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**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[1] 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 2021-2027 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 Education[2] and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR[3] and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative[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.

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[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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu | ROSIBIU01 | **Prof. Andrei Terian-Dan, PhD**<br>Vice-Rector<br>Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator<br>andrei.terian@ulbsibiu.ro<br><br>Directorate of Internationalization:Programs, Partnerships, Promotion<br><br>10 Victoriei Blvd. Sibiu 550024 ROMANIA<br>Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512<br>inter-institutional.agreements@ulbsibiu.ro | https://www.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" | AL VLORE01 | **Agreement coordinator:**<br>Prof.Asoc. Elmira Kushta<br>Elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al<br><br>**Administrative contact:**<br>Ms. Romina Tahiraj<br>Director of Research, Development and Third-Party Relations<br>international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

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

**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[7] *(optional)*** | ***Subject area* NAME *(optional)*** | ***Study cycle* [short cycle, 1st, 2nd or 3rd] (opti** | Number of mobility periods **STUDENTS** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | ***Student Mobility for studies*** *[Specify here total* | ***Student Mobility studies*** *[Specify here total number of months]* | ***Student Mobility for Traineeships*** *[Specify here total number of* | ***Student Mobility for Traineeships*** *[Specify here total number of* |

[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.

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

| | | | | onal) | *number of students]* | | *students]* | *months]* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 071ROSIBIU01 | AL VLORE01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 052 | Environment | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| AL VLORE01 | ROSIBIU 01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 052 | Environment | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |

| **FROM [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]** | **TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area* ISCED CODE[8] *(optional)*** | ***Subject area* NAME *(optional)*** | Number of mobility periods **STAFF** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | ***Staff Mobility for Teaching*** *[Specify here total number of staff]* | ***Staff Mobility for Teaching*** *[Specify here total number of days]* | ***Staff Mobility for Training*** *[Specify here total number of staff]* | ***Staff Mobility for Training*** *[Specify here total number of days]* |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ROSIBIU01 | AL VLORE 01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 052 | Environment | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | | Admnistrative staff | | | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| AL VLORE01 | ROSIBIU01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 052 | Environment | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | | Administrative staff | | | 2 | 2x7=14 days |

| **Optional additional information** |
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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 language skills[9] at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support")

*The table serves as a template - the partners are free to adjust it, e.g. to separate requirements for students and staff.*

| **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*] | Staff Mobility [*Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages for teaching: B2*] |
| RO SIBIU01 | | Romanian | English | B1 in English | B2 in English |

[9] 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

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AL VLORE01 | | Albanian | English | B1 in English | B1 in 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.

**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 and repartition of organisational support funds including a list of objectives that both partners consider a priority:

| OS Use and Repartition | Priority Objectives |
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**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[10] |
|---|---|---|
| ROSIBIU01 | Winter Term: from October to February<br>Spring Term: from February to July | 30 June<br>30 November |
| AL VLORE01 | Winter Term: from October to February<br>Spring Term: from February to July | Autumn Term: July 15th<br>Spring Term: November 15th |

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:

| Application procedure | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]** | **Contact details (email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| RO SIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro<br>Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| AL VLORE01 | Email: international@univlora.edu.all | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

| Selection criteria |
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[10] Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

| Requirement | Details | Website for information (optional) |
|---|---|---|
| Academic requirements | Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) already completed / current level of completion of studies<br>Subject area (ISCED code)<br>EQF level<br>No GPA Requirement<br>Language proficiency specified in Article 3. | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| CV | Europass Format | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Motivation letter | In English | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Inclusion measures[11] | Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide)<br>To further enhance the inclusion dimension of KA171, partners are encouraged to discuss indicative targets during selection process. | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Other | Transcript of records for the last semester/academic year (for students)<br>Certificate of foreign language<br>Report on international activities in the previous academic year (for staff)<br>Draft of Staff Teaching/ Training Mobility Programme form | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

## 6. 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*[12].
- 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.
- 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.

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[11] 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

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

# Fwd: Expression of Interest for Erasmus+ KA171 Inter-Institutional Agreement

messages

**nternational Sector** <international@univlora.edu.al> Tue, Oct 27, 2026 at 12:33 PI
o: Keida Zahaj <keida.zahaj@univlora.edu.al>

**Romina Tahiraj (Xhelaj)**
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**Director of Research, Development and Third-Party Relations**
**University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali"**
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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Elmira Kushta** <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al>
Date: Tue, 27 Oct 2026 at 12:32
Subject: Fwd: Expression of Interest for Erasmus+ KA171 Inter-Institutional Agreement
To: Office Coordinator <international@univlora.edu.al>

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **ULBS INTERNATIONAL** <international@ulbsibiu.ro>
Date: Tue, 27 Oct 2026, 09:32
Subject: Re: Expression of Interest for Erasmus+ KA171 Inter-Institutional Agreement
To: Elmira Kushta <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al>

Dear Elmira,

Please find attached the Erasmus+ agreement for your signature. Kindly return a signed copy to us.

With best regards,
Georgiana Comaniciu
Erasmus+ Office

În lun., 26 oct. 2026 la 18:40, Elmira Kushta <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al> a scris:

> Dear Georgiana,
>
> I hope you are doing well.
>
> I am writing to kindly follow up on the draft agreement we sent you and to ask whether it has been signed on your side.
>
> I would also appreciate it if you could let us know whether the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" could be included in the Erasmus+ mobility opportunities for the current academic year.
>
> We would be very pleased to move forward with our cooperation and explore opportunities for student and staff mobility between our institutions.
>
> Thank you very much for your time and cooperation. I look forward to hearing from you.

On Thu, 10 Sept 2026, 02:32 Elmira Kushta, <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al> wrote:

Dear Georgiana,

Please find attached the completed draft agreement.

Could you please sign it first on your side and then send it back to us so that we can sign it as well?

Once again, please accept our sincere apologies for this oversight, and thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

With best regards,
**Elmira**

On Wed, Sep 9, 2026 at 12:56 AM ULBS INTERNATIONAL <international@ulbsibiu.ro> wrote:

Dear Elmira,

Thank you very much for sending the signed agreement and for your kind message.

We noticed that your institution's stamp has also been placed over the section designated for our university's signature and stamp. If possible, could you please revise the document so that our section remains clear and available for us to add our signature and official stamp?

Once we receive the revised version, we will proceed with the signature on our side.

Looking forward to a fruitful collaboration!

With best regards,
Georgiana Comaniciu

În mar., 8 sept. 2026 la 18:48, Elmira Kushta <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al> a scris:

Dear Ms. Comaniciu,

Warm greetings!

Thank you very much for sending us the Erasmus+ template and for your cooperation in preparing the agreement.

Please find attached the agreement duly signed by our side. We are very pleased to establish this cooperation with your university and sincerely look forward to developing a fruitful and long-term partnership between our institutions.

At the same time, we would be very happy to have the opportunity to visit your university and meet with your colleagues in person. We would also be delighted to welcome you and your colleagues to the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" for a reciprocal institutional visit. We believe that such visits would be an excellent opportunity to strengthen our cooperation, identify new areas of common interest, and explore opportunities for joint Erasmus+ projects and other academic activities.

I have also included the **International Relations Office of the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" in CC**, so that they can be informed and involved in the further administrative coordination of our cooperation.

Thank you once again for your kind cooperation. We look forward to working together and to many successful activities between our two universities.

With best regards,

Elmira

On Wed, Aug 5, 2026 at 3:15 AM ULBS INTERNATIONAL <international@ulbsibiu.ro> wrote:

Dear Elmira,

Warm Greetings!

Please find attached the Erasmus+ template. We have completed it with the agreed common subject fields. The sections highlighted in red should be completed with your institutional information.

Georgiana Comaniciu
Erasmus+ Office

În mar., 4 aug. 2026 la 15:18, Elmira Kushta <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al> a scris:

Dear Georgiana,

Thank you very much for your kind reply and for the valuable information provided regarding the academic structure and subject fields of your university.

We highly appreciate your interest in developing cooperation with the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" and we are very pleased about the opportunity to establish an Erasmus+ KA171 Inter-Institutional Agreement between our two institutions. We believe that this cooperation can create valuable opportunities for student and staff mobility, academic exchange, and joint activities.

At the same time, we would be very happy to continue exploring further collaboration opportunities in other areas, including joint projects under Erasmus+ programmes, Horizon Europe, research initiatives, and other international cooperation activities.

We have carefully reviewed the subject fields provided by your university, and the Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences (FSHTN) at the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" is interested in establishing cooperation in the following areas:

- **51 – Biological and related sciences**
- **52 – Environment**
- **54 – Mathematics and Statistics**
- **61 – Information and Communication Technologies**
- **71 – Engineering and Engineering Trades**

We believe that these common academic fields provide a strong basis for initiating our Erasmus+ cooperation and preparing the Inter-Institutional Agreement.

We look forward to your further steps regarding the preparation of the draft agreement and we remain fully available for any additional information or clarification you may need.

Thank you again for your cooperation. We hope this will be the beginning of a fruitful and long-lasting partnership between our universities.

With best regards,

**Prof. Asoc. Dr. Elmira Kushta**
Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences
University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali"

On Tue, 4 Aug 2026, 11:05 ULBS INTERNATIONAL, <international@ulbsibiu.ro> wrote:

Dear Elmira,

Thank you very much for your email and for providing the information about the academic structure of the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali."

After reviewing your proposal, we have identified compatibility with several of your academic departments. However, we are currently unable to establish cooperation in the areas of the Department of Chemistry, the Department of Marine Engineering and Technology, and the Department of Marine Sciences, as we do not have corresponding academic fields at our university.

Please find attached the link to our course curricula: https://international.ulbsibiu.ro, as well as the list of our subject fields. We would be grateful if you could review them and let us know which common subject fields your institution would be interested in including in the Erasmus+ Inter-Institutional Agreement.

Once we identify the common academic areas, we will be pleased to prepare the draft Inter-Institutional Agreement.

We look forward to your reply and to the opportunity of developing a fruitful Erasmus+ partnership between our institutions.

With best regards,

Georgiana Comaniciu
Erasmus+ Office

Thank you very much for your prompt reply and for considering our proposal for an Erasmus+ KA171 Inter-Institutional Agreement.

Please find below the official website of the University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali":

https://univlora.edu.al/

Our cooperation proposal is mainly focused on the **Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences**, which offers study programmes through the following academic departments:

- Department of Biology
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Mathematics and Physics
- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Marine Engineering and Technology
- Department of Marine Sciences

The Faculty also includes the **Scientific Research Centre for Applied Sciences (QKSSA)**, which supports research activities and international scientific cooperation.

For more detailed information regarding our study programmes and courses, you may consult the relevant sections of our university website. If you require a course catalogue, programme descriptions, or any additional documentation, we would be pleased to provide them.

We hope this information will assist you in identifying suitable academic matches between our institutions. We look forward to the opportunity of establishing a fruitful Erasmus+ KA171 partnership with Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.

Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elmira Kushta**
Head of the Research Group in Statistics
Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences
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Vlora, Albania

On Tue, Jul 21, 2026 at 12:35 AM ULBS INTERNATIONAL <international@ulbsibiu.ro> wrote:

> Dear Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kushta,
>
> Thank you for your email and for your interest in establishing an Erasmus+ KA171 Inter-Institutional Agreement with Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
>
> To better assess the possibilities for cooperation, could you please send us your university's website and, if available, a course catalogue or course brochure describing the programmes and courses offered? This information will help us identify potential academic matches between our institutions.
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> We look forward to hearing from you.
>
> Kind regards,
>
> Georgiana Comaniciu
> International Relations Office
> Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu

În mar., 21 iul. 2026 la 01:10, Elmira Kushta <elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al> a scris:

> Dear International Relations Office,
>
> I hope this email finds you well.

between our universities with the aim of promoting academic cooperation and enhancing the mobility of students and academic staff.

Our Faculty of Technical and Natural Sciences offers study programmes in Mathematics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Physics, Statistics, Applied Mathematics, and related scientific disciplines. We believe these academic areas provide a strong basis for fruitful collaboration with your university.

We would be grateful if you could let us know whether your institution would be interested in initiating an Erasmus+ KA171 partnership. If so, we would be pleased to provide any additional information or documentation required and to discuss the next steps toward establishing the agreement.

We look forward to your positive response and sincerely hope to develop a successful and long-term cooperation between our institutions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Eimira Kushta**
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*Universiteti "Ismail Qemali" Vlorë.*

*Head of International Relations*

*University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali".*

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- 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 Education[2] and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR[3] and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative[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

## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu | ROSIBIU01 | Prof. Andrei Terian-Dan, PhD<br>Vice-Rector<br>Erasmus+ Institutional Coordinator<br>andrei.terian@ulbsibiu.ro<br><br>Directorate of Internationalization:Programs, Partnerships, Promotion<br><br>10 Victoriei Blvd. Sibiu 550024 ROMANIA<br>Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512<br>inter-institutional.agreements@ulbsibiu.ro | https://www.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" | AL VLORE01 | **Agreement coordinator:**<br>Prof.Asoc. Elmira Kushta<br>Elmira.kushta@univlora.edu.al<br><br>**Administrative contact:**<br>Ms. Romina Tahiraj<br>Director of Research, Development and Third-Party Relations<br>international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

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

**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[7] *(optional)* | *Subject area* NAME *(optional)* | *Study cycle* [short cycle, 1st, 2nd or 3rd] | Number of mobility periods STUDENTS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | *Student Mobility for studies* [Specify here | *Student Mobility studies* [Specify here total number of | *Student Mobility for Traineeships* [Specify here total | *Student Mobility for Traineeships* [Specify here total |

[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.

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

| | | | | (optional) | *total number of students]* | *months]* | *number of students]* | *number of months]* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 071ROSIBIU01 | AL VLORE01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 052 | Environment | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| AL VLORE01 | ROSIBIU01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 052 | Environment | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 1st 2nd 3rd | 2 | 2x5=10 months | 2 | 2x5=10 months |

| **FROM [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]** | **TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area* ISCED CODE[8] *(optional)*** | ***Subject area* NAME *(optional)*** | Number of mobility periods **STAFF** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | ***Staff Mobility for Teaching*** *[Specify here total number of staff]* | ***Staff Mobility for Teaching*** *[Specify here total number of days]* | ***Staff Mobility for Training*** *[Specify here total number of staff]* | ***Staff Mobility for Training*** *[Specify here total number of days]* |
| ROSIBIU0 | AL | 051 | Biological and | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | VLORE 01 | | related sciences | | | | |
| | | 052 | Environment | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | | Admnistrative staff | | | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| AL VLORE01 | ROSIBI U01 | 051 | Biological and related sciences | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 052 | Environment | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 054 | Mathematics and statistics | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 061 | ICT's | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | 071 | Engineering and engineering trades | 2 | 2x7=14 days | 2 | 2x7=14 days |
| | | | Administrative staff | | | 2 | 2x7=14 days |

| **Optional additional information** |
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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 language skills[9] at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support")

*The table serves as a template - the partners are free to adjust it, e.g. to separate requirements for students and staff.*

| **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*] | Staff Mobility [*Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages for teaching: B2*] |
| RO SIBIU01 | | Romanian | English | B1 in English | B2 in English |
| AL VLORE01 | | Albanian | English | B1 in English | B1 in English |

[9] 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

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.

**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 and repartition of organisational support funds including a list of objectives that both partners consider a priority:

| OS Use and Repartition | Priority Objectives |
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**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[10] |
|---|---|---|
| ROSIBIU01 | Winter Term: from October to February<br>Spring Term: from February to July | 30 June<br>30 November |
| AL VLORE01 | Winter Term: from October to February<br>Spring Term: from February to July | Autumn Term: July 15th<br>Spring Term: November 15th |

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:

| Application procedure | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]** | **Contact details (email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| RO SIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro<br>Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| AL VLORE01 | Email: international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

| Selection criteria | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Requirement** | **Details** | **Website for information (optional)** |

[10] Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

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| Academic requirements | Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) already completed / current level of completion of studies<br>Subject area (ISCED code)<br>EQF level<br>No GPA Requirement<br>Language proficiency specified in Article 3. | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| CV | Europass Format | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Motivation letter | In English | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Inclusion measures[11] | Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide)<br>To further enhance the inclusion dimension of KA171, partners are encouraged to discuss indicative targets during selection process. | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Other | Transcript of records for the last semester/academic year (for students)<br>Certificate of foreign language<br>Report on international activities in the previous academic year (for staff)<br>Draft of Staff Teaching/ Training Mobility Programme form | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

**6. 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*[12].
- 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.
- 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

[11] 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

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

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|---|---|---|---|
| Accommodation | ROSIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ https://www.ulbsibiu.ro/en/the-campus/ |
| Language Support | ROSIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| Visa | ROSIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| Insurance | ROSIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities | ROSIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | Each case will be analysed individually. Reduced mobility: Limited infra-structure to welcome students and staff with physical disabilities |
| Mentoring | ROSIBIU01 | Erasmus Faculty Coordinators | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |
| Grant payments | ROSIBIU01 | Email: international@ulbsibiu.ro Tel / Fax +40 269 210 512 | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/ |

| **Preparatory & Support Measures** | **Institution [Erasmus code or city]** | **Contact details (email, phone)** | **Website for information & arrangements** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accommodation | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Language Support | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Visa | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Insurance | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Mentoring | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Grant payments | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |
| Alumni information | AL VLORE 01 | international@univlora.edu.al | https://univlora.edu.al/ |

### 7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed. [Please specify the recognition tools that will be used, e.g. the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System.]

*The recognition process is carried out at the sending institution. The European credit Transfer and Accumulation System is the recognition tool used by ULBS.*

- 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:
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

### 8. 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' guide[13]. 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** | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RO SIBIU01 | | http://international.ulbsibiu.ro/index.php/erasmus/incoming-students/available-courses-incoming-students/ | | |
| | | **ECTS grades** | **Term used in English** | **Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu grading system** |
| | | A | Excellent | 10 |
| | | B | Very good | 9 |
| | | C | Good | 7,8 |
| | | D | Satisfactory | 6 |
| | | E | Sufficient | 5 |
| | | F/FX | Fail | 1-4 |
| | | **ECTS grades** | **Term used in English** | **grading system** |
| | | A | Excellent | 10 |
| | | B | Very good | 9 |
| | | C | Good | 7,8 |
| | | D | Satisfactory | 6 |

[13] 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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|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | E | Sufficient | 5 |
| | | F/FX | Fail | 4 |

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

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**10. Termination of the agreement**

[It is up to the involved institutions to agree on the procedure for modifying or terminating the inter-institutional agreement. 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. The termination clauses must include the following disclaimer: "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[14]** |
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| University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" ALVLORE01 | University of Vlora "Ismail Qemali" Prof.Dr. Aurela SALIAJ Rector | 09.11.2026 | |
| **Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu** RO SIBIU 01 | Prof. Sorin RADU, PhD Rector | 14.09.2026 | |

[14] Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation