

Erasmus+ Programme, Inter-institutional agreement 2014/15-2020/21

between programme countries. Key Action 1

 Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education, Student and Staff Mobility

The institutions named below 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, in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution.

A. Information about higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY	LT KAUNASO1	Senior specialist Ms Juste Ceckauskaite 1.Ceckauskaite@trt.vdu.it +370 37 327 989 Institutional Coordinator Mrs. Zina Baltreniene office@trt.vdu.it +370 37 327 986	www.vdu.lt/en
Faculty of Social Sciences	LT KAUNAS01	Faculty coordinator Vice-dean Of Faculty of Social Sciences Mrs. Violeta Ivanauskienė v.ivanauskiene@sgi.vdu.lt +370 327 846	http://smf.vdu.lt/index.ph p/en/
Università degli Studi di Messina	I MESSINA01	Institutional Coordinator: Dott.ssa Grazia De Tuzza Settore Relazioni Internazionali - Piazza S.Pugliatti, 1 I-98122 Messina Italy Phone: +390906768531 +39 090 6768532 Fax: +39 090 6768332 Email: relint@unime.it Academic Coordinator: Prof.Berardino Palumbo Dipt. of Human and Social Sciences Email: amurdaca@unime.it	http://www.unime.it

B. Mobility numbers per academic year

The partners commit to amend the table below in case of changes in the mobility data by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year.

Student Mobility for Studies (SMS)

FROM	то	Subject area ISCED	Subject area name ISCED	Study cycle (1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd)	Total Number of students/Total number of months Student Mobility
LT KAUNAS01	I MESSINA01	0314	Sociology and cultural studies	1 st ,2 nd and	for Studies 4/32
I	LT KAUNAS01	0314	Sociology and cultural	1 st ,2 nd and	3/18

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Staff Mobility for Teaching

FROM	ТО	Subject area ISCED	Subject area name ISCED	Total Number of staff mobility/Total number of days Staff Mobility for Teaching STA
LT KAUNAS01	I MESSINA01	0314	Sociology and cultural studies	To be determined: will be agreed on upon request if there is a mutual interest.
I MESSINA01	LT KAUNAS01	0314	Sociology and cultural studies	1*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:

						nmended language of nstruction level
Receiving institution	Option al Subjec t area ISCED	Language of Instruc- tion 1	Language of instruc- tion 2	Language of instruc- tion 3	Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recomme nded level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching
LT KAUNAS01		English	English	English	B2	B2
I MESSINA01		Italian	Italian	English (teachers / staff)	B1 (*)	B2

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- (*) There is no specific language level required, but it is deemed understood that students must have the necessary level to be able to attend lessons and sit exams.
- During both semesters, Italian basic language courses are offered (free of charge).

D. Additional requirements

Infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities

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Useful information:
www.vdu.lt/en/studies/useful-information
Disability-Friendly University:
www.vdu.lt/en/studies/wmmer-schools
www.vdu.lt/en/studies/summer-schools

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The <u>University of Messina</u> welcomes students and staff with disabilities. For questions regarding services to students in need of individual arrangements in connection with studies and/or examinations, please see the following link: http://www.unime.it/sezione disabili/

E. Calendar

1. Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

Receiving institution	Winter term [Sept / Jan] or one academic year	Summer term [Feb / May]
LT KAUNAS01	June 1st	November 15th
I MESSINA01	Nomination deadline: May 15th Application Form: May 30 th	Nomination deadline: October 15 th Application Form: October 30 th

- 2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 3 weeks.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Termination of the agreement

The agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be amended or terminated by the involves parties upon prior notices in writing. In the event of unitaleral agreement 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. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of conflict.

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For more info see:

- http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in-entrata/
- o http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in-entrata/studio/

F. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

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www.vdu.lt/en/studies/academic-information/system-of-credits-and-grading

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http://relint.unime.it/en/internazionalizzazione/diploma-supplement/

http://relint.unime.it/files/2012/09/Tabelle-di-Conversione-voti-con-il-sistema-ECTS-DM270-04.pdf

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users' guide¹. A link to a webpage or the annex to this agreement can be enough.

2. Visa

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outbound 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	Contact details	Website for information	

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ects_en.htm

[Erasmus code]	(email, phone)	
LT KAUNAS01	Senlor Specialist Ms Juste Ceckauskaite, J.Ceckauskaite@trt.vdu.lt, +370 37 327 989	www.vdu.lt/en/studies/useful-information/
I MESSINA01	relint@unime.lt	http://relint.unime.it/files/2012/09/Incoming- Erasmus-Handbook2.pdf (see Compulsory fulfillments-Italian immigration rules)

3. Insurance

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outbound 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.

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LT KAUNAS01	Senior Specialist Ms Juste Ceckauskaite, <u>J.Ceckauskaite@trt.vdu.lt</u> , +370 37 327 989	www.vdu.lt/en/studies/useful- information/
I MESSINA01	relint@unime.it	http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in- entrata/informazioni-utili/ (see Health insurance)

4. 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.

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
LT KAUNAS01	housing@osa.vdu.lt +370 37 327 977	www.vdu.lt/en/studies/useful- information/accommodation
I MESSINA01	relint@unime.it	http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in- entrata/informazioni-utili/ (see Accommodation and meals)

5. Student Services

Institution	Contact details	Website for information
[Erasmus code]	(email, phone)	
LT KAUNAS01	Senior Specialist Ms Juste Ceckauskaite, J.Ceckauskaite@trt.vdu.lt, +370 37 327 989	www.vdu.lt/en/studies/useful- information/
I MESSINA01	relint@unime.it	http://relint.unime.it/en/mobilita-in- entrata/informazioni-utili/

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G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution	Name function	Date	Signature ²
LT KAUNAS01	Mrs. Violeta Ivanauskienė Faculty coordinator	29 04 2014	
LT KAUNAS01	Institutional Coordinator Mrs. Zina Baltreniene	06-08-2014	Jackley
I MESSINA01	Prof. Pietro Navarra	MAG. 201	t GII O

² Scanned signatures are accepted