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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 not associated to the Programme

The institutions[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 2025-2028 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[2] and in this agreement.
The IIA is signed by Universidade do Minho, on behalf of the Portuguese National Mobility Consortium PEERS – Mobility Programme between Portugal, ENI East and IPA Countries. The PEERS consortium is composed by 3 Portuguese Higher Education Institutions: Universidade do Minho (Coordinator), Universidade de Aveiro, Universidade de Évora. Under the PEERS project, the Partner Country will have the chance to send/receive students and staff to/from 3 Portuguese Higher Education Institutions.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR[3] and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative[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.

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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.

[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
UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO, on behalf of PEERS Consortium / PORTUGAL	PEERS	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	General: UMINHO: https://www.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt Faculty/faculties: UMINHO: https://www.uminho.pt/EN/Units/Unidades-Organicas-Ensino-Investigacao/Pages/default.aspx UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/en/departamentos-escolas UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/en/units/schools-and-iifa Course catalogue: UMINHO: https://www.uminho.pt/EN/education/coursecatalogue UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/en/tipo-curso UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/estudar/Mobilidade/Mobilidade-In/Mobilidade-de-Estudantes/unidades-curriculares-oferecidas-por-curso
GAVAR STATE UNIVERSITY / ARMENIA	GSU	Lilit Torchyan Head of Foreign Relations and Media Department Tel: +37460461264 +37460461299 E-mail: l.torchyan@gsu.am iro@gsu.am	General: http://www.gsu.am Faculty/faculties: http://www.gsu.am Course catalogue: http://www.gsu.am

[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 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]	***Subject area*** **ISCED CODE**[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]*
GSU	**PEERS**		All common areas	1st, 2nd	3	5 months		
			All common areas				6	5 days
PEERS	**GSU**		All common areas	1st, 2nd	1	5 months		
			All common areas				3	5 days

[7] https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf

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 skills[8] at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

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*]
PEERS		Portuguese	English	Portuguese – B2 English – B2	Portuguese – B2 English – B2
GSU		Armenian	English	B1	B1

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.

[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

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
The Organisational Support (OS) will be managed by UMinho, as coordinator of the PEERS Consortium.	Overall coordination and implementation of the project, preparation/submission of reports, management of the Beneficiary Module, etc.
	Organisation of events: Welcoming/Orientation programmes, Staff Weeks, etc.
	Coverage of costs of insurance for all participants.
	Dissemination of the project and opportunities. Launch of the calls and coordination of evaluation/selection process

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.

- Several open calls will be launched during the duration of the project in order for interested candidates to apply online. Only applications submitted online will be considered for the evaluation/selection procedure. The open calls will be announced through email. The results of the open calls will be published online and will be communicated via email within 5 weeks after the closure of the calls.

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

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term duration	Deadline[9]
PEERS	Winter Term: from September to January Spring Term: from February to June	30th April 30th September
GSU	Winter Term: from September to January Spring Term: from February to June	15th May 15th October

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:

[9] 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, phone)	Website for information
PEERS	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
GSU	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am

Selection criteria

Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	Undergraduate Studies: students must be enrolled at least in the second year/have completed at least 60 ECTS credits from university studies. Master Studies: students must have completed at least one semester at the HEI of origin before completing a period of mobility/must hold a bachelor's degree (1st cycle) or equivalent. Doctorate Studies: students must have completed at least one year of studies and already have a research project. Teaching and non-Teaching Staff: Preliminary work plans/Mobility Agreements must be signed by the applicant, home and host HEIs. An invitation e-mail from the host HEI can be accepted. All: Proof of registration/contractual relationship with PEERS/Partner Institutions. Have sufficient knowledge of the language of teaching/work of the host HEI or of one of the languages commonly used in the country of that HEI.	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx

	Subject area: All common areas are eligible.	
CV	Curriculum Vitae, preferably using the Europass format (available at http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu).	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
Motivation letter	Letter of Motivation (maximum one page), explaining the reasons for the application, specific competences, academic interests, professional experience, commitment to return to the country of origin and benefits that the mobility grant will bring to the candidate and its context.	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
Inclusion measures[10]	Whenever there is equivalent academic/professional level, priority will be given to candidates that never performed a mobility period before in order to reach a wider range of participants. Cross-cutting issues like gender balance, ethnic minorities, disadvantaged groups and socio-economic backgrounds, among other, must apply and preference shall be given to them. The online application form will include a specific section that will allow the identification of disadvantaged groups and it will be stated in the Application Guide that extra points will be given to candidates with fewer opportunities.	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
Other	The application will only be considered complete when all the required documents are uploaded. Applications will only be accepted if submitted online by filling in the e-form. The application will only be definitely accepted when the selection process is completed and the final results are published.	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx

6. Preparation and support

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

[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

- 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**.

[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	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	UMinho: https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/incomingstudents/Pages/Alojamento.aspx UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/en/viver UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/en/study/UE-Students/Accomodation
Language Support	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	UMINHO: https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/incomingstudents/Pages/CursoLP.aspx UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/en/dlc/page/27458 UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/estudar/Mobilidade/Mobilidade-In/Mobilidade-de-Estudantes
Visa	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
Insurance	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	PEERS provides insurance to all INcoming and OUTgoing participants. https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	Available infrastructure to receive participants with special needs and with disabilities. UMINHO: https://www.uminho.pt/EN/education/coursecatalogue/Pages/practice.aspx https://www.uminho.pt/EN/Units/Unidades-Servicos/Servicos-Especializados/Pages/USAAE.aspx UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/pt/gri/special_needs UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/estudar/apoios/programas-apoio-estudantes
Mentoring	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	UMINHO: https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/incomingstudents/Pages/ProgramaORI.aspx UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/en/gri/arrivals UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/estudar/Mobilidade/Mobilidade-In/Mobilidade-de-Estudantes

Добавлено примечание ([NJGA1]): Confirmar

Grant payments	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/PEERS.aspx
Alumni information	**PEERS**	International Relations Office UMINHO: usai@usai.uminho.pt UAVEIRO: international@ua.pt UEVORA: mobility@uevora.pt	UMINHO: https://alumni.uminho.pt/en UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/alumni UEVORA: https://www.uevora.pt/en/UEvora-experience/Community/alumni

Добавлено примечание ([NJGA2]): Confirmar

Accommodation	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am
Language Support	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am
Visa	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.mfa.am/en/visa/ https://evisa.mfa.am/
Insurance	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am
Mentoring	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am
Grant payments	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am
Alumni information	**GSU**	E-mail: iro@gsu.am Tel: +37460461264	http://www.gsu.am

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.]*

PEERS - European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System **GSU:** http://www.gsu.am

- 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 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.

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
PEERS		UMINHO: https://alunos.uminho.pt/EN/students/mobilityprograms/Pages/Creditos%20ECTS%20na%20UMinho.aspx UAVEIRO: https://www.ua.pt/pt/gri/ects UEVORA: UÉvora will enclose the request table with the transcript of records
GSU		http://www.gsu.am

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

10. Termination of the agreement

The involved institutions agree to modify or terminate the inter-institutional agreement via informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof). 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.

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

SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature[13]
UNIVERSIDADE DO MINHO, on behalf of PEERS Consortium / PORTUGAL	Name: _____ _____ Job title:_____ _____		NATÁLIA JOSÉ GOMES ANTUNES Digitally signed by NATÁLIA JOSÉ GOMES ANTUNES Date: 2026.07.03 09:15:03 +01'00'
GAVAR STATE UNIVERSITY / ARMENIA	Name: Ruzanna Hakobyan Job title:Rector	22.01.26	

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