



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 ¹

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.

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

Validity period of the agreement

Timeframe	Academic Year*	Call Year*
Start of validity	[2021/2022]	[2022]
End of validity ✓	[2028/2029]	[2027]

A. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details ² (email, phone)	Websites (General/Faculties/ Course catalogue)
<p>UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA</p> <p>Represented by Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea, Rector address: Piazza S.Pugliatti,1 98123 MESSINA (ITALY)</p> <p>Department of Biomedical, Dental, Morphological and Functional Imaging Sciences</p>	I MESSINA1	<p>Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Dott. Giuseppe Lucchese, PhD Head of International Mobility Unit glucchese@unime.it</p> <p>Academic Coordinator Prof. A. Bitto alessandra.bitto@unime.it</p>	<p>https://www.unime.it/ https://international.unime.it/</p> <p>https://www.unime.it/it/dipartimenti/biomorf</p>
<p>UNIVERSIDAD DEL PAÍS VASCO/ EUSKAL HERRIKO UNIBERTSITATEA (UPV/EHU)</p>	E BILBAO01	<p>BRYAN JOHN LEFERMAN, Director for International Mobility Edificio Biblioteca Central, 2ª pl. Barrio Sarriena s/n 48940 LEIOA – (BIZKAIA) – SPAIN Phone: +34 94 601 2165 Fax: +34 94 601 3590 director.internacional@ehu.eus</p> <p>Bilateral Agreements, International Relations Office Vicerrectorado de Proyección Internacional</p>	<p>http://www.relaciones-internacionales.ehu.es</p>

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

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FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY		Academic Coordinator Maren Ortiz Vicedean for Basque Language and International Affairs Barrio Sarriena, s/n _ 48940 LEIOA (BIZKAIA) – Spain Phone: +34 94 6012311 / Fax: +34 94 6013500 E-mail: ciencia.internacional@ehu.eus Administrative Office: SAECYT Phone: +34 94 6018014 Fax: +34 94 6013500 E-mail: saecyt@ehu.eus	http://www.ehu.es/es/web/ztf -fct

B. Mobility numbers³ 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 st , 2 nd or 3 rd] (optional)*	Number of student mobility periods	
						Student Mobility for Studies [total number of students]	Student mobility for for Training [total number of months]
I MESSINA01	E BILBAO01	0519 Biological and related sciences (<i>Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology</i>)	Biotechnology		1 st	4 x 6 month each	3 x 4 month each
					2 nd	4 x 6 month each	3 x 4 month each
E BILBAO01	I MESSINA01	0519 Biological and related sciences (<i>Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology</i>)	Biotechnology		1 st	2 x 6 month each	3 x 6 month each
					2 nd	2 x 6 month each	3 x 6 month each

³ 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>

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	E BILBAO01	0519 Biological and related sciences (<i>Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology</i>)	Biotechnology	2 x 8 hours	2 x5
E BILBAO01	I MESSINA01	0519 Biological and related sciences (<i>Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology</i>)	Biotechnology	2 x 8 hours	

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 instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended language of instruction level ⁴	
				Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [Minimum recommended level: B2]
I MESSINA01	E BILBAO01	Italian	English *	B1	B2
E BILBAO01	I MESSINA01	Spanish	English	B1	B2

* for subjects taught in English if provided

⁴ 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>

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 th	November, 15 th
E BILBAO01	May 30 th	October 30 th

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 th	November, 30 th
E BILBAO01	June, 30 th	November, 30 th

Application procedure for incoming students

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	erasmus@unime.it	https://international.unime.it/study-with-us/erasmus-incoming-students-for-study/
E BILBAO01	saecyt@ehu.es ciencia.internacional@ehu.es	http://www.ehu.es/es/web/ztf-fct


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	https://www.unime.it/it/international/ects-e-diploma-supplement-0
E BILBAO01	Academic requirements CV Motivation letter Other	- Number of ECTS credits completed - Subject area code – ISCED - EQF level	http://www.ehu.es/en/web/nazioarteko-harremanak/en-grading-system-information

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 MESSINA 01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced mobility - Hearing impairments - Visual impairments - ... 		servizi.dd@unime.it	https://www.unime.it/it/ateneo/servizidd
E BILBAO0 1	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced mobility - Hearing impairments - Visual impairments - Other disability situations 	The UPV/EHU has a Disabled People's Service who works in the three campuses to attend to the needs of the university population with disabilities, taking into account each person's individual circumstances.	discap@ehu.eus	https://www.ehu.eus/en/web/discapacidad/home

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.

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
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I MESSINA01	Erasmus Mobility Office Via. Consolato del Mare – 41 Messina – Italy +39 090 676 8534/8532 erasmus@unime.it	https://international.unime.it (See "Services&Facilities")
E BILBAO01	Campus of Alava: helpcentre1.internacional@ehu.es Campus of Biscay (Leioa): helpcentre2.internacional@ehu.es Campus of Biscay (Bilbao): helpcentre3.internacional@ehu.es Campus of Gipuzkoa: helpcentre4.internacional@ehu.es	http://www.ehu.eus/en/web/nazioarteko-harremanak/en-your-first-nights

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

2. Visa

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:

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 erasmus@unime.it	https://international.unime.it (see "Living in Messina – Residence Permit")
E BILBAO01	Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y Cooperación	http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Portal/en/ServiciosAlCiudadano/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Paginas/RequisitosDeEntrada.aspx Further assistance: helpcentre2.internacional@ehu.es

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:

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 erasmus@unime.it	https://international.unime.it (see "Living in Messina – Health Care")

E BILBAO01	European Commission (Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559 • http://www.ehu.eus/en/web/nazioarteko-harremanak/en-medicalinsurance Further assistance: helpcentre2.internacional@ehu.es
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4. Additional information

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Information on recognition process / other useful information:	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	The University of Messina follows the ECTS system.	erasmus@unime.it	https://www.unime.it/it/international/ects-e-diploma-supplement-0
E BILBAO01			

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.

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 ⁵
I MESSINA01	Prof. Salvatore Cuzzocrea Rector		
E BILBAO01	BRYAN JOHN LEFERMAN, Director for International Mobility		

⁵ Scanned signatures are accepted

