higher education students, doctoral candidates and staff. Applicants will provide information for each of the regions covered by the Call for Proposals with which they wish to work, and give an indication of the HEI(s) which they propose to involve.

The application will be assessed according to the four award criteria published in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide, focusing on relevance of the strategy, quality of the cooperation arrangements, quality of the design and implementation and impact and dissemination.

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm

For budgetary reasons, a National Agency may decide to set specific criteria for certain regions, such as limiting access to certain degree levels, choosing to focus on staff rather than student mobility (or vice versa), or setting a limit to the duration of mobility. So check what is available for your country, on the website of your National Agency:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/national-agencies/index_en.htm

