



EUROPEAN UNION

**Erasmus+**

Enriching lives, opening minds.

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 associated to the Programme  
and third countries not associated to the Programme**

The institutions<sup>1</sup> 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[27] 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<sup>2</sup> and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR<sup>3</sup> and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative<sup>4</sup>, 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en)

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en)

<sup>4</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative\\_en](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 <sup>5</sup>	Contact details <sup>6</sup> (email, phone)	Websites
Yildiz Technical University	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 383 39 36	General: <a href="https://www.yildiz.edu.tr/">https://www.yildiz.edu.tr/</a> Faculty/faculties: Department of Architecture Department of Chemistry Course catalogue: <a href="http://www.bologna.yildiz.edu.tr/">http://www.bologna.yildiz.edu.tr/</a>
University of Free State	Bloemfontein	<a href="mailto:hagenmeierCCA@ufs.ac.za">hagenmeierCCA@ufs.ac.za</a> +27 (0)51 401 9058	General: <a href="https://www.ufs.ac.za/templates/faculty-list">https://www.ufs.ac.za/templates/faculty-list</a> Faculty/faculties: Department of Architecture Department of Chemistry Course catalogue:

<sup>5</sup> Higher education institutions (HEIs) from 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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

### 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 <sup>7</sup> (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]	
TR ISTANBU 07	UFS	581	Architecture	3rd	01	05	02	05
		442	Chemistry	3rd	01	05	02	05
UFS	TR ISTANBU07	581	Architecture	1st, 2nd, 3rd	01	05	02	05
		442	Chemistry	1st, 2nd, 3rd	01	05	02	05

### Optional additional information

<sup>7</sup> <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<sup>8</sup> 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]
TR ISTANBU07		English	Turkish	B1	B2
UFS PIC: 989106091		English	English	B2	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.

<sup>8</sup> 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 organization 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		



## 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 <sup>9</sup>
TR ISTANBU07	<p>Winter Term: from September/October to January/February</p> <p>Spring Term: from February/March to June/July</p> <p>Winter Term: from July to (October Semester 2)</p> <p>June: Examination period for Semester 1</p> <p>Spring Term: from February to May (Semester 1)</p> <p>November: Examination period for Semester 2</p>	
UFS		

The receiving institution will send its decision within [x] weeks and no later than 5 weeks.

<sup>9</sup> Please specify the deadline for each semester and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

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:

<b>Application procedure</b>		
<b>Receiving Institution</b> [Erasmus code or city]	<b>Contact details</b> (email, phone)	<b>Website for information</b>
TR ISTANBU07	<p><a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 383 39 36</p> <p><b>Incoming Mobility</b> Mrs. Bulelwa Moikwathai T : +27 51 401 3397 E: malob@ufs.ac.za</p> <p><b>Outgoing Mobility</b> Mr. Kagiso Ngake T : +27 51 401 2104 E: NgakeKM@ufs.ac.za</p>	<a href="http://www.erasmus.yildiz.edu.tr/en">http://www.erasmus.yildiz.edu.tr/en</a>
UFS	<p><b>Outgoing Mobility</b> Mr. Kagiso Ngake T : +27 51 401 2104 E: NgakeKM@ufs.ac.za</p>	<a href="https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/01-registration-information/start-here">https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/01-registration-information/start-here</a>
<b>Selection criteria</b>		
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Website for information (optional)</b>
Academic requirements	Number of ECTS credits (or equivalent) already completed / current level of completion of studies Subject area (ISCED code)	



	EQF level	
CV		
Motivation letter		
Inclusion measures <sup>10</sup>	Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide) To further enhance the inclusion dimension of KA171, partners are encouraged to discuss indicative targets during selection process.	
Other	Necessary documents for application provided by the International Offices	

## 6. Preparation and support

The Higher Education Institution(s) in a 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<sup>11</sup>](#).
- 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_en)

<sup>11</sup> The Erasmus Student Charter is available here: [https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en)

- 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**.
- 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	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 838 39 36	<p>The incoming students and staff are responsible by arranging own accommodation with the grant provided by the programme.</p>
Language Support	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 838 39 36	<p>On-campus, accommodation will be organised by the Office for International Affairs according to the student's arrival details and following the stipulations of the agreement. The estimated rates for the different on-campus residences are as follows:</p> <p><a href="http://residences.ufs.ac.za">http://residences.ufs.ac.za</a></p> <p>Accommodation fee per semester R 15 400.00 – R22 000.00 (Depending on the residence allocated; excluding meals);</p> <p>Kovsie Inn ranges from R4 015 – R5 280 per month (including breakfast).</p> <p>*Should you wish not to make use of the on-campus accommodation, please indicate this on your application form.</p> <p>*Allocation of students to residences is done randomly looking at the available space at a specific residence.</p> <p>*All accommodation fees are paid in advance for the entire duration of the exchange period and not monthly.</p> <p>Any potential incoming students are offered to take selective Turkish language course with 6 ECTS credits. Whoever is willing can take and put the course on their Learning Agreement.</p>



Visa	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 838 39 36	<a href="https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa">https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa</a>
	UFS	Mrs. Jeanne Niemann e-mail: <a href="mailto:niemannaja@ufs.ac.za">niemannaja@ufs.ac.za</a> Telephone: +27 (0)51 401 3219	<a href="https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/departments/international-affairs-home">https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/departments/international-affairs-home</a> <a href="http://www.vfsgloabl.com/dha/southafrica">www.vfsgloabl.com/dha/southafrica</a>
Insurance	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 838 39 36	<a href="http://www.sgk.gov.tr/wps/portal/sgk/en/detail/social_sec_agree">http://www.sgk.gov.tr/wps/portal/sgk/en/detail/social_sec_agree</a>
	UFS	Mrs. Jeanne Niemann e-mail: <a href="mailto:niemannaja@ufs.ac.za">niemannaja@ufs.ac.za</a> Telephone: +27 (0)51 401 3219	<a href="https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/departments/international-affairs-home">https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/departments/international-affairs-home</a> <a href="http://www.vfsgloabl.com/dha/southafrica">www.vfsgloabl.com/dha/southafrica</a>
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 838 39 36	Any potential participant with fewer opportunities will be reported and necessary procedures will be carried out by the offices.
	UFS	Mrs Martie Miranda Assistant Director	The University of Free State provides a reception service to meet the needs of the students and staff with disabilities. Please consult our website for the Centre for Universal Access and Disability support (CUADS): <a href="http://supportservices.ufs.ac.za">http://supportservices.ufs.ac.za</a>

		T: +27 51 401 3713 E: MirandamH@ufs.ac.za	
Mentoring			
Grant payments	TR ISTANBU07	<a href="mailto:icm@yildiz.edu.tr">icm@yildiz.edu.tr</a> +90 212 838 39 36	YTU is responsible for all outgoing and incoming exchange funds, the student or staff who realizes the exchange gets paid by the YTU International Office Erasmus Programme Unit as soon as the necessary paperwork is completed upon arrival to YTU.
Alumni information			

## 7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System</i></li></ul>
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- 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 organizations 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 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](#)<sup>12</sup>. 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								
TR ISTANBU07		<a href="http://www.bologna.yildiz.edu.tr/index.php?r=institution/grading">http://www.bologna.yildiz.edu.tr/index.php?r=institution/grading</a> <a href="https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/departments/student-academic-services-ufs/faq/my-examinations">https://www.ufs.ac.za/supportservices/departments/student-academic-services-ufs/faq/my-examinations</a>								
UFS		<p>Grades consist of a semester mark and an examination mark, the weighting of which is determined per course (or module). The semester mark requires a pre-determined minimum (determined by the UFS and currently set at 40%) for entry into the final examination. The semester mark may include assessments including tests, assignments, practical, oral presentations. Final assessments are typically conducted through written examinations unless otherwise indicated. Below is a summary of the grade benchmarks:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="478 1077 718 1456"> <thead> <tr> <th>Grade</th> <th>Definition</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>≥75%</td> <td>Pass, with distinction</td> </tr> <tr> <td>50%-74%</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&lt;50%</td> <td>Fail</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Examinations are held at the end of a respective semester (for semester courses) or at the end of the second semester (for year</p>	Grade	Definition	≥75%	Pass, with distinction	50%-74%	Pass	<50%	Fail
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≥75%	Pass, with distinction									
50%-74%	Pass									
<50%	Fail									

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

		<p>courses). Examinations must be written on the pre-determined official examination timetable dates. Students have two examination opportunities. The first opportunity must be taken, unless the student provides a valid reason to not do so that complies with the examination regulations set by the UFS. If the first opportunity is not written, the second opportunity must be written. Students will not be afforded a further opportunity. All students, whether exchange or regular students, can only take exams according to the official UFS examination timetable and cannot make alternative arrangements with their lecturers.</p> <p><b>For inbound and outbound mobility</b></p> <p>Learning agreements are used as an effective tool especially for incoming mobility. The host academic department and the International Office sign the agreements before the student departs for the mobility.</p> <p>For our outbound students, they are also expected to comply with credit transfer processes before they can be formally approved for the mobility to ensure that the credits that they will earn from the partner university will indeed be acknowledged and recognised when the student returns to UFS to continue their studies.</p> <p>With reference to the above, the mentioned process ensures that the credits earned are recognised by the sending institution. The OIA advises faculties on how this recognition can be facilitated with each agreement signed and the Head of Department, Dean, Faculty managers and student academic services form part of this process. Students are expected to submit and be issued with transcripts for their completed mobility.</p>
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## Data Protection

Each institution is independently responsible for ensuring the lawfulness of the processing of personal data as independent data controller with regards to the respective applicable European and local regulations.

Partner University accepts the set of standard contractual clauses for the transfer of personal data to third countries as released by the Commission of the European Union to ensure an adequate level of data protection (see [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=urisrv:OJ.L\\_.2004.385.01.0074.01.ENG&toc=OJ.L.:2004:385:TOC](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=urisrv:OJ.L_.2004.385.01.0074.01.ENG&toc=OJ.L.:2004:385:TOC)).

A mobility coordinator will be named in each institution and act as the students' main contact person with regards to the administration of their application and study, the information on data processing as well as the exercise of the rights of data subjects. The contact details will be provided to the data subjects.





- 5.1. The personal data transferred concern the following categories of data subjects: exchange students and staff members in case of faculty and staff exchange; contact persons at the respective international offices involved in the exchange process
- 5.2. The transfer is made for the following purposes: to administer the application and exchange process, to issue relevant documents and to execute the mobility program
- 5.3. Data processing at Yildiz Technical University includes the following data: personal data (e.g. study program, language skills, learning agreement, transcript of records, application documents), data related to the stay abroad (e.g. home institution and study details, host institution and study details, scholarship, visa, health insurance, residence permit, confirmation of stay), study related data (e.g. relating courses, exams) and internship related data (e.g. internship institution, extent, tasks).
- 5.4. Data processing at the University of the Free State includes the following data: personal data (e.g. study program, language skills, learning agreement, transcript of records, application documents), data related to the stay abroad (e.g. home institution and study details, host institution and study details, scholarship, visa, health insurance, residence permit, confirmation of stay), study related data (e.g. relating courses, exams) and internship related data (e.g. internship institution, extent, tasks).
- 5.5. The personal data transferred to Yildiz Technical University may be further disclosed to the following recipients: Staff members and administrators at Yildiz Technical University and the Turkish Ministry of Interior.
- 5.6. The personal data transferred to the University of the Free State may be further disclosed to the following recipients: Staff members and administrators at the University of the Free State and the South African Department of Home Affairs.



## **9. 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 <sup>13</sup>
TR ISTANBU07	Murat Turhan Ph. D. Institutional Coordinator International Relations Office	15.10.2021	 <b>MURAT TURHAN, Ph.D.</b> <b>Coordinator</b> <b>YTU International Relations</b> 
UFS	Prof Francis Petersen Vice-Chancellor and Rector University of the Free State	3/11/2021	  <small>UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE UNIVERSITEIT VAN DIE VRYSTAAT YUNIBESITHI YA RHESTATHA</small>

<sup>13</sup> Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation