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2021-2027

**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 20[24]-20[27] in:

- KA131
- KA171

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 Erasmus Charter for Higher Education² and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR³ and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative⁴, 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.

¹ Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

- 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
- 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.

² https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en

³ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en

⁴ 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 ⁵	Contact details ⁶ (email, phone)	Websites
Malardalen University	SVASTERA01	Departmental Erasmus Coordinator Radu Dobrin, IDT radu.dobrin@mdu.se +46 21 107356	General: University website: https://www.mdu.se/en/malardalen-university/education Faculty/faculties: Course catalogue:
UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DE PANAMÁ / Panamá E10211980	PA UTP01	Mgtr. Karla Arosemena, Head of the International Affairs Office karla.arsemena@utp.ac.pa +507 560-3201	General: https://utp.ac.pa/ Faculty/faculties Science and Technology: https://fct.utp.ac.pa/ Civil Engineering: https://fic.utp.ac.pa/ Industrial Engineering: https://fii.utp.ac.pa/ Electrical Engineering: https://fie.utp.ac.pa/ Industrial Engineering: https://fii.utp.ac.pa/ Mechanical Engineering: https://fim.utp.ac.pa/ Computer Systems Engineering: https://fisc.utp.ac.pa/ Course catalogue: https://utp.ac.pa/oferta-academica-de-la-utp

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	Field of education [ISCED]7 (optional)	Field of education - clarification (optional)	Level of education [EQF] (optional)	Number of mobility periods			
					Student Mobility [Total number of students]	Student Mobility [Total number of months]	Staff Mobility [Total number of staff]	Staff Mobility [Total number of days]
SVASTERA01	UTP Panama	0610	Information and Communication Technologies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd			2	14
UTP Panama	SVASTERA 01	0610	Information and Communication Technologies	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	2	20	2	14

Optional additional information

Short-term blended mobilities will be implemented upon agreement of both parties.



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 language skills⁷ at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 “Preparation and Support”).

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Field of education (Optional)	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended level	
				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]
SVASTERA01		BSc: Swedish and English MSc: English		B2	B2
PA UTP01	---	English	Spanish	B2	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.

⁷ 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>



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:

- In connection with the organisation 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
In the beginning of each semester partners may on a mutually acceptable basis discuss and agree on use of organisational support funds.	Organizational arrangements with partner institutions.
	Provide information and assistance to students and staff a) to ensure successful exchange period; b) to facilitate adoption in the HEI and local environment (including ice-breaking events, linguistic and intercultural preparation).
	Promote and manage the participation of individuals with fewer opportunities.
	Promote and manage blended and/or international mobility; specific arrangements to ensure the quality of student traineeships in receiving enterprises/organizations.
	Force majeure situations.



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 ⁸
SVASTERA01	Autumn Term: from last week in August/first week in September to mid-January	May 15th
	Spring Term: from mid-January to first week in June	October 15th
PA UTP01	Autumn Term: from march to mid-July	First Semester: October 6 th , 2025 – February 2 nd , 2026
	Spring Term: from mid-August to mid-December	Second Semester: April 6 th , 2026 – July 6 th , 2026.

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:

⁸ Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.



Application procedure		
Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email)	Website for information
SVASTERA01	sinisa.bosancic@mdu.se	Exchange Studies - Mälardalen University
PA UTP01	incoming.mobility@utp.ac.pa outgoing.mobility@utp.ac.pa	Incoming Mobility process – Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá

Academic and additional requirements		
Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	Specific course requirements applies	Find your education - Mälardalen University
CV	n/a	
Motivation letter	n/a	
Inclusion measures ⁹	Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide)	
Other	n/a	
Academic and additional requirements		
Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	International Affairs Office (507) 560-3201 / 560-3327 incoming.mobility@utp.ac.pa relaciones.internacionales@utp.ac.pa	Incoming Mobility process – Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá
CV		
Motivation letter		

⁹ You may find the implementation guidelines of the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy** here:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_en



Inclusion measures ¹⁰		
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](#)¹¹.
- 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**.

¹⁰ You may find the implementation guidelines of the **Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy** here:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_en

¹¹ The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en



- 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.

Preparatory & Support Measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	SVASTERA01	Bostad Västerås: The Accommodation Agency Mälardalen University collaborates with	http://www.bostadvasteras.se/en/
Language Support	SVASTERA01	n/a	n/a
Visa	SVASTERA01	Swedish Migration Board (Migrationsverket) +46 771 235 235	Online Visa application http://www.migrationsverket.se/
Insurance	SVASTERA01	Martina Delby insurance@mdu.se +46-21- 107367	Info on the insurance company: https://www.mdu.se/international/exchangestudies/services-for-exchange-student
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	SVASTERA01	Sinisa Bosancic sinisa.bosancic@mdu.se +46 21 48 06 998	Special assistance is provided as to all university students. Adaptations to individual needs are applicable.
Mentoring	SVASTERA01	Radu Dobrin Radu.dobrin@mdu.se +46 21 107356 Sinisa Bosancic sinisa.bosancic@mdu.se +46 21 48 06 998	Incoming students are mentored by their international coordinators and course supervisors.



Grant payments	SVASTERA01	Sinisa Bosancic sinisa.bosancic@mdu.se +46 21 48 06 998	Personal contact
Alumni information	SVASTERA01	Alumni network available alumni@mdu.se	https://www.mdu.se/en/malardalen-university/student/your-degree-and-future/join-the-alumni-network

Preparatory & Support Measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	PA UTP01	International Affairs Office (507) 560-3201 / 560-3327 incoming.mobility@utp.ac.pa relaciones.internacionales@utp.ac.pa	Incoming Mobility process – Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá
Language Support	PA UTP01		
Visa	PA UTP01		
Insurance	PA UTP01		
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	PA UTP01		
Mentoring	PA UTP01		
Grant payments	PA UTP01	---	
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7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed. *[Please specify the recognition tools that will be used, e.g. [the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System](#).]*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Confirmation from the partner that the selected study courses are recognized;</i>• <i>Description of all acquired subjects in English together with the Transcript of Records to facilitate the recognition of study subjects.</i> |
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- 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 organisations 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 [4] 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 [EGRACONS](#) according to the descriptions in the [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			
SVASTERA0 1	Grading system at Mälardalen University				
		Swedish 2 grading scale	Swedish 3 grading scale	Swedish 4 grading scale	ECTS grading scale
		Godkänd (G) PASS	Väl Godkänd (VG) PASS WITH DISTINCTION	Grade 5 PASS WITH DISTINCTION	A
				Grade 4 PASS WITH CREDIT	B
			Godkänd (G) PASS	Grade 3 PASS	C
					D
					E
		Underkänd FAIL	Underkänd FAIL	Underkänd FAIL	FX
					F

¹² The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en



	<p>In the transcript of Record of the exchange student grades will be transferred from Swedish Scale into ECTS Scale as below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pass with Distinction (VG) = AB, Pass (G) = C-Pass with Distinction (5) = A, Pass with Credit (4) = BC, Pass (3) = DE-The scale where Pass is highest grade is not translated <p>Credit system at Mälardalen University</p> <table><tr><td>one full semester</td><td>one academic year</td></tr><tr><td>30 ECTS credits</td><td>60 ECTS credits</td></tr></table>			one full semester	one academic year	30 ECTS credits	60 ECTS credits																	
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9. Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)



10. Termination of the agreement

In the event of modification of the inter-institutional agreement, a notice of at least one semester should be given.
in the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given.
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 ¹³
SVASTERA01	Dr. Radu Dobrin Vice-Dean of School	12/02/2025	
PA UTP01	Dra. Ángela Laguna Caicedo	19/06/2025	

¹³ Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation

