



Key Action 1
– Mobility for learners and staff –
Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility

Inter-institutional agreement 2019-2022
between institutions from
Programme and Partner Countries

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 of the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits (or equivalent) awarded to students by the partner institution. The institutions also commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+.

A. Information about higher education institutions

Full name of the institution / country	Erasmus code or city ¹	Contact details ² (email, phone)	Website (eg. of the course catalogue)
Universiteit Hasselt Hasselt University (UHasselt)	B DIEPENB01	Martelarenlaan 42 3500 Hasselt Belgium Institutional coordinator: Ms. Liesbeth Oeyen liesbeth.oeyen@uhasselt.be t.be +32 11 26 80 66 Departmental coordinator: Dr. Els Hannes: els.hannes@uhasselt.be (Architecture) Prof. dr. Jan Vanrie: jan.vanrie@uhasselt.be (interior design)	www.uhasselt.be/exchange

¹ Higher Education Institutions (HEI) from Erasmus+ Programme Countries should indicate their Erasmus code while Partner Country HEIs should mention the city where they are located.

² Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement.

<p>Transnationale Universiteit Limburg</p> <p>Transnational University Limburg</p> <p>(tUL)</p>	<p>B</p> <p>DIEPENB07</p>	<p>Same as UHasselt (UHasselt is coordinator for tUL)</p>	
<p>Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)</p>	<p>Cuenca,</p> <p>Azuay</p> <p>Ecuador</p>	<p>Av. 12 de Abril y Agustín Cueva s/n. Cda. Universitaria Cuenca, Ecuador +593 4051000</p> <p>Institutional coordinator: Pablo Vanegas, PhD (Rector) Tammy Fajardo relaciones.internacionales@ucuenca.edu.ec</p> <p>Project coordinator: Prof. Fausto Cardoso Martínez, PhD fausto.cardoso@ucuenca.edu.ec</p>	<p>www.ucuenca.edu.ec</p>

B. Mobility numbers³ per academic year

The partners commit to amend the table below in case of changes in the mobility data by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year.

FROM [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	Subject area code * [ISC ED]	Subject area name *	Study cycle [short cycle, 1 st , 2 nd or 3 rd] *	Number of student mobility periods	
					Student Mobility for Studies [total number of months of the study periods or average duration*]	Student Mobility for Traineeships *
UCuenca	B DIEPENB01	0731	Architecture	1, 2, 3	1 student for 5 months	
		0212	Interior Architecture			

[*Optional: subject area code & name and study cycle are optional.]

FROM [Erasmus code of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code of the receiving institution]	Subject area code * [ISCED]	Subject area name *	Number of staff mobility periods	
				Staff Mobility for Teaching [total number of days of teaching periods or average duration *]	Staff Mobility for Training *
UCuenca	B DIEPENB01	0731	Architecture	1 staff for five days	
		0212	Interior Architecture		
B DIEPENB01	UCuenca	0731	Architecture	1 staff for five days	
		0212	Interior Architecture		

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:

³ Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions and per education field (optional*:

<http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/international-standard-classification-of-education.aspx>)

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Optional: Subject area	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended language of instruction level ⁴	
				Student Mobility for Studies [Minimum recommended level: B1]	Staff Mobility for Teaching [Minimum recommended level: B2]
B DIEPENB01/ B DIEPENB07	all	Dutch	English	B1	B2
Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)	all	Spanish	English	B1	B2

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution.

D. Respect of fundamental principles and other mobility requirements

The higher education institution(s) located in a **Programme Country** of Erasmus+ must respect the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education of which it must be a holder. The charter can be found here: https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/erasmus-charter_en

The higher education institution(s) located in a **Partner Country** of Erasmus+ must respect the following set of principles and requirements:

The higher education institution agrees to:

- Respect in full the principles of non-discrimination and to promote and ensure equal access and opportunities to mobile participants from all backgrounds, in particular disadvantaged or vulnerable groups.
- Apply a selection process that is fair, transparent and documented, ensuring equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility.
- Ensure recognition for satisfactorily completed activities of study mobility and, where possible, traineeships of its mobile students.
- Charge no fees, in the case of credit mobility, to incoming students 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.

⁴ For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

The higher education institution located in a **Partner Country** of Erasmus+ further undertakes to:

Before mobility

- Provide information on courses (content, level, scope, language) well in advance of the mobility periods, so as to be transparent to all parties and allow mobile students to make well-informed choices about the courses they will follow.
- Ensure that outbound mobile participants are well prepared for the mobility, including having attained the necessary level of linguistic proficiency.
- 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 enterprises and the mobile participants.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining visas, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants. Costs for visas can be covered with the mobility grants. See the information / visa section for contact details.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining insurance, when required, for incoming and outbound mobile participants. The institution from the Partner Country should inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Costs for insurance can be covered with the organisational support grants. See the information / insurance section for contact details.
- Provide guidance to incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation. See the information / housing section for contact details.

During and after mobility

- Ensure equal academic treatment and services for home students and staff and incoming mobile participants and integrate incoming mobile participants into the institution's everyday life, and have in place appropriate mentoring and support arrangements for mobile participants as well as appropriate linguistic support to incoming mobile participants.
- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement as counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
- Provide, free-of-charge, incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with transcripts in English or in the language of the sending institution containing a full, accurate and timely record of their achievements at the end of their mobility period.
- Support the reintegration of mobile participants and give them the opportunity, upon return, to build on their experiences for the benefit of the Institution and their peers.
- Ensure that staff are given recognition for their teaching and training activities undertaken during the mobility period, based on a mobility agreement.

E. Additional requirements

B DIEPENB01/B DIEPENB07

Universiteit Hasselt (B DIEPENB01) and Transnationale Universiteit Limburg (B DIEPENB07) have the infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities.

All incoming students have to register online (www.uhasselt.be/applicationform). The deadline for the autumn term is 15th of July. The deadline for the spring term is 1st of December.

Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)

University of Cuenca (UCuenca) has limited infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities.

F. Calendar

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

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term	Term
B DIEPENB01 B DIEPENB07	15 th of May	15 th of October
Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)	15 th of October	15 th of March

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 6 weeks.
3. 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.
4. Termination of the agreement

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. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

G. Information

1. Grading systems of the institutions

B DIEPENB01/B DIEPENB07

More information on the grading system of Universiteit Hasselt (B DIEPENB01) and Transnationale Universiteit Limburg (B DIEPENB07) can be found online:

www.uhasselt.be/gradingsystem. Furthermore, the transcript of records also includes a detailed description of the grading system.

Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)

An academic credit is equivalent to 16 class hours.

Each subject is graded on a scale from 1 to 100 points.

Minimum grade to approve a subject is 60/100

90-100 EXCELLENT

80-89 VERY GOOD

70-79 GOOD

60-69 SUFFICIENT

01-59 FAIL

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.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
B DIEPENB01 B DIEPENB07	marc.thoelen@uhasselt.be	www.uhasselt.be/Visa
Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)	relaciones.internacionales@ucuenca.edu.ec	www.ucuenca.edu.ec

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.

The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
B DIEPENB01 B DIEPENB07	marc.thoelen@uhasselt.be	www.uhasselt.be/medical-refund

Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)	relaciones.internacionales@ucuenca.edu.ec	www.ucuenca.edu.ec
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4. Housing

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

Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information
B DIEPENB01 B DIEPENB07	marc.thoelen@uhasselt.be	www.uhasselt.be/accommodation
Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)	relaciones.internacionales@ucuenca.edu.ec	www.ucuenca.edu.ec

H. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ⁵
B DIEPENB01 B DIEPENB07	Prof. dr. Karin Coninx Vice-rector Education	14/02/2020	
Universidad de Cuenca (UCuenca)	Pablo Vanegas, PhD Rector of University of Cuenca		



⁵ Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation