

(2021-2027)

# **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 $${\scriptstyle 1}$$

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 <u>Erasmus Charter for Higher Education</u> in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, including <u>automatic recognition</u> 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 <u>European Credit</u> <u>Transfer and Accumulation System</u>. The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility related data in line with the technical standards of the <u>European Student Card Initiative</u>.

#### 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 <u>EGRACONS</u> according to the descriptions in the <u>ECTS users' guide</u>. 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*
Start of validity	[2025/2026]
End of validity	[2028/2029]

\* One of the two options should be selected.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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	Erasmus	Contact details <sup>2</sup>	Websites
institution (and department, where relevant)	code	(E-mail, phone)	(General/Faculties / Course catalogue)
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA Represented by Prof.ssa Giovanna Spatari, Rector address: Piazza S.Pugliatti,1 98123 MESSINA (ITALY) Department of Engineering	I MESSINA 01	Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Dott. Giuseppe Lucchese, PhD Head of International Mobility Unit glucchese@unime.it Academic Coordinator Prof. Giovanni Crupi giovanni.crupi@unime.it	https://www.unime.it/ https://international.unime.i t/ Corsi di studio   <u>Course Catalogue,</u> Università degli Studi
UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE VALÈNCIA (UPV) – Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros Industriales (ETSII)	E VALENCI02	Mr. José Francisco Monserrat del Río Vice-Rector for Internationalization and Communication vic@upv.es http://www.opioi.upv.es Mr. Javier SANCHIS SÁEZ Academic Coordinator Vice-Dean for International Relations +34 96 387 71 72 internacional@etsii.upv.es www.etsii.upv.es Mrs. Arantxa QUEROL MONFORTE Admin. Contact International Relations Manager ETSII internacional@etsii.upv.es	di Messina (cineca.it) UPV website www.upv.es ETSII website www.etsii.upv.es Course catalogue https://www.upv.es/ entidades/OPII/info web/pi/info/818871n ormali.html

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

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

[Paragraph to be added, if the agreement is signed for more than one 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.]

FROM	area code area n		Subject area name	Study cycle [short cycle,	Number of student mobility periods	
[Erasmus code of the sending	[Erasmus code of the receiving	(optional)* [ISCED]	(optional)*	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> ] (optional)*	Student Mobility for Studies	Student mobility for Studies
institution]	institution]		(optional		<i>[total number of students<b>]</b></i>	[total number of months]
I MESSINA01	E VALENCI02	0914	Biomedical Engineering	1 <sup>st,</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	10
E VALENCI02	I MESSINA01	0914	Biomedical Engineering	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	10

#### X 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	то	Subj ect	Subject area		Number of st	taff mobility p	eriods
[Erasmus code of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	area code (opti onal )* [ISC ED]	name (option al)*	Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of staff]	Staff Mobility for Teaching <i>[total</i> number of days ]	Staff Mobility for Training (optional)* [total number of staff]	Staff Mobility for Training (optional)* [total number of days]
I MESSINA01	E VALENCI02	0914		1	5	N/A	N/A
E VALENCI02	I MESSINA01	0914		1	5	N/A	N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions and per education field (optional\*: <u>https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-</u>%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf)

## 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	Optional: Subject area	Language of instruc- tion 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended language of instruction level <sup>4</sup>	
[Erasmus code]	area			Student Mobility for Studies	Staff Mobility for Teaching
				[Minimum recommended level: B1]	[Minimum recommended level: B2]
I MESSINA01		Italian		B1	B2
E VALENCI02		Spanish	English (Courses at ETSII have tuition in Spanish and, in addition, only a set of these courses have one group with tuition in English and limited places, available for exchange students)	B1 Spanish (Although B2 is recommended) Or B2 of English & A2 of Spanish, for courses taught in English	

\* Language 1

For exchange students who intend to follow only courses held in Italian language, Italian language requirements available at this link:

https://international.polito.it/admission/exchange programmes/language requirements/language requirem ents for erasmus and bilateral agreement

Language 2

For exchange students who intend to follow only courses held in English language, English language requirements available at this link: https://international.polito.it/admission/exchange\_programmes/language\_requirements/

https://international.polito.it/admission/exchange\_programmes/language\_requirements/language\_requirem ents\_for\_erasmus\_and\_bilateral\_agreement

Language 1+2

For exchange students who intend to follow courses in English and Italian, language requirements available at this link:

https://international.polito.it/admission/exchange\_programmes/language\_requirements/language\_

Language 1 or 2

For Exchange students who only undertake project work (and do not visit taught courses): depending on the language chosen for the thesis in accordance with the academic advisor. Language requirements available at this link:

https://international.polito.it/admission/exchange\_programmes/language\_requirements/language\_

http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr

<sup>&</sup>lt;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

#### **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, 15th	November, 15th
E VALENCIO2 (ETSII)	30 <sup>th</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> September

#### Applications from incoming students must reach the institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term* [day/month]	Spring term* [day/month]
I MESSINA01	June, 30th	November, 30th
E VALENCIO2 (ETSII)	15 <sup>th</sup> May	15 <sup>th</sup> October

# 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/mobility/incoming-mobility/erasmus- incoming-students-study	
E VALENCI02	opii@upv.es	https://www.upv.es/entidades/OPII/infoweb/pi/info/818856normali.html	

# **E. Additional requirements**

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Requirement	Details	Website for information (if applicable)
I MESSINA01		<ul> <li>Number of ECTS</li> <li>credits completed</li> <li>Subject area code</li> <li>ISCED</li> </ul>	https://www.unime.it/international/tabelle- ects
E VALENCI02	https://www.upv.es/entidad	es/OPII/index-en.html	

The receiving institution will send its decision within 5 weeks, and 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			<u>servizi.dd@unime.it</u>	https://international.unime.it/se rvices/disability-sld-services- students
E VALENCI02			<u>cedat@upv.es</u> +34963877036	https://www.upv.es/entidades/CAD L

# F. Information

# <u>1. Housing</u>

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 (e-mail, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01		https://international.unime.it/s ervices/facilities/housing
E VALENCI02		https://www.upv.es/perfiles/estudi ante/alojamientos-upv-en.html

# <u>2. Visa</u>

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 (e-mail, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	Erasmus Mobility Office Messina – Italy +39 090 676 8534/8532 <u>erasmus@unime.it</u>	https://international.unime.it/messina/residence- permit
E VALENCI02	opii@upvnet.upv.es +34 963877002 Camino de Vera, s/n. E-46022 VALENCIA	<u>www.opii.upv.es</u>

#### 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 (e-mail, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	Erasmus Mobility Office Messina – Italy +39 090 676 8534/8532 <u>erasmus@unime.it</u>	https://international.unime.it/messina/ health-care
E VALENCI02	opii@upvnet.upv.es +34 963877002 Camino de Vera, s/n. E-46022 VALENCIA	<u>www.opii.upv.es</u>

#### 4. Additional information

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Information on recognition process / other useful information:	Contact details (e-mail, phone)	Website for information
I MESSINA01	The University of Messina follows the ECTS system.	erasmus@unime.it	https://www.unime.it/international/tabelle- ects
E VALENCI02	Course catalogue www.etsii.upv.es		www.opii.upv.es

#### Grading System – E VALENCI02

МН	Matrícula de Honor	Distinction (normally awarded above 9.5 and maximum to 1 student per group of 20)
9 to 10	Sobresaliente	Excellent
7 to 8,9	Notable	Good
4,9 to 6,9	Aprobado	Pass
0 to 4,9	Suspenso	Fail
NP	No presentado	Coursework / final exam(s) not completed

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**

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 of one academic year will only take effect as of 1 September of the following academic year. 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."

Institution [Erasmus code]	Name, function	Date	Signature <sup>5</sup>
I MESSINA01	Prof.ssa Giovanna Spatari Rector		
E VALENCI02	José Francisco Monserrat del Río Vice Rector Internationalization and Communication		

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Scanned signatures are accepted