

# Erasmus+ Programme Inter-institutional agreement Key Action 1 Learning mobility for higher education students and staff

between EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

The institutions¹ named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. This agreement is valid for the Erasmus+ call years 2021-2027 in:

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The institutions commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+ and to respect the quality requirements of the Programme, outlined in the <u>Erasmus Charter for Higher Education</u><sup>2</sup> and in this agreement. The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the <u>principles of GDPR</u><sup>3</sup> and in line with the technical standards of the <u>European Student Card Initiative</u><sup>4</sup>, when this becomes available for international mobility involving third countries not associated to the Programme.

Sending institutions located in EU/EEA countries have to ensure compliance with the provisions of art. 46 GDPR for all participants' personal data exchanged in the context of their mobility with institutions from non-EU/EEA countries without an adequacy decision, on the condition that enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies for data subjects are available in the respective third country. The participants

should be informed in a transparent manner about the level of protection of their personal data, if this is different from the one where the sending institution is located.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

<sup>-</sup> Bilateral agreements are for cooperation between one higher education institution located in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme

<sup>-</sup> Multilateral agreements are for cooperation between a mobility consortium of higher education institutions located in one single EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme.

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter\_en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr\_en

<sup>4</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative\_en

## 1. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department where relevant)	Erasmus code or city <sup>5</sup>	Contact details <sup>6</sup> (email, phone)	Websites
	ROSUCEAVA01	Institutional Coordinator:	General: https://usv.ro/en/homepage-2021
Stefan cel Mare		Prof. Stefan PURICI	
University of Suceava - Romania		Office for International Relations and European	Faculty/faculties: https://usv.ro/en/homepage-2021/
		Affairs, str. Universitatii, nr. 13, 720229 - Suceava;	Course catalogue: https://relint.usv.ro/
		tel. +230520316;	
		Fax: +40230520316	
		Email: relint@usm.ro	
Qainar Academy	PIC 884498866	Intitutional Coordinator :	General: https://www.kainar-edu.kz/en/
		Regina Ovsyannikova	Faculty/faculties:
		International Department	Course catalogue: https://www.kainar-edu.kz/en/admission/?id=671&data=671
		125/185, Baizakov str., 050026 – Almaty	
		Tel. +77476736334	
		Email: r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Higher education institutions (HEIs) from EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme should indicate their Erasmus code; HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme should mention the city where they are located.

 $<sup>^{6}</sup>$  Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

## 2. Mobility numbers per academic year

The partners agree to update the mobility data, whenever possible, by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year formally via an amendment of the inter-institutional agreement. In case of later updates in the mobility data, the partners can also agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof).

## Number of student and staff mobility periods

FROM	то	Subj ect	Subject area	Stud y		Number of m	obility periods	
[Erasmus code or city of the	[Erasmus code or city of the	area ISCE	NAME (optional)	cycle [shor	Student Mobility	Student Mobility	Staff Mobility	Staff Mobility
	receiving institutio n]	D COD E <sup>7</sup>		t cycle , 1st , 2nd	[Specify here total number of students]	[Specify here total number of months]	[Specify here total number of staff]	[Specify here total number of days]
		onal)		or 3rd]				
				(opti onal)				
		0222	History	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		0111	Education Science	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
RO	PIC	023	Languages	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
SUCEAVA01	SUCEAVA01 884498866	0312	Political Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		041	Business and Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		0311	Economics	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		0421	Law	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		061	Information and communication technologies	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		1014	Sports	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
		0222	History	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
PIC 884498866	RO SUCEAVAO	0111	Education Science	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
	1	023	Languages	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf

0312	Political Sciences	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
041	Business and Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
0311	Economics	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
0421	Law	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
061	Information and communication technologies	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5
1014	Sports	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2	5	3	5

## Optional additional information

e.g. blended mobility, etc.

## 3. 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 <u>language skills</u> at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

Receiving	Subject	Language La of instruction	Language of	Recomme	ended level	
institution [Erasmus code or city]	area (Optional)	of instruction 1	instruction 2	Student Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages: B1]	Staff Mobility  [Minimum  recommended level  in at least one of the  languages for  teaching: B2]	
ROSUCEAVA01		Romanian	English	В1	В2	
PIC 884498866		Kazakh/russian	English	B1	B2	

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution. The links to the course catalogue are provided in the first section.

## 4. Partnership arrangements: fees and organisational support funds

In accordance with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, partners commit to charge no additional fees to students:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, it is recommended to use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

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

- In connection with the organization or administration of their Erasmus+ mobility period. Any violation to this
  rule by the partners shall be brought to the attention of the National Agency and may lead to the termination
  of the participation in the project linked to this inter-institutional agreement, if no corrective measures are
  taken.
- 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.

Partners agree on the following use and repartition of organisational support funds including a list of objectives that both partners consider a priority:

OS Use and Repartition	Priority Objectives
The distribution of funds will be possible in the conditions of overcoming the pandemic situation	Organizing incoming staff and students mobilities ( welcome meetings, trips, welcome meals)
and on the basis of some additional bilateral agreements	Visa costs

## 5. Outreach and Selection of participants: calendar, application procedure and requirements

- Partners commit to doing outreach to participants with fewer opportunities to encourage their participation in the Programme and, where needed, agree on a common strategy to meet indicative inclusion targets.
- Partners commit to running selection procedures for mobility activities that are fair, transparent and documented, ensuring equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility. The calls for applications must be public and an appeal procedure must be in place. Under no circumstances, shall applicants and selected participants incur any costs during application and selection procedures.
- In the case of student mobility, partners will ensure that other elements beyond academic merit are taken into
  account to ensure participation of students with fewer opportunities. Selection criteria and procedures must be
  clearly communicated in the call for applications.

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

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term duration	Deadline <sup>9</sup>
ROSUCEAVA01	Winter Term: from October to February  Spring Term: from March to July	1 <sup>st</sup> August
PIC 884498866	Winter Term: from September to December  Spring Term: from January to May	1 <sup>st</sup> August

The receiving institution will send its decision within [2] weeks and no later than 5 weeks.

The partners commit to have a fair, transparent, coherent and documented application and selection procedure outlined in their respective websites and regularly updated, together with the contact details of the relevant department:

Receiving Institution Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	https://relint.usv.ro/
PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar-edu.kz	https://www.kainar-edu.kz/en/

#### Selection criteria

Please sum up in this table the selection criteria. This is a non-exhaustive list – partners are invited to agree on the eventual list of selection criteria.

Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	Minimum 60 ECTS credits already completed Satisfactory academic results	
CV		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

Motivation letter		
Inclusion measures <sup>10</sup>	Persons coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, those dealing with issues of inclusion and diversity and those with disabilities will be encouraged to participate	
Other		

#### 6. Preparation and support

The Higher Education Institution(s) in an EU Member State or associated third country commit(s) to:

- Ensure that students are aware of their rights and obligations as defined in the Erasmus+ Student Charter<sup>11</sup>.
- Arrange travels or provide a pre-financing of the grant to reduce the costs that participants need to cover upfront, to the extent possible.

All involved Higher Education Institutions commit to the following preparation and support measures. Information and assistance can be provided by the contact points and information sources in the table below:

- The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the
  requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. It is considered best practice to use the individual
  grant to pay for the deposit of dormitories.
- Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for their activities abroad, including blended mobility, by undertaking activities to achieve the necessary level of linguistic proficiency and develop their intercultural competences.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and, if needed, use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile
  participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and use project funds
  in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full. The receiving institution will inform mobile
  participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided.
- The receiving institution will inform about the existence of relevant infrastructure and provide support to incoming participants with fewer opportunities.
- Provide appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants, including for those
  pursuing blended mobility, as well as integrate incoming mobile participants into the wider student
  community and in the Institution's everyday life.
- Provide participants with their grant as soon as possible upon arrival, including if necessary a first payment
  using cash, check or similar to avoid delays linked to opening a bank account.
- The institutions commit to encourage participants to act as ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme and share their mobility experience, e.g. by providing information about the existence of Erasmus+ alumni networks, inviting former participants in promotion activities, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> You may find the implementation guidelines of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity</a> en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter</a> en

Preparatory & Institution Support [Erasmus Measures code or city]		Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	https://relint.usv.ro/erasmus- students/incoming-mobilities/
	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	
Language Support	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	https://relint.usv.ro/erasmus- students/incoming-mobilities/
	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	
Visa	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	http://igi.mai.gov.ro/en/content/coming-trip- romania
	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	
Insurance	ROSUCEAVA01		University only informs the participants of the necessity of having a medical insurance during the mobility period.
	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	University informs the participants of the necessity of having a medical insurance during the mobility period.
Inclusion of participants with fewer	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	available infrastructure for reduced mobility students/staff
opportunities	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	available infrastructure for reduced mobility students/staff
Mentoring	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	https://relint.usv.ro/erasmus- students/erasmus-coordinators/
	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	
Grant payments	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	
Alumni information	ROSUCEAVA01	relint@usm.ro	
	PIC 884498866	r.ovsyannikova@kainar- edu.kz	

#### 7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed.

ROSUCEAVA01 - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

PIC 884498866 - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System

- 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 non-academic organizations and the mobile participants.
- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules
  completed abroad, as automatically counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily
  completed by the mobile student.
- Partners commit to taking measures to ensure recognition of student and staff mobility upon their return, including:
  - O Providing incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with free-of-charge transcripts. The documents must be in English or in the language of the sending institution and containing a full, accurate and timely record of the achievements at the end of the mobility period.
  - O 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.
  - O Providing students on traineeships and staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.

#### 8. Grading systems of the institutions

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through  $\underline{\mathsf{EGRACONS}}$  according to the descriptions in the  $\underline{\mathsf{ECTS}}$  users' guide 12. The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	EGRACONS [If applicable]	Website for information
ROSUCEAVA01		https://relint.usv.ro/wp- content/uploads/sites/39/2020/06/Local-grading-systems- 2020.pdf
PIC 884498866		

## 9. Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)

#### 10. Termination of the agreement

The present inter-institutional agreement is valid until 2027. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide\_en

include the following disclaimer: "Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict."]

# SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature
ROSUCEAVA01	Prof.univ.dr.ing. Valentin POPA, RECTOR	25.112022	Universitatea Stefancel Mare din Sucaava
PIC 884498866	Prof. Aisulu JANEGIZOVA, RECTOR	November 16, 2012	direk

 $<sup>^{13}</sup>$  Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation