

# Credit Mobility

(International opening of Erasmus, more mobility of students and staff between EU and non EU in both directions)

**Webpage:** [http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/international\\_cooperation\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/international_cooperation_en.htm)

## How long can students go abroad?

**Students can go abroad for 3 to 12 months.** The same student may receive grants for studying **or being trained abroad totalling up to 12 months maximum** per each cycle of study:

- During the first study cycle (Bachelor or equivalent)
- During the second study cycle (Master or equivalent – EQF level 7) and
- During the third cycle as doctoral candidate (Doctoral level or EQF level 8)

The duration of a traineeship by recent graduates **counts towards the 12 months maximum** of the cycle during which they apply for the traineeship.

## What are the conditions?

**Students must be registered in a higher education institution** and enrolled in studies leading to a recognised degree or other recognised tertiary level qualification (up to and including the level of doctorate).

The mobility is carried out in the framework of prior **“inter-institutional agreements”** between the sending and receiving institutions, both of which must be holders of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (if located in a Programme country).

## What arrangements are made?

Prior to the departure the Erasmus+ student is provided with:

- A grant agreement covering the mobility period and signed between the student and his or her sending higher education institution;
- A **“Learning Agreement”** setting out the programme of studies to be followed, as approved by the student, the sending and the receiving institution;
- The **“Erasmus+ Student Charter”** setting out the student’s rights and obligations with respect to his/her period of study abroad.

At the end of the period abroad:

- The receiving institution must provide the student and their sending institution with a **transcript of records** confirming that the agreed programme has been completed and confirming the results;
- The sending institution must give full academic recognition for satisfactorily completed activities during the mobility period as agreed in the Learning Agreement, by using **ECTS credits** or an equivalent system. The mobility period should also be recorded in the Diploma Supplement.

## Will financial support be provided or fees charged?

Students may be awarded an Erasmus+ EU grant to help cover the travel and subsistence costs incurred in connection with their study period abroad.

Erasmus+ students - whether or not they receive an Erasmus+ EU grant - are exempted from paying fees for tuition, registration, examinations and access to laboratory and library facilities at the host institution.

The payment of any national grant or loan to outgoing students should be maintained during the study period abroad.

**How to apply?**

The interested student should apply to the international office and/or Erasmus+ office of his or her sending higher education institution. The office will inform him or her of the possibilities of studying abroad as well as the modalities to apply and to receive an Erasmus+ EU grant.