



# Erasmus+ Programme

## Bilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement

### Key Action 1

### Learning Mobility for Higher Education Students and Staff

### among EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme <sup>1</sup>

The institutions agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, including automatic recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution as agreed in the Learning Agreement and confirmed in the Transcript of Records, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules completed abroad, as described in the Course Catalogue, in line with the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System. The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility related data in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative.

#### Grading systems of the institutions

Receiving higher education institutions need to provide a link to the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through EGRACONS according to the descriptions in the ECTS users' guide. The information will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

#### Validity period of the agreement

Timeframe	Academic Year*	Call Year*
Start of validity	[2022/2023]	[2022]
End of validity ✓	2023/2024	2023

<sup>1</sup> Clauses may be added to this template agreement to better reflect the nature of the institutional partnership.

## A. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details <sup>2</sup> (email, phone)	Websites ( General/Faculties/ Course catalogue)
<b>UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA</b> Represented by Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea, Rector address: Piazza S.Pugliatti,1 98123 MESSINA (ITALY)  <b>Department of Biomedical, Dental, Morphological and Functional Imaging Sciences</b>	<b>I MESSINA1</b>	<b>Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Dott. Giuseppe Lucchese, PhD</b> <b>Head of International Mobility Unit</b> glucchese@unime.it  <b>Academic Coordinator Prof. A. Bitto</b> alessandra.bitto@unime.it	<a href="https://www.unime.it/">https://www.unime.it/</a> <a href="https://international.unime.it/">https://international.unime.it/</a>  <a href="https://www.unime.it/it/dipartimenti/biomorf">https://www.unime.it/it/dipartimenti/biomorf</a>
<b>UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND</b>	<b>IS REYKJAVO1</b>	<b>Erasmus Institutional Coordinator :</b> <b>Áslaug Jónsdóttir</b> <b>International Division,</b> <b>Erasmus.agreements@hi.is</b> <b>Háskólatorg, Sæmundargata 4</b> <b>102 Reykjavík</b>  <b>Academic Coordinator:</b> <b>Már Másson, Professor in</b> <b>Medical Chemistry, Faculty of</b> <b>Pharmaceutical Sciences</b> <a href="mailto:mmasson@hi.is">mmasson@hi.is</a>	<a href="https://english.hi.is/nod/e/50023">https://english.hi.is/nod/e/50023</a>

## B. Mobility numbers<sup>3</sup> per academic year

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code (optional)* [ISCED]	Subject area name (optional)*	Field of education – Clarification (optional)	Study cycle [short cycle, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> ] (optional)*	Number of student mobility periods Student Mobility for Studies [total number of students]	Student mobility for Training [total number of months]
I MESSINA01	IS REYKJAVO1	4211 Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology	Biotechnology		1 <sup>st</sup>  2 <sup>nd</sup>		2 x 6 month each

<sup>2</sup> Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

<sup>3</sup> Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions and per education field (optional\*:

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

IS REY KJAV01	I MESSINA01	4211 Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology	Biotechnology		1 <sup>st</sup>  2 <sup>nd</sup>		2 x 6 month each
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**Short-term blended mobility option for students**

By checking this box, the partners confirm that they are willing to exchange students who wish to carry out their mobility in a blended format, a combination of a short-term physical mobility with a virtual component.

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code (optional)* [ISCED]	Subject area name (optional)*	Number of staff mobility periods	
				Staff Mobility for Teaching  [total number of staff]	Staff Mobility for Training (optional)*  [total number of days]
I MESSINA01	IS REYKJAV01	4211 Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology	Biotechnology	2 x 8 hours	2 x 5 days
IS REYKJAV01	I MESSINA01	4211 Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology	Biotechnology	2 x 8 hours	2 x 5 days

**C. 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 at the start of the study or teaching period:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Optional: Subject area	Language of instruc- tion 1	Language of instruc- tion 2	Recommended language of instruction level <sup>4</sup>	
				Student Mobility for Studies  [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching  [Minimum recommended level: B2]
I MESSINA01	IS REYKJAV01	Italian	English *	B1	B2
IS REYKJAV01	I MESSINA01		English*	B2	B2

<sup>4</sup> For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

\* if there're subjects taught in English

## D. Calendar

Nominations of incoming students must reach the institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term* [day/month]	Spring term* [day/month]
I MESSINA01	June, 15 <sup>th</sup>	November, 15 <sup>th</sup>
IS REYKJAV01	April 15	September 15

Applications from incoming students must reach the institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term* [day/month]	Spring term* [day/month]
I MESSINA01	June, 30 <sup>th</sup>	November, 30 <sup>th</sup>
IS REYKJAV01	May 1	October 1

Application procedure for incoming students

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	erasmus@unime.it	<a href="https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/erasmus-incoming-students-for-study/">https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/erasmus-incoming-students-for-study/</a>
IS REYKJAV01		<a href="https://english.hi.is/university/prospective_exchange_students">https://english.hi.is/university/prospective exchange students</a>

## E. Additional requirements

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Requirement	Details	Website for information (if applicable)
I MESSINA01	Academic requirements CV Motivation letter Other	- Number of ECTS credits completed  - Subject area code – ISCED  - EQF level	<a href="https://www.unime.it/it/international/ects-e-diploma-supplement-0">https://www.unime.it/it/international/ects-e-diploma-supplement-0</a>
IS REYKJAV01			

The receiving institution will send its decision within **no later than 5 weeks**.

## Inclusion and accessibility

The institution will provide support to incoming mobile participants with fewer opportunities, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Available infrastructure adjusted for people with:	Description of infrastructure (optional)	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	- Reduced mobility - Hearing impairments - Visual impairments - ...	.	<a href="mailto:servizi.dd@unime.it">servizi.dd@unime.it</a>	<a href="https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/servizidd">https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/servizidd</a>
IS REYKJAV01				

## F. Information

### 1. Housing

The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

### 2. Visa

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	Erasmus Mobility Office Via. Consolato del Mare - 41 Messina - Italy  +39 090 676 8534/8532 <a href="mailto:erasmus@unime.it">erasmus@unime.it</a>	<a href="https://international.unime.it">https://international.unime.it</a> ( See "Services&Facilities" )
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The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

<b>Institution</b> [Erasmus code]	<b>Contact details</b> (email, phone)	<b>Website for information</b>
I MESSINA01	Erasmus Mobility Office Via. Consolato del Mare - 41 Messina - Italy +39 090 676 8534/8532 erasmus@unime.it	<a href="https://international.unime.it">https://international.unime.it</a> ( see "Living in Messina - Residence Permit" )
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### **3. Insurance**

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

<b>Institution</b> [Erasmus code]	<b>Contact details</b> (email, phone)	<b>Website for information</b>
I MESSINA01	Erasmus Mobility Office Via. Consolato del Mare - 41 Messina - Italy +39 090 676 8534/8532 erasmus@unime.it	<a href="https://international.unime.it">https://international.unime.it</a> ( see "Living in Messina - Health Care" )
IS REYKJAV01		<a href="https://english.hi.is/node/20422">https://english.hi.is/node/20422</a>

### **4. Additional information**

<b>Receiving institution</b> [Erasmus code]	<b>Information on recognition process / other useful information:</b>	<b>Contact details</b> (email, phone)	<b>Website for information</b>
I MESSINA01	The University of Messina follows the ECTS system.	erasmus@unime.it	<a href="https://www.unime.it/it/international/ects-e-diploma-supplement-0">https://www.unime.it/it/international/ects-e-diploma-supplement-0</a>
IS REYKJAV01			


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. *[It should normally not exceed five weeks according to the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education guidelines]*

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

### 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 2027 will only take effect as of 1 September 2028+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."]*

### G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code]	Name, function	Date	Signature <sup>5</sup>
I MESSINA01	Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea Rector		
IS REYKJAV01	Áslaug Jónsdóttir Erasmus institutional coordinator	January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2023	

<sup>5</sup> Scanned signatures are accepted