



EUROPEAN UNION

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2021-2027

**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**

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 2023 -2024 in:

- KA131 Higher education mobility supported by internal policy funds
- KA171 Higher education mobility supported by external 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 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/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
IES Ribeira Do Louro Spain	E PONTEVE 02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu. xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	General: http://ribeira.org Faculty/faculties: http://ribeira.org Course catalogue: http://ribeira.org
Universiteti te Vlores	AL VLORE01	Academic coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Armela Panajoti Dean of the Faculty of Humanities armelap@assenglish.org; armela.panajoti@univlora.edu.al Administrative Contact Ms. Rezarta Sinanaliaj Projects and International Relations Sector international@univlora.edu.al	General: www.univlora.edu.al Faculty: https://univlora.edu.al/fakulteti-i-shkencave-humane/ Course catalogue: https://univlora.edu.al/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/student-guide-2019-2020.pdf https://univlora.edu.al/courses-erasmus/

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.

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

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 education [ISCED] ⁷ (optional)	Field of education - clarification (optional)	Level of education [EQF] (optional)	Number of mobility periods			
					Student Mobility [Total number of students]	Student Mobility [Total number of months]	Staff Mobility [Total number of staff]	Staff Mobility [Total number of days]
E PONTEV E02	AL VLORE01						6 staff	42 days
AL VLORE01	E PONTEVE 02						6 staff	42 days

Optional additional information

e.g. blended mobility, etc.

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

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 language skills⁸ at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Field of education (Optional)	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended level	
				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]
E PONTEVE02		English		B1	B2
AL VLORE01		English		B1	B2

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>

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+ credit mobility period at their institution. 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
E PONTEVE02	Winter Term: from September to January Spring Term: from January to June	
AL VLORE01	Autumn Term: October 2nd to February 23th (teaching and exams) Spring Term: March 1st to July 5th (teaching and exams)	Autumn Term: 15th September Spring Term: 15th January

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 term and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

Application procedure		
Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email)	Website for information
E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
AL VLORE01	armelap@assenglish.org; armela.panajoti@univlora.edu.al Dean, Faculty of Humanities international@univlora.edu.al Projects and International Relations Sector	https://univlora.edu.al/ https://univlora.edu.al/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Regulation-ICM-_english.pdf

Academic and additional requirements		
Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	2 nd year of studies minimum ISCED 5 or ISCED 6 EQF level 5 / 6	
CV		
Motivation letter		

For KA171: Inclusion measures ¹⁰	For KA171: Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities	
Other AL VLORE01	Academic requirements: Subject area: 02/023 Application form (students/staff) Academic requirements for students: 1. Academic achievement. 2. Written and spoken command of English. Academic requirements for staff: 1. Academic merit (ranked according to the academic title/degree) for teaching staff. 2. Work experience/performance (for administrative staff). 3. Written and spoken command of English in compliance with the proficiency level laid down in the inter-institutional agreement.	https://univlora.edu.al/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Regulation-ICM-_english.pdf

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 Charter¹¹.
- 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:

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

- 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.

Preparatory & support measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
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Accommodation	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
Language Support	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
Visa	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
Insurance	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities			e.g. available infrastructure for: Reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments, students/staff with children, etc.
Mentoring	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
Grant payments	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org
Alumni information	E PONTEVE02	Lorena Abreu López / lorena.abreu@edu.xunta.gal / +34 679 16 96 19	http://ribeira.org

Preparatory & support measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
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Accommodation	AL VLORE01	Projects and International Relations international@univlora.edu.al Qyteza Studenti Vlore trajtimi.studentit.vlore@gmail.com	https://univlora.edu.al/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/nderkombtarizimi_2023.pdf https://univlora.edu.al/ ; https://www.facebook.com/people/Qyteza-Studenti-Vlore/100046352926013/
Language Support	AL VLORE01	Armela Panajoti armela.panajoti@univlora.edu.al +355 69 23 844 68	https://univlora.edu.al
Visa	AL VLORE01	Projects and International Relations international@univlora.edu.al	https://univlora.edu.al/
Insurance	AL VLORE01	Projects and International Relations international@univlora.edu.al	https://univlora.edu.al/
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	AL VLORE01	Projects and International Relations international@univlora.edu.al	e.g. available infrastructure for: Reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments, students/staff with children, etc.
Mentoring	AL VLORE01	Armela Panajoti armela.panajoti@univlora.edu.al +355 69 23 844 68	https://univlora.edu.al
Grant payments	AL VLORE01	Projects and International Relations international@univlora.edu.al	https://univlora.edu.al
Alumni information	AL VLORE01	Projects and International Relations international@univlora.edu.al	https://univlora.edu.al

Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECTS• Transcript of records• A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 4 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI. |
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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 4 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 EGRACONS according to the descriptions in the ECTS users' guide¹². 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 PONTEVE02		http://ribeira.org
AL VLORE01	N/A	https://univlora.edu.al/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/nderkombtarizimi_2023.pdf

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

9. Termination of the agreement

The institutions must send a formal notification of termination to the parts involved in this agreement, stating:

- (a) the reasons for termination; and
 - (b) the date on which the termination takes effect at the beginning of the next academic year. This date must be set after the formal notification. The termination takes effect on the day specified in the formal notification.
- "Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict."*

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

SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ¹³
E PONTEVE02	Juana Rosa Muñoz Ibernón Principal ibernon@edu.xunta.es +34 986 33 39 56	23/01/2024	 
AL VLORE01	Roland Zisi Rector	23/01/2024	

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