



Erasmus+ Programme

Key Action 1

- Mobility for learners and staff - Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

Inter-institutional agreement 2016 – 2021

ERASMUS STUDY

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution.

A. Information about higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department, where relevant)	Erasmus code	Contact details (email, phone)	Website
University of Catania	I CATANIA01	Institutional Erasmus Coordinator – A. Rapisarda andrea.rapisarda@ct.infn.it	http://www.unict.it/en/international-prospectus
		IRO Coordinator – V. Tutino – uri@unict.it Prof. ADRIANA DI STEFANO Dep. GIURISPRUDENZA Address: VIA GALLO 24 95124 CATANIA Tel. 095230857, Fax 957151013 Email: adistefano@lex.unict.it	
Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski	BG SOFIA06	Mrs. Tatyana Tsaneva - Head of International Relations Department intern@admin.uni-sofia.bg ; Postal Address: 1504 Sofia, 15 Tzar Osvoboditel Blvd.	https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/the_university/international_relations/erasmus_income ngs
		Faculty of Law - Prof. Mariana Karagyozova-Finkova - markar@law.uni-sofia.bg	
		Administrative contact - Mira Georgieva - mira@admin.uni-sofia.bg , Tel: (+ 359 2) 9308 220	

B. Mobility numbers per academic year

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code [ISCED]	Subject area name	Study cycle [1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd]	Number of students [total number of students]	Number of student mobility periods [total number of months]
I CATANIA01	BG SOFIA06	042	Law	1st, 3rd	3	27
BG SOFIA06	I CATANIA01	042	Law	1st, 3rd	3	27

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code [ISCED]	Subject area name	Name	Staff mobility periods for Teaching [total number of weeks of teaching periods]	Staff mobility periods for Teaching [hours for week]
I CATANIA01	BG SOFIA06	042	Law	ADRIANA DI STEFANO	1	8
BG SOFIA06	I CATANIA01	042	Law	TO BE DETERMINED	1	8

C. 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 at the start of the study or teaching period:

Institution [Erasmus code]	Language required	Recommended language level
I CATANIA01	Italian	A2
BG SOFIA06	English	B1

D. Calendar

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

Institution [Erasmus code]	Autumn term [month]	Spring term [month]
I CATANIA01	May	November
BG SOFIA06	End of June	End of November

2. Sofia University will send its decision within 6 weeks after nomination.

The partner institution will send its decision within will send its decision within 6 weeks.

3. Sofia University: A Transcript of Records will be issued no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.

Partner institution: A Transcript of Records will be issued no later than after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI.

4. Nature and termination of the agreement

The agreement is valid for the academic years indicated above and may be modified by simple letter, fax or e-mail signed by the institutional coordinator of the Socrates programme or the head of international relations. Prolongation may be done in the same way. Termination of the agreement: At least one year advance notice before the start of the following academic year is necessary for unilateral termination of the agreement. The start of the academic year is agreed upon to be Oct 1st. A termination by mutual consent is possible until Dec. 31st for the following academic year. In cases, all students and staff who have already been admitted to bilateral exchange projects will be allowed to finish their projects as foreseen.

Nature of the agreement: The above parties agree to cooperate in the activities shown. This is intended to be an agreement of cooperation and exchange where both parties agree to make use of the ERASMUS programme wherever applicable in order to facilitate the co-operation. Both parties undertake to abide by the bilaterally agreed terms of this co-operation agreement and ERASMUS rules and EUC standards where applicable. Exchanges without making use of Erasmus are possible. Both parties agree to provide all information necessary in order to facilitate the mobility of students and staff. The agreement is open to persons without discrimination according to ethnic background, nationality, creed, sex. Simple exchange students are exempt from tuition fees at the host institution on a mutual basis and are entitled to rights and privileges compatible with the treatment foreseen for Erasmus students.

E. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

Institution [Erasmus code]	Website for information
I CATANIA01	http://www.unict.it/en/ects
BG SOFIA06	see below

- (1) Course unit code: Refer to the ECTS information package
- (2) Duration of course unit
Y = 1 full academic year 1S = 1 semester 2S = 2 semesters
 1T = 1 term/trimester 2T = 2 terms/trimesters
- (3) Description of the institutional grading system:
6 = Excellent - outstanding performance
5 = Very good - above the average standard but with some errors
4 = Good - generally sound work with notable errors
3 = Satisfactory - fair but with significant shortcomings
2 = Fail - considerable further work is required
- (4) ECTS grading scale:
A = Excellent - outstanding performance with only minor errors
B = Very good - above the average standard but with some errors
C = Good - generally sound work with a number of notable errors
D = Satisfactory - fair but with significant shortcomings
E = Sufficient - performance meets the minimum criteria
FX = Fail - some more work required before the credit can be awarded
F = Fail - considerable further work is required
- (5) ECTS credits:
1 full academic year = 60 credits 1 semester = 30 credits 1 term/trimester = 20 credits

2. Visa

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Institution [Erasmus code]	Website for information
I CATANIA01	http://www.unict.it/en/international-mobility
BG SOFIA06	https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/the_university/international_relations/erasmus_incomings

3. Insurance

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Institution [Erasmus code]	Website for information
I CATANIA01	http://www.unict.it/node/8820
BG SOFIA06	https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/the_university/international_relations/erasmus_incomings

4. Housing

The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Institution [Erasmus code]	Website for information
I CATANIA01	http://www.unict.it/en/accomodation-and-meals
BG SOFIA06	https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/the_university/international_relations

F. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code]	Name, function	Date	Signature
I CATANIA01	Prof. G. Pignataro - Rector		
BG SOFIA06	Prof. Ivan Ilchev Erasmus Institutional Coordinator Rector	07.09.2015.	