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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 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
Start of validity	2024/2025
End of validity	2028/2029

A. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details ² (email, phone)	Website
BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES Institute of Molecular Biology	BG SOFIA30	Institutional Coordinator and Vice-President for international relations Institutional Coordinator: Prof. Evdokia Pasheva, DSc Vice-President of BAS eva@bio21.bas.bg	www.bas.bg
		Academic Contact Prof. Iva Ugrinova ugryiva@gmail.com	https://www.iche.bas.bg/en/
		Administrative Contact Erasmus Coordinator: Tomina Galibova, Chief Expert Agreements, Student mobility, Incoming mobility (+359 2) 979 5387 erasmus@cu.bas.bg 1, 15 Noemvri Str, room 103 1040 Sofia, BULGARIA Erasmus Coordinator 2: Tsvetomir Yonchev, Junieur Expert Outgoing Staff mobility (+359 2) 979 5235 erasmus@cu.bas.bg 1, 15 Noemvri Str, room 103 1040 Sofia, BULGARIA	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
PANEPISTIMIO PATRON (UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS) Department of Agriculture	G PATRA01	Department of International Affairs Department of International Affairs University of Patras Campus, Building A' 265 04 Rio, Patras – Greece +30 2610 969029 intern.rel@upatras.gr Outgoing Students SMS: +30 2610 996613 llp.outgoing@upatras.gr Outgoing Students SMP & Financial Management: +30 2610 969036 llp.placements@upatras.gr	https://www.upatras.gr/en/

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

			<p>Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Teaching & Training (STA, STT) +30 2610 996610 llp.outgoing@upatras.gr</p> <p>EU Inter-institutional agreements: +30 2610 997987/969029 intern.rel@upatras.gr</p> <p>Incoming mobility: +30 2610 997987 llp.incoming@upatras.gr</p> <p>Non-EU Inter-institutional agreements, Erasmus+ KA107 International Credit Mobility: +30 2610 996610 intern.rel@upatras.gr</p>	
		Departmental Coordinator	<p>Dr. Georgios Bourantas Department of Agriculture University of Patras Nea Ktiria 30200 Messolonghi, Greece ☎ +30 6988287921 ☎ (+30) 2631058443 ✉ gbourantas@upatras.gr</p>	http://agriculture.upatras.gr/?lang=en
		Academic contact	<p>Prof. Maria Papadaki ✉ marpapadaki@upatras.gr ☎ +30 2631 58428</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Vlassoula Bekiari ✉ bbekiari@upatras.gr ☎ +30 2631 58229 University of Patras Department of Agriculture Nea Ktiria 30200 Messolonghi, Greece</p>	https://agriculture.upatras.gr/?page_id=3085
		Administrative Contact	<p>Prof. Maria Papadaki ✉ marpapadaki@upatras.gr ☎ +30 2631 58428</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Vlassoula Bekiari ✉ bbekiari@upatras.gr ☎ +30 2631 58229 University of Patras Department of Agriculture Nea Ktiria 30200 Messolonghi, Greece</p>	https://agriculture.upatras.gr/?page_id=3085

B. Mobility numbers³ 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.

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code [ISCED]	Subject area name	Study cycle [short cycle, 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd]	Number of student mobility periods			
					Student Mobility for Studies [total number of students]	Student mobility for Studies [total number of months]	Student Mobility for Traineeships [total number of students]	Student Mobility for Traineeships [total number of months]
BG SOFIA30	G PATRA01	0721 0511	Food processing Biology	3 RD			2	10
G PATRA01	BG SOFIA30	0721 0511	Food processing Biology	3 RD			2	10

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 (only for teaching) [ISCED]	Subject area name (only for teaching)	Number of staff mobility periods			
				Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of staff]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of days]	Staff Mobility for Training [total number of staff]	Staff Mobility for Training [total number of days]
BG SOFIA30	G PATRA01	0721 0511	Food processing Biology	2	10	2	10
G PATRA01	BG SOFIA30	0721 0511	Food processing Biology	2	10	2	10

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>)

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]	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]
BG SOFIA30	Bulgarian	English	B1 (EN)	B2 (EN)
G PATRA01	Greek	English	B2 (EN)	B2 (EN)

D. Calendar

Nominations of incoming students must reach the institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term* [day/month]	Spring term* [day/month]
BG SOFIA30	June 1st	December 1st
G PATRA01	May 20th	September 30th

Applications from incoming students must reach the institution by:

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term* [day/month]	Spring term* [day/month]
BG SOFIA30	June 15th	December 15th
G PATRA01	June 20th	October 31st

Application procedure for incoming students

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
BG SOFIA30	+359 2 979 5387 erasmus@cu.bas.bg	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
G PATRA01	+30 2610 997987/969029 llp.incoming@upatras.gr	https://www.upatras.gr/en/international/erasmus/programma-erasmus/mobility-for-studies/

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>

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
BG SOFIA30	- Reduced mobility - Visual impairments	Personal tutoring service Screen reader for blind or visually hindered people	Psychological support for participants in mobility: Prof. Katya Stoycheva, PhD Department of Psychology Institute for Population and Human Studies Phone: (+359 2) 979 30 02 Email: kstoycheva@iphs.eu	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
G PATRA01	- Reduced mobility - Hearing impairments - Visual impairments - ...	Students' Social Welfare Office Psychological Support Office Transportation of students with disabilities	A' Building, Ground Floor – University of Patras +30 2610 969696 socialwelfare@upatras.gr	https://socialwelfare.upatras.gr/?lang=en

Receiving institution [Erasmus code]	Available support services for people with:	Description of support services (optional)	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
BG SOFIA30	- Visual impairments	equipped classrooms personal tutoring service	Psychological support: Prof. Katya Stoycheva, PhD Department of Psychology IPHS Phone: (+359 2) 979 30 02 Email: kstoycheva@iphs.eu	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
G PATRA01	- Reduced mobility - Hearing impairments - Visual impairments - ...	Students' Social Welfare Office Psychological Support Office Transportation of students	A' Building, Ground Floor – University of Patras +30 2610 969696 socialwelfare@upatras.gr	https://socialwelfare.upatras.gr/?lang=en

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.

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

Institution [Erasmus code]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
BG SOFIA30	+359 2 979 5387 erasmus@cu.bas.bg	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
G PATRA01	+30 2610 997987 llp.incoming@upatras.gr	https://www.upatras.gr/el/accommodation https://www.upatras.gr/en/accommodation

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
BG SOFIA30	+359 2 979 5387 erasmus@cu.bas.bg	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
G PATRA01	+30 2610 997987/969029 llp.incoming@upatras.gr	www.mfa.gr/en/visas & https://www.upatras.gr/en/international/erasmus/programma-erasmus/mobility-for-studies/

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
BG SOFIA30	+359 2 979 5387 erasmus@cu.bas.bg	https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en
G PATRA01	+30 2610 997987/969029 llp.incoming@upatras.gr	www.mfa.gr/en/visas & https://www.upatras.gr/en/international/erasmus/programma-erasmus/mobility-for-studies/

4. Grading systems of the institutions:

G PATRA01: <https://www.upatras.gr/en/ects>, <https://www.upatras.gr/el/ects>

ECTS Grade	% of successful students normally achieving the grade	Description
A	10	EXCELLENT
B	25	VERY GOOD
C	30	GOOD
D	25	SATISFACTORY
E	10	SUFFICIENT
FX	-	FAIL - some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F	-	FAIL - considerable further work is required

LOCAL COURSE GRADE

LOCAL DEGREE GRADE

LOCAL Grade		LOCAL Grade	
5-10	PASS	8.50 - 10.00	ΑΡΙΣΤΑ / EXCELLENT
< 5	FAIL	6.50 - 8.49	ΛΙΑΝ ΚΑΛΩΣ / VERY GOOD
		5.00 - 6.49	ΚΑΛΩΣ / GOOD

BG SOFIA30: https://www.bas.bg/?page_id=48359&lang=en

At the end of each course, students are awarded a grade. The grading system is based on numerals where 6 is the highest and 2 is the lowest grade a student can get. The grades are divided into 100 points and any mark over .50 is considered part of the upper bracket. For example, 5.50 is excellent, 5.75 is also excellent but 5.25 is very good. Generally, anything under 3.00 is considered a fail. Grades like "Very Good" (5-) and "Average" (3+) are also possible - these are ignored in calculations of Grade Point Average (GPA).

Numeric Value *	Numeric Value **	English	Percentage	ECTS	Description	10 point System	20 point System
6	5.50-6.00	Excellent	10%	A	Best possible grade	8.5 - 10	19 - 20
5	4.50-5.49	Very Good	25%	B	Next highest	7.5 - 8.5	16 - 18
4	3.50-4.49	Good	30%	C	Average performance	6.5 - 7.5	13 - 15
3	3.00-3.49	Satisfactory	25%	D, E	Lowest passing	5.5 - 6.5	10 - 12
2	2.00-2.99	Fail	10%	F, FX	Failing grade	< 5.5	< 10
-	-	Pass	90%	P	Successful		

* grading scale

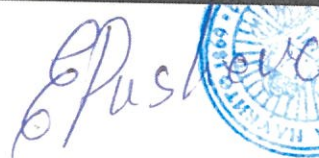

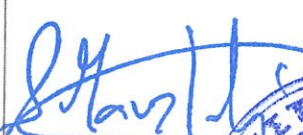

** grading scale used for examinations and tests

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

This Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual written notice among the Parties. 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 2028 will only take effect as of 1 September 2028+1. 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
BG SOFIA30	Prof. Evdokia Pasheva, DSc Vice-Rector for Internationalization ERASMUS+ Institutional Coordinator	01.11. 2024	 
G PATRA01	Professor Dionissios Mantzavinos Vice-Rector for Strategic Internationalization and Extroversion ERASMUS+ Institutional Coordinator	07.11.2024	 

⁵ Scanned signatures are accepted