**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**

*Information in highlight are instructions and should be deleted before signing the agreement.*

The institutions[[1]](#footnote-1) 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[21]-20[27] in

* 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 Education](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en)[[2]](#footnote-2) and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the [principles of GDPR](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en)[[3]](#footnote-3) and in line with the technical standards of the [European Student Card Initiative](https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en)[[4]](#footnote-4), 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. **Information about the higher education institutions**

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| **Name of the institution (and department where relevant)** | **Erasmus code or city[[5]](#footnote-5)** | **Contact details [[6]](#footnote-6) (email, phone)** | **Websites** |
| Tarsus Üniversitesi  (Tarsus University) | TR MERSIN05 | **ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT**  **International Office** **Coordinator** Serdar Coskun, PhD  [serdarcoskun@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:serdarcoskun@tarsus.edu.tr)  **Erasmus Institutional Coordinator**  Contact person: Ayşe Dilay BALAN  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr)  <http://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/en>  http://uio.tarsus.edu.tr/en  [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  **Academic Contact:** | General: http://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/en  http://uio.tarsus.edu.tr/en  Faculty/faculties: https://www.tarsus.edu.tr/  Course catalogue: http://bologna.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Partner info |  |  | General:  Faculty/faculties:  Course catalogue: |

1. **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**

*The table serves as a template - the partners are free to adjust it, e.g. to add or delete columns or separate student and staff mobilities.*

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| **FROM**  **[Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]** | **TO**  **[Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area***  **ISCED CODE[[7]](#footnote-7)**  ***(optional)*** | ***Subject area***  **NAME**  ***(optional)*** | ***Study cycle***  **[short cycle, 1st , 2nd or 3rd]**  **(optional)** | Number of mobility periods | | | |
| ***Student Mobility***  *[Specify here total number of students]* | ***Student Mobility***  *[Specify here total number of months]* | ***Staff Mobility***  *[Specify here total number of staff]* | ***Staff Mobility***  *[Specify here total number of days]* |
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| **Optional additional information** |
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| e.g. blended mobility, etc. |

1. **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[[8]](#footnote-8) at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 “Preparation and Support”).

*The table serves as a template - the partners are free to adjust it, e.g. to separate requirements for students and staff.*

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| **Receiving institution  [Erasmus code or city]** | ***Subject area***  ***(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*] |
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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*.*

1. **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.

**The partners will not split the Organizational Support (OS) that has been awarded. The funds will be used by TR MERSIN05, the coordination organization, to streamline the KA171 program and improve the standard of individual mobility.**

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

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| **OS Use and Repartition** | **Priority Objectives** |
| The coordinator organisation:  TR MERSIN05 | Before their mobility begins, students and staff receive orientation |
| dissemination and use of the KA171 program on appropriate platforms |
| Providing advertisement materials for the partners to announce the program |
| Managing and developing the KA171 program |

1. **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:

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code or city]** | **Term duration** | **Deadline[[9]](#footnote-9)** |
| TR MERSIN05 | Winter Term: from September 15 to January 15  Spring Term: from..February 10 to June 15 | Winter Term: May 31 st  Spring Term: November 15 th |
|  | Winter Term: from.. to..  Spring Term: from.. to.. |  |

The receiving institution will send its decision within [x] 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:

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| **Application procedure (optional)** | | |
| **Receiving Institution  [Erasmus code or city]** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
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| **Selection criteria**  \*\*\* PLEASE INDICATE THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS\*\*\* | | |
| **Requirement** | **Details** | **Website for information (optional)** |
| Academic requirements | 30 ECTS credits (or equivalent) should be completed / current level of completion of studies  Subject area (ISCED code)  EQF level   * Min. B1 level of English proficiency (for students) B2 Level of English proficiency for Staff Mobility. * A minimum Grade Point Average of 75/100 or   its equivalent in the student’s home university  grading scale. | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| CV | While applying, the personnel should submit a CV to be considered for Erasmus Staff Mobility  Staff Mobility Agreement must be signed by both parties. | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Inclusion measures[[10]](#footnote-10) | Tarsus University welcomes participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide)  To further enhance the inclusion dimension of KA171, partners are encouraged to discuss indicative targets during selection process. Inclusion Officer at Tarsus University guide the participants throughout the mobility. | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Other |  |  |

1. **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*](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en)*[[11]](#footnote-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**.
* 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.

*The table serves as a template - the partners are free to adjust it, e.g. to add more measures, to replicate per partner HEI etc.*

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| **Preparatory & Support Measures** | **Institution  [Erasmus code or city]** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information & arrangements** |
| Accommodation | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Language Support | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Visa | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Insurance | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities | TR MERSIN05 | erisilebilir@tarsus.edu.tr  https://erisilebilir.tarsus.edu.tr/?LangID=1 | e.g. available infrastructure for:  Reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments,  students/staff with children, etc.  Inclusion Officer at Erasmus Office |
| Mentoring | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Grant payments | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
| Alumni information | TR MERSIN05 | [uio@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:uio@tarsus.edu.tr)  [erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr](mailto:erasmus@tarsus.edu.tr) | https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |

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Before beginning their mobility, students and employees with disabilities must submit a disability report to the Erasmus Office so that the office, in collaboration with the DSO, can make the appropriate provisions. The disability report must be written in English and issued by a recognized expert in the nation where the disabled person resides, such as a medical professional, psychiatrist, etc. Disability support cannot be provided when a document is more than a year old (save for those without a due date) or is written in a language other than English since DSO is unable to handle such documents.

Each semester, the Orientation Program for Exchange and Visiting Students is coordinated by the Erasmus Office. The program typically begins one week before the start of the semester.

At TU, mentors are appointed to each new student. Additionally, new students are paired with a local student who will aid them in adjusting to campus life. Incoming students are contacted by host students before they arrive.

1. **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*](https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/european-credit-transfer-and-accumulation-system-ects_en)*.]*

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| * *Recognition Tools for Student Mobility:* * *European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System* * *Transcript of Records* |

* 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:
  + 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.
  + 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.
  + 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.

1. **Grading systems of the institutions**

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through [EGRACONS](http://egracons.eu/) according to the descriptions in the [ECTS users’ guide](https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en)[[12]](#footnote-12). 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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| **Institution  [Erasmus code or city]** | **EGRACONS [If applicable]** | **Website for information** |
| TR MERSIN05 | - | 70 out of 100 is accepted as the minimum satisfactory score. The lessons grades DC-DD, for the students whose Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is at least 2.00 out of 4.00, are also considered successful.  https://erasmus.tarsus.edu.tr/ |
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1. **Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)**

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1. **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."]*

**SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)**

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| **Institution**  **[Erasmus code or name and city]** | **Name, function** | **Date** | **Signature[[13]](#footnote-13)** |
| TR MERSIN05 | Prof. Dr. Ali ÖZEN,  Rector |  |  |
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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. <https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. 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> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
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> [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. The ECTS user’s guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide\_en [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation [↑](#footnote-ref-13)