Erasmus+ Programme
Inter-institutional agreement 2021-2029
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 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 20[21]-20[29] 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 Education[2] and in this agreement.

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
UNIVERSITATEA DE VEST DIN TIMISOARA/ **WEST UNIVERSITY OF TIMISOARA** 	RO TIMISOA01	**Erasmus Institutional Coordinator:** Oana-Roxana IVAN-HOROBEȚ, PhD. E-mail: oana.ivan@e-uvt.ro Tel: +40-256-592 372 **Erasmus+ Office** Cristina COJOCARU E-mail: cristina.cojocaru@e-uvt.ro erasmus.agreements@e-uvt.ro Tel: +40-256-592 271 Address: Blvd.Vasile Parvan no.4 Timisoara-300223, Romania	http://www.uvt.ro/en/ https://ri.uvt.ro/erasmus-incoming-studenti-2/?lang=en
GAVAR STATE UNIVERSITY	Gavar GSU-AM	**Institutional Coordinator** **Ruzanna Hakobyan** Rector of Gavar State University **Head of Foreign Relations and Media Department**	General: www.gsu.am Course catalogue: www.international.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.

		Lilit Torchyan Gavar State University, Foreign Relations and Media Department, Hrant Hakobyan 1, Gavar, Armenia Email: iro@gsu.am Phone: +374 60 46 1299	

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.

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]*
RO TIMISOA01	Gavar GSU-AM	0311	Economics	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]
		0421	Law	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]
		0111	Education science	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]
		0610	Computer science	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]
		0232	Literature and linguistics	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]
		0413	Management	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]
Gavar GSU-AM	RO TIMISOA01	0311	Economics	1st/2nd/3rd	3 students	15 months [5 months each]	3 staff	15 days [5 days each]

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

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Optional additional information
e.g. blended mobility, etc.

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*]

[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

RO TIMISOA01		English	Romanian	B1	B2
Gavar GSU-AM		English	Armenian	B1	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.

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
WUT proposes to partners institutional distribution of the OS allocated for each individual mobility organized, both the incoming flow as well as the outgoing flow, as follows: 40% to the partner institution and 60% to WUT, given that the management of the application for Erasmus + funding, as well as the preparation reporting is the responsibility of WUT.	provide updated course catalogues for international students; provide information and assistance to students and staff; selection of students and staff; preparation of the learning agreements to ensure full recognition of the students' educational components; ensure recognition of the educational components and related credits, issuing transcript of records and diploma supplements; preparation and recognition of mobility agreements for staff; linguistic and intercultural preparation provided to both incoming and outbound students and staff, complementary to the Erasmus+ Online Language Support facilitate the integration of incoming mobile participants in the HEI; ensure an efficient mentoring and supervision arrangements of mobile participants; support the reintegration of mobile participants and build on their acquired new competences for the benefit of the HEI and peers.

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[9]	
		Nomination	Application
RO TIMISOA01	Winter Term: from October to mid-February Spring Term: from mid-February to mid-July	Winter Term: 1st June Spring Term: 15th November	Winter Term: 15th June Spring Term: 1st December
Gavar GSU-AM	Autumn Term: from September to mid-February Spring Term: from mid-February to mid-July	Winter Term: 1st June Spring Term: 15th November	Winter Term: 15th June Spring Term: 1st December

The receiving institution will send its decision within 3 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:

Application procedure

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

Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
RO TIMISOA01	Erasmus Incoming Officer: Ana-Maria MECEA E-mail: erasmus.incoming@e-uvt.ro Tel: +40-256-592 271	https://ri.uvt.ro/online-application_en/?lang=en
Gavar GSU-AM	Foreign Relations and Media Department Hrant Hakobyan 1, Gavar, Armenia Email: iro@gsu.am Phone: +374 60 46 1299	www.gsu.am www.international.gsu.am

Selection criteria

Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	Nominated students whose mother tongue is other than: English, French, Italian, German or Spanish may be required to attach to the application a Certificate in English (an official document or one issued by the home university).	RO TIMISOA01: https://ri.uvt.ro/online-application_en/?lang=en
Inclusion measures[10]	Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide)	
Other		

[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

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.

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

- 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** (reduced mobility or hearing/visual impairments, students/ staff with children, etc.).

- 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	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	RO TIMISOA01	Erasmus Incoming Officer: Ana-Maria MECEA E-mail: erasmus.incoming@e-uvt.ro Tel: +40-256-592 271	http://www.ri.uvt.ro/en	Gavar GSU-AM	Foreign Relations and Media Department Hrant Hakobyan 1, Gavar, Armenia Email: iro@gsu.am Phone: +374 60 46 1299	www.gsu.am www.international.gsu.am
Language Support						
Visa						
Insurance						
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities						
Mentoring						
Grant payments						
Alumni information						

7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed.

RO TIMISOA01: *the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System*
Gavar GSU-AM*: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System*

- 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.

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.

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<tr><th>Institution [Erasmus code or city]</th><th>EGRACONS [If applicable]</th><th>Website for information</th></tr>
<tr><td>RO TIMISOA01</td><td></td><td>
ECTS grading scale:
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<tr><th>ECTS Grade</th><th>Romanian Grade</th><th>Definition</th><th></th></tr>
<tr><td>A</td><td>10</td><td>EXCELLENT</td><td>outstanding performance with only minor errors</td></tr>
<tr><td>B</td><td>9</td><td>VERY GOOD</td><td>above the average standard but with some errors</td></tr>
<tr><td>C</td><td>8</td><td>GOOD</td><td>generally sound work with a number of notable errors</td></tr>
<tr><td>D</td><td>6, 7</td><td>SATISFACTORY</td><td>fair but with significant shortcomings</td></tr>
<tr><td>E</td><td>5</td><td>SUFFICIENT</td><td>performance meets the minimum criteria</td></tr>
<tr><td>FX</td><td>4</td><td>FAIL</td><td>some more work required before the credit can be awarded</td></tr>
<tr><td>F</td><td>1÷3</td><td>FAIL</td><td>considerable further work is required</td></tr>
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ECTS credits:
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<tr><td>one semester</td><td>one full academic year</td></tr>
<tr><td>30 ECTS credits</td><td>60 ECTS credits</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Gavar GSU-AM</td><td></td><td>
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<tr><th>Grade</th><th>Rating points</th><th>Mark</th><th>Grade point</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Excellent</td><td>95-100</td><td>A+</td><td>4,0</td></tr>
<tr><td>87-94</td><td>A</td><td>4,0</td></tr>
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[12] The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en

	81-86	A-	3,7
Good	75-80	B+	3,3
	67-74	B	3,0
	61-66	B-	2,7
Satisfactory	55-60	C+	2,3
	46-54	C	2,0
	40-45	C-	1,7
Unsatisfactory	< 40	D	0
Failure to Appear	0	F	0
Passed	≥ 40	S	-
Not Passed	< 40	U	-

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

Not the case.

10. 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)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature[13]
RO TIMISOA01	Oana-Roxana IVAN-HOROBEȚ, PhD. Erasmus Institutional Coordinator	29/06/2023	
Gavar GSU-AM	Ruzanna Hakobyan Rector of Gavar State University	14/07/2023	

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