Brief overview of ERASMUS+ (2014-2021) for students

LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS (KEY ACTION 1):

Expected outcomes:

as regards students and trainees, the mobility activities supported under this Key Action are meant to produce the following outcomes:

- improved learning performance;
- enhanced employability and improved career prospects;
- increased sense of initiative and entrepreneurship;
- increased self-empowerment and self-esteem;
- improved foreign language competences;
- enhanced intercultural awareness;
- more active participation in society;
- better awareness of the European project and the EU values;
- increased motivation for taking part in future (formal/non-formal) education or training after the mobility period abroad.

Student mobility:

- a study period abroad at a partner higher education institution (HEI);
- a traineeship (work placement) abroad in an enterprise or any other relevant workplace.

A study period abroad may include a traineeship period as well.

To ensure high-quality mobility activities with maximum impact on the students, the mobility activity has to respond to student degree-related learning and personal development needs. The study period abroad must be part of the student's study programme to complete a degree at a short cycle, first cycle (Bachelor or equivalent), second cycle (Master or equivalent) and third or doctoral cycle.

Traineeships abroad at a workplace are also supported during short cycle, first, second, third cycle studies and within a maximum of one year after the student’s graduation. This also includes the 'assistantships' for student teachers. Wherever possible, the traineeships should be an integrated part of the student's study programme. Student mobility can be in any subject area/academic discipline.

Duration:

- Study periods: from 3 to 12 months (including a complementary traineeship period, if planned).
- Traineeships: from 2 to 12 months.
The same student may receive grants for mobility periods totalling up to 12 months maximum per each cycle of study, independently from the number and type of mobility activities. The duration of a traineeship by recent graduates counts towards the 12 months maximum of the cycle during which they apply for the traineeship.

**Venue(s) of the activity:**

Students must carry out their mobility activity in a Programme Country different from the country of the sending organisation and country of residence.

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**The Process of Student Applications and Mobility Organization at RGSL:**

1. Student first submits an application at RGSL within the announced Call
2. Selection Committee reviews all applications, selects the students for Erasmus studies and grant support
3. Each student is notified individually about the selection results
4. RGSL Erasmus coordinator informs the respective partner universities of nominated RGSL students
5. Nominated students then may proceed with registration at the partner university, usually done online. Universities provide practical information about registration, housing, insurance, course catalogue etc.
6. Student requests a formal **Acceptance Letter** and submits it to RGSL Erasmus coordinator.
7. Student makes his/her own travel and housing arrangements.
8. Approximately 1-2 months prior to the departure individual grant agreements and Learning Agreements (i.e., study plan with chosen courses) are prepared and signed.
9. Online Language Assessment test must be undertaken by the student just before starting Erasmus mobility and at the end of mobility (the link will be provided by the Erasmus coordinator).
10. Grant transfer made in advance 90% (usually 1-2 weeks prior to the departure).
11. Student arrives at the partner university for mandatory orientation / introductory sessions and officially starts his/her mobility for studies
12. A short mid-term progress report from RGSL students are required after 2 months of studies (a standard form will be sent).
13. Before the **end of mobility** the student must obtain confirmation letter about the completed period of studies at the partner university with start and end dates.
14. The student will submit final feedback/evaluation report – online survey (the link will automatically be sent to email) and will take the second Online Language Assessment test.
15. Final grant transfer is calculated and payment made.
16. Transcript from the host university is sent to RGSL and/or the student within 4-6 weeks after the final exams.

17. Student submits the final approved Learning Agreement and Transcript to RGSL study department for „academic recognition“ of courses and ECTS at RGSL.