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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 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 2026-27 to 2028-29 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 Erasmus Charter for Higher Education² and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR³ and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative⁴, 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
University of Glasgow	UK GLASGOW 01	Lauren Hoare, Head of Global Opportunities (maternity leave 2025-26) +44 141 330 4234 Sally Baxter, Acting Head of Global Opportunities 2025-26 Sally.baxter@glasgow.ac.uk General Enquiries Visiting-students@glasgow.ac.uk Partnership Enquiries mobility@glasgow.ac.uk	General: www.gla.ac.uk Faculty/faculties: https://www.gla.ac.uk/subjects/?display=byyschool Course catalogue: www.gla.ac.uk/coursecatalogue
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA Represented by Prof.ssa Giovanna Spatari, Rector address: Piazza S. Pugliatti,1 98123 MESSINA (ITALY)		Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Dott. Giuseppe Lucchese, PhD Head of International Mobility Unit glucchese@unime.it Academic Coordinator Prof. Stefania Taviano stefania.taviano@unime.it	General: https://www.unime.it/ Incoming Mobility: https://international.unime.it/mobility/incoming-mobility Dipartimento di Civiltà antiche e moderne Course catalogue: https://unime.coursecatalogue.cineca.it/corsi/2025?area=ARR_UM&sede=1036ue

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.

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]	Subject area ISCED CODE? <i>(optional)</i>	Subject area NAME <i>(optional)</i>	Study cycle [short cycle, 1st, 2nd or 3rd] <i>(optional)</i>	Number of mobility periods			
					Student Mobility <i>[Specify here total number of students]</i>	Student Mobility <i>[Specify here total number of months]</i>	Staff Mobility <i>[Specify here total number of staff]</i>	Staff Mobility <i>[Specify here total number of days]</i>
UKGLASGOW01	IMESSINA01	0230	Languages & literature - DiCAM	1st	Max. 4 students	Max. 20 months in total	1 staff member for 5 days	
IMESSINA01	UK GLASGOW01	0230	Languages & literature - SMLC	1st	Max. 4 students	Max. 20 months in total	1 staff member for 5 days	

University of Glasgow: If partners choose to nominate students for a single semester, we ask that these be spread evenly across the academic year in order to ease pressure on course capacities and accommodation.

Both institutions may send either 2 students for the full academic year (c. 10 months each), or up to a maximum of 4 students for a single semester each (c. 5 months each), or a combination of durations as long as the maximum numbers outlined above are respected.

Staff mobility may be considered on a case by case basis subject to receiving institution hosting capacity in a given year. Both universities acknowledge that there may be years where staff mobility cannot be supported.

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

2. 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 skills⁸ at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 “Preparation and Support”).

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Subject area (Optional)	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended level
				Student Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages: B1]
UK GLASGOW01		English	n/a (exception: School of Modern Languages)	B2 For students whose first language is not English: their application to the University of Glasgow must include a copy of a recent English Language test, taken within 4 years and 5 months of the course start date. The requirements for exchange are IELTS 6.0 with no subtest lower than 5.5. https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/englishlanguageforvisitingstudents/
I MESSINA01		Italian	B1	https://international.unime.it/mobility/incoming-mobility/erasmus-incoming-students-study

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>

3. 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 organization 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.

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 ⁹
UK GLASGOW01	Fall Term: from September to beginning of February Spring Term: from beginning of February to June	Nominations for September start will open in February. Nominations in January will open in September. You will be sent a link to an online form where you can add your students' details. The deadline for students' applications is 1 May for September starts; 31 October for January starts.
I MESSINA01	Winter Term- Nomination deadline June, 15th Application deadline June, 30th Spring Term: Nomination deadline November, 15th Application deadline November, 30th	June, 30 th November, 30th

The receiving institution will send its decision within [x] 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:

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 GLASGOW01	Visiting-students@glasgow.ac.uk +44 141 330 8167	https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/internationalexchange/ Our standard entry requirements are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must have completed at least one year of study at the home university and have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, B average or 75%.
I MESSINA01	incoming.erasmus@unime.it	Erasmus+ incoming students for study Università degli Studi di Messina

5. 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*¹⁰.
- 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.

¹⁰ The Erasmus Student Charter is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en

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 GLASGOW01	accom@glasgow.ac.uk +44 141 330 4743	www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/accommodation
Accommodation	I MESSINA01		https://international.unime.it/services/facilities/housing
Visa	UK GLASGOW01	International Student Support Contact form access via https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/	https://www.gla.ac.uk/international/support/visasandimmigration/
Visa	I MESSINA01		https://international.unime.it/messina/residence-permit
Insurance	UK GLASGOW01	Visiting-students@glasgow.ac.uk	https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/visiting/studyabroadexchange/internationalexchange/
Insurance	I MESSINA01		https://international.unime.it/messina/health-care
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	UK GLASGOW01	disability@glasgow.ac.uk +44 141 330 5497/5121 Widening participation contacts: https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/contact/	Disability services: www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/disability Widening Participation: https://www.gla.ac.uk/study/wp/

Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities		servizi.dd@unime.it	https://international.unime.it/services/disability-sld-services-students
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University of Glasgow: While the University of Glasgow will offer assistance to participants in finding accommodation, places in University of Glasgow accommodation cannot be guaranteed for incoming exchange students. The University will provide incoming students and staff with the relevant visa invitation documentation and application guidance and will direct them towards the appropriate information to assist in obtaining their visa. The International Student Support Team listed above can provide advice and information. Individual mobility candidates are responsible for applying for the necessary visa, for paying any required visa fees, and for obtaining and providing all supporting documentation required by the visa issuing authority. The University of Glasgow cannot accept responsibility for applications which are returned as invalid or are refused.

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 staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.

University of Glasgow: Incoming students to the University of Glasgow are expected to undertake a full-time course load while on exchange, that is, 60 credits per semester.

7. Grading systems of the institutions

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through EGRACONS according to the descriptions in the ECTS users' guide¹¹. 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
UK GLASGOW01		www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow.apg/policies/assessment/codeofassessment
I MESSINA01		https://www.unime.it/international/tabelle-ects

University of Glasgow: See also the following grading table.

¹¹ 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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All Courses				Primary verbal descriptors for attainment of Intended Learning Outcomes	Honours Class	BDS, BVMS, MBChB
Primary Grade	Gloss	Secondary Band*	Grade Point			
A	Excellent	A1	22	Exemplary range and depth of attainment of intended learning outcomes, secured by discriminating command of a comprehensive range of relevant materials and analyses, and by deployment of considered judgement relating to key issues, concepts and procedures	First	Honours
		A2	21			
		A3	20			
		A4	19			
		A5	18			
B	Very Good	B1	17	Conclusive attainment of virtually all intended learning outcomes, clearly grounded on a close familiarity with a wide range of supporting evidence, constructively utilised to reveal appreciable depth of understanding	Upper Second	Commendation
		B2	16			
		B3	15			
C	Good	C1	14	Clear attainment of most of the intended learning outcomes, some more securely grasped than others, resting on a circumscribed range of evidence and displaying a variable depth of understanding	Lower Second	Pass
		C2	13			
		C3	12			
D	Satisfactory [†]	D1	11	Acceptable attainment of intended learning outcomes, displaying a qualified familiarity with a minimally sufficient range of relevant materials, and a grasp of the analytical issues and concepts which is generally reasonable, albeit insecure	Third	Pass
		D2	10			
		D3	9			
E	Weak	E1	8	Attainment deficient in respect of specific intended learning outcomes, with mixed evidence as to the depth of knowledge and weak deployment of arguments or deficient manipulations	Fail	Fail
		E2	7			
		E3	6			
F	Poor	F1	5	Attainment of intended learning outcomes appreciably deficient in critical respects, lacking secure basis in relevant factual and analytical dimensions	Fail	Fail
		F2	4			
		F3	3			
G	Very Poor	G1	2	Attainment of intended learning outcomes markedly deficient in respect of nearly all intended learning outcomes, with irrelevant use of materials and incomplete and flawed explanation	Fail	Fail
G2		1				
H			0	No convincing evidence of attainment of intended learning outcomes, such treatment of the subject as is in evidence being directionless and fragmentary		
CR	CREDIT REFUSED	Failure to comply, in the absence of good cause, with the published requirements of the course or programme; and/or a serious breach of regulations				

* The Secondary Band indicates the degree to which the work possesses the quality of the corresponding descriptor.


[†] This gloss is used because it is the lowest grade normally associated with the attainment of an undergraduate award. Postgraduate students should be aware, however, that an average of at least Grade C in taught courses is required for progress to the dissertation at masters level, and students should consult the appropriate degree regulations and course handbooks for the grade they may require to progress to specific awards.

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

9. Termination of the agreement

The agreement can be terminated unilaterally, as long as at least a one academic year notice is given. 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 ¹²
UK GLASGOW01	Rachel Sandison Deputy Vice-Chancellor – (External Engagement)	03/03/ 2026	
I MESSINA01	Prof.ssa Giovanna Spatari Rector		RETRICE GIOVANNA SPATARI 22.01.2026 09:26:50 GMT+01:00

¹² Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation

