Erasmus+

Key Action 1
– Mobility for learners and staff –
Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

Inter-institutional[1] agreement 2014-20[21][2]
between institutions from
Programme and Partner Countries[3]

[Minimum requirements][4]

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 of the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits (or equivalent) awarded to students by the partner institution. The institutions also commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+.

A. Information about higher education institutions

Full name of the institution / country	Erasmus code or city[5]	Contact details[6] (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
University of Palermo	I PALERMO01	**Valeria Floriano** International programs valeria.floriano@unipa.it Tel: +3909123893832 **Serena Marcenò** LM-81 Cooperazione e sviluppo" serena.marceno@unipa.it Tel: +3909123863333	www.unipa.it

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[1] Inter-institutional agreements can be signed by two or more higher education Institutions (HEIs), at least one of them must be located in a Programme Country of Erasmus+.

[2] Higher Education Institutions have to agree on the period of validity of this agreement

[3] Erasmus+ Programme Countries are the 28 EU countries, the EFTA countries and other European countries as defined in the Call for proposals. Eligible Partner Countries are listed in the Programme Guide.

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

[5] Higher Education Institutions (HEI) from Erasmus+ Programme Countries should indicate their Erasmus code while Partner Country HEIs should mention the city where they are located.

[6] Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement.

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[...]			

B. Mobility numbers[7] 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 [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	Subject area code * [ISCED]	Subject area name *	Study cycle [short cycle, 1st, 2nd or 3rd] *	Number of student mobility periods	
					Student Mobility for Studies [total number of months of the study periods or average duration*]	Student Mobility for Traineeships * [Not relevant for calls 2015-2017]
I PALERMO01	TUNIS	031	Social and behavioural sciences	2nd	48 (8 students x 6 months)	
		048	Computing	2nd	24 (4 students x 6 months)	
		031	Social and behavioural sciences	2nd	48 (8 students x 6 months)	
		031	Social and behavioural sciences	3rd	6 (1 student x 6 months)	
TUNIS	I PALERMO01	031	Social and behavioural sciences	2nd	60 (10 students x 6 months)	
		048	Computing	2nd	24 (4 students x 6 months)	
		031	Social and behavioural sciences	2nd	60 (10 students x 6 months)	

*[*Optional: subject area code & name and study cycle are optional.]*

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[7] Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions *and per education field (optional*:*
http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/international-standard-classification-of-education.aspx)

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code * [ISCED]	Subject area name *	Number of staff mobility periods	
				Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of days of teaching periods or average duration *]	Staff Mobility for Training *
I PALERMO01	TUNIS	031	Social and behavioural sciences	28 (2 staff x 14 gg)	5 (1 staff x 5 gg)
		048	Computing	28 (2 staff x 14 gg)	
		031	Social and behavioural sciences	10 (2 staff x 5 gg)	
		031	Social and behavioural sciences	5 (1 staff x 5 gg)	
TUNIS	I PALERMO01	031	Social and behavioural sciences	56 (4 staff x 14 gg)	10 (2 x 5 gg)
		048	Computing	66 (2 staff x 14 gg e 2 x 5)	
		031	Social and behavioural sciences	10 (2 staff x 5 gg)	

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 or city]	Optional: Subject area	Language of instruc-tion 1	Language of instruc-tion 2	Recommended language of instruction level[8]	
				Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [Minimum recommended level: B2]
I PALERMO01		English	Italian	B1	B2
TUNIS		English	Italian	B1	B2

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution *[Links provided on the first page].*

D. Respect of fundamental principles and other mobility requirements

The higher education institution(s) located in a **Programme Country** of Erasmus+ must respect the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education of which it must be a holder. The charter can be found here: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/erasmus-charter_en

The higher education institution(s) located in a **Partner Country** of Erasmus+ must respect the following set of principles and requirements:

The higher education institution agrees to:

- Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination and to promote and ensure equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.

- Apply a selection process that is fair, transparent and documented, ensuring equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility.

- Ensure recognition for satisfactorily completed activities of study mobility and, where possible, traineeships of its mobile students.

- Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming students 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.

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[8] 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

The higher education institution located in a **Partner Country** of Erasmus+ further undertakes to:

Before mobility

- Provide information on courses (content, level, scope, language) well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.

- Ensure that outbound mobile participants are well prepared for the mobility, including having attained the necessary level of linguistic proficiency.

- 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 enterprises and the mobile participants.

- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants. Costs for visas can be covered with the mobility grants. See the information / visa section for contact details.

- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants. The institution from the Partner Country should inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Costs for insurance can be covered with the organisational support grants. See the information / insurance section for contact details.

- Provide guidance to incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation. See the information / housing section for contact details.

During and after mobility

- Ensure equal academic treatment and services for home students and staff and incoming mobile participants and integrate incoming mobile participants into the institution's everyday life, and have in place appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants as well as appropriate linguistic support to incoming mobile participants.

- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement as counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.

- Provide, free-of-charge, incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with transcripts in English or in the language of the sending institution containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of their mobility period.

- Support the reintegration of mobile participants and give them the opportunity, upon return, to build on their experiences for the benefit of the Institution and their peers.

- Ensure that staff are given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement.

E. Additional requirements

[To be completed if necessary. Other requirements may be added on academic or organisational aspects, e.g. the selection criteria for students and staff; any split of organisational support funds among the partners; measures for preparing, receiving and integrating mobile students and/or staff including cultural preparation before mobility; the recognition tools used]

[Please specify whether the institutions have the infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities.]

The University of Palermo haS the infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities. See table below for contact details.

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I PALERMO01	gabriella.turano@unipa.it +39 09123899523	http://portale.unipa.it/scuole/s.u.p.c./borse/erasmus.html

F. Calendar

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

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term*	Term*
I PALERMO01	JUNE	OCTOBER
TUNIS	JUNE	OCTOBER

[to be adapted in case of a trimester system]*

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within [x] weeks.

3. A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than [xx] 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]*

4. 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."]

G. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

[It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users' guide[9]. A link to a webpage can be enough. The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.]

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Examinations are graded according to a scale ranging from 0 to 30, with 18 as a pass mark. A "cum laude" may be added to the highest grade (30; 30 e lode) as a mention of special distinction. All examination results are used to calculate the overall degree mark on a scale of 0 – 110. The final result is based on exam results plus the presentation of a project or dissertation in front of a Board of Examiners. The pass mark is 66 and students who obtain full marks of 110 may also be awarded 'summa cum laude' (110 e lode).

Statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users' guide will be available at http://portale.unipa.it/amministrazione/area2/uoa06/grading-systems/

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The student workload is 60 ECTS per a full academic year (30 ECTS/term). Bachelor/Master cycle structure models most commonly implemented 180 + 120 ECTS (3 + 2 academic years).

The Tunisian grading system is mostly a 20 point grading scale. In order to successfully complete each and every unit, the student must obtain a minimum classification of 10, in a scale of 0 20

Numeric	Description	Translation
16-20*	Très Bien	Very good
14-15	Bien	Good
12-13	Assez Bien	Good enough
10-11	Passable	Pass
0-9	Ajourné	Fail

*[Grades 19 and 20 are practically never given in the Humanities]

Conversion mark table

Country	GRADE					
	F	E	D	C	B	A
	Insufficient/Failure	Sufficient	Satisfactory	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Italy	<18	18-20	21-23	24-27	28-30	30 e lode
Tunisia	<10 insuffisant	10 passable	11 passable	12-13 assez bien	14-15 bien	16-20 très bien

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[9] http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/docs/ects-guide_en.pdf

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 [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I PALERMO01	studentistranieri.cot@unipa.it +3909123865500	http://portale.unipa.it/strutture/cot/Sportelli_e_Servizi/Sportello_Accoglienza_Studenti_Stranieri/index.html
TUNIS	fethinagga@libero.it samiramechri@yahoo.com lobna.zakraoui@utm.tn	www.utm.rnu.tn

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:

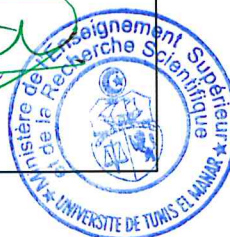| Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I PALERMO01	UO - Polizze e denuncie assicurative e-mail: stella.neri@unipa.it Tel: +39 091 238 90809	http://portale.unipa.it/amministrazione/area5/set40/polizze/
TUNIS	fethinagga@libero.it samiramechri@yahoo.com lobna.zakraoui@utm.tn	www.utm.rnu.tn

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:

Instituti on [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
I PALERMO01	CASAUNIPA - Servizio Alloggi Viale delle Scienze – Ed. "3" Segreteria Studenti – 90128 Palermo Tel. 091.23890905 email: servizioalloggi@unipa.it	http://portale.unipa.it/amministrazione/area1/ssp10/CASAUNIPA.html
TUNIS	fethinagga@libero.it samiramechri@yahoo.com lobna.zakraoui@utm.rnu.tn	www.utm.rnu.tn

G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature[10]
I PALERMO01	Prof.ssa Ada Maria Florena Vice Rector for Internationalization	12 -07- 17	
TUNIS	Prof. Fethi Sellaouti President of The University of Tunis El Manar	- 8 JUIN 2017	

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