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Erasmus+ Programme Inter-institutional agreement Key Action 1 Mobility of higher education students and staff

between EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

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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 Higher education mobility supported by internal policy funds

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 Education² 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

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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
UNIVERSIDAD DO ESTADO DE SANTA CATARINA	BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	Dean of the International Cooperation Office, Mrs. Julia Vieira Rodrigues julia.rodrigues@udesc.br Responsible for UDESC's international cooperation agreements, Mr. Matheus Rodrigues dos Santos matheus.santos@udesc.br	General: https://www.udesc.br/secretaria/scii Faculty/faculties: https://www.udesc.br/graduacao/cursospres enciais Course catalogue: https://www.udesc.br/arquivos/udesc/docum entos/Guia de cursos ingles TRADU O 15 698759983354 5403.pdf.
UNIVERSIDAD DE ALMERIA	E ALMERIA01	Institutional Coordinator Mr. José Carlos Redondo Olmedilla, Vice-Rector for International Projection University of Almería, International Relations Office, Ctra. Sacramento s/n. La Cañada de San Urbano 04120 Almería. Spain. Email: reiual@ual.es	General: www.ual.es/ Faculty/faculties: www.ual.es/estudios/grados Course catalogue: In, www.ual.es/estudios/grados under "Plan de estudios" of each degree.

⁵ 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.

 $^{^{\}rm 6}$ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

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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.

Number of student and staff mobility periods

FROM [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	Field of educatio n [ISCED] ⁷ (optional)	Field of education - clarification (optional)	Level of educ ation [EQF] (optio nal)	Student Mobility [Total number of students]	Number of mol Student Mobility [Total number of months]	Staff Mobil ity [Total number of staff]	Staff Mobility [Total number of days]
BR		0810	Agriculture	1 st	2	5 months		
FLORIANÓPOLISO 1	E ALMERIA01	0410	Business Administration	1 st	2	5 months	2	5 days each
		0521	Environmental sciences	1 st	1	5 months		

⁷ https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf

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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	Field of education	Language of	Language of	Recomme	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]
BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01		Portuguese	English (some courses)	B1 Portuguese and/or English	B2 English
E ALMERIA01		Spanish	English (some courses)	B1 Spanish and/or English	B2 English

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.

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

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4. 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
		Autumn term:
BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	Autumn Term: from March to July	Mid of May
	Spring Term: from August to December	Spring Term:
		Mid of November
		Autumn Term:
	Autumn Term: from early September to late January	June 15 th for Nomination
E ALMERIA01	Spring Term: from early February to late June	June 30 th for Application
L ALMENIAUI	www.ual.es/en/estudios/academiccalendar?idioma=en GB	Spring Term:
	www.uar.es/en/estudios/academiccaiendar/idioma=en_Gb	November 15 th for Nomination
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The receiving institution will send its decision within 2 weeks and 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		
Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email)	Website for information
BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	ivan.tonon@udesc.br matheus.santos@udesc.br scii.reitoria@udesc.br	https://www.udesc.br/international/join
E ALMERIA01	incoming@ual.es +(34) 950 015 046	www.ual.es/en/internacionalizacion/incoming- student?idioma=en_GB

5. 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 <u>Erasmus+ Student Charter</u>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.

⁹ The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter en

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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.
- 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. For UDESC's outgoing students, only those who have been awarded with PROME scholarship will receive the financial aid.
- 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
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Insurance	E ALMERIA01	incoming@ual.es	www.ual.es/en/internacionalizacion/incoming- student/general-information/Health-and-travel-
Insurance	E ALMERIAUI	+(34) 950 015 046	insurance?idioma=en_GB
Inclusion of nouticinants		incoming@ual.es	e.g. available infrastructure for:
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	E ALMERIA01	+(34) 950 015 046	Reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments,
		(81) 330 613 616	students/staff with children, etc.
Mentoring	E ALMERIA01	incoming@ual.es	UAL has a Mentor Program for incoming exchange
Tremorning	E ALITERIA OI	+(34) 950 015 046	students
KR	BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	ivan.tonon@udesc.br	
GWANGJU01Accommodation		scii.reitoria@udesc.br	
	BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	ivan.tonon@udesc.br	
Visa		scii.reitoria@udesc.br	
	BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	ivan.tonon@udesc.br	
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Mentoring	BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01	UDESC has a Buddy program for foreign students, operated by the International Cooperation Office.

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6. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed
- 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 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.

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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>¹⁰. 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
E ALMERIA01		www.ual.es/application/files/2316/3964/5669/ListadoTablasEctsPDF.pdf
BR FLORIANÓPOLIS01		https://www.udesc.br/international/exchangeprograms/equivalence

8. Termination of the agreement

The agreement will come into force on the date that the governing bodies of both universities give their formal approval and will remain in effect for 5 (five) years, after which it may be renewed. 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.

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

 $^{^{10} \} The \ ECTS \ user's \ guide \ is \ available \ here: \ https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en$

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SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ¹¹
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