

Programme	LIFELONG LEARNING
Subprogramme	ERASMUS
Action Category	MOBILITY
Action	ERASMUS Student Mobility for Placements
Objectives and description of the action	<p>This action enables students at higher education institutions to spend a placement period between 3 months and 12 months in an enterprise or organisation in another participating country.</p> <p>The objectives of student mobility for placements are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To help students to adapt to the requirements of the EU-wide labour market; • To enable students to develop specific skill including language skills and to improve understanding of the economic and social culture of the country concerned in the context of acquiring work experience; • To promote cooperation between HEI and enterprises; • To contribute to the development of a pool of well-qualified, open-minded and internationally experienced young people as future professionals. <p>Student 'placement' is an alternative term to the widely used term 'traineeship' or 'internship'. Host organisations for student placements may be enterprises, training centres, research centres and other organisations.</p> <p>Erasmus students are selected by their home HEI in a fair and transparent way.</p> <p>Prior to their departure, students sign a placement agreement which includes the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A "Training Agreement" regarding its specific programme for the placement period; this agreement must be endorsed by the home higher education institution and the host organisation; • A "Quality Commitment" setting out the right and obligations of all the parties specifically for placements abroad. • The "Erasmus Student Charter" setting out the student's rights and obligations with respect to his/her mobility period abroad. <p>At the end of the period abroad, full recognition must be given by the home higher education institution for the period spent abroad as agreed in the Training Agreement.</p> <p>Students may be awarded an Erasmus grant to help cover the travel and subsistence costs (including insurance and visa costs) incurred in connection with their placement period abroad.</p> <p>The payment of any national grant or loan to outgoing students should be maintained during the Erasmus placement period abroad.</p> <p>An Erasmus student may follow, if offered, an Erasmus Intensive Language Course in the host language before the placement period, for which a grant may also be awarded. For more information, see the specific information on Erasmus Intensive Language Courses.</p> <p>Students with special needs may apply for a specific grant after they had been selected for a mobility period.</p>
Who can benefit	- Students registered in a higher education holding an Extended Erasmus University Charter - Enterprises, training centres, research centres and other organisations
Who can apply	- Sending higher education institution holding an Extended Erasmus University Charter - Placement consortia holding an Erasmus Consortium Placement Certificate
PRIORITIES	The priorities for this Action can be found in the Lifelong Learning 2008-2010 General Call for Proposals.
HOW TO APPLY	Decentralised, application to be sent to the relevant National Agency for the applicant
Please consult the relevant Agency website for further information.	
Selection Procedure:	NA1
Application Form Code:	MB HEI, MB Cons
<i>Please make sure you use the application form showing this code in the header.</i>	
Application Deadline(s):	12 March 2010
Duration	
Minimum Duration:	3 months or 2 months for short-cycle higher vocational education
Maximum Duration:	12 months
Comment on Duration:	
FINANCIAL PROVISIONS	
Please consult Part I of this Guide, Chapter 4 Financial Provisions for more information.	
Applicable Grant Table(s):	Table 1b
Maximum Grant €:	

Comment on Funding:	
EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES	
Please consult Part I of this Guide, chapter WHAT IS THE LIFECYCLE OF A PROJECT for further information about the evaluation and selection procedures	
Eligibility Criteria	
General eligibility rules:	
The general eligibility criteria for applications in the LLP Programme are outlined in Part I of this Guide, Chapter 3. Participating countries: please refer to Part I of this Guide, section "Which countries participate in the Programme?"	
Specific eligibility rules:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications must be submitted by bodies which are legal entities. - Full recognition must be given by the home institution for the period spent abroad, preferably using ECTS credits. Recognition shall be based on the training agreement approved by all parties before the period of mobility starts. In the particular case of a period of placement that is not part of the curriculum of the student, the sending institution shall provide recognition at least by recording this period in the Diploma Supplement or if not possible in the student's transcript of records. In addition, the use of Europass mobility documents is encouraged. - The student must be registered in a higher education institution which holds an Extended Erasmus University Charter. <p>The student must be either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * a national of a country participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme; * a national of other countries enrolled in regular courses in institutions of higher education in a participating country, under the conditions fixed by each of the participating countries, taking into account the nature of the programme (please refer to relevant National Agency website). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The student may only receive two Erasmus grants: one grant for a study period and one for a placement period. - At least the sending or the receiving country must be an EU Member State. - The following types of organisations are not eligible as host organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * EU institutions and other EU bodies including specialised agencies (their exhaustive list is available on the website ec.europa.eu/institutions/index_en.htm); * organisations managing EU programmes (in order to avoid a possible conflict of interests and/or double funding); * representations or public institutions of the home country of the student, e.g. embassies, consulates, cultural institutes, schools etc. due to the requirement of transnationality.
Minimum number of Countries:	Not applicable
Minimum number of Partners:	Not applicable
Comment on participants:	
Award criteria	No award criteria are set at European level.
CONTRACTING PROCEDURES	
Probable sending date of pre-information on the results of the selection process	See NA website
Probable sending date of agreement to the beneficiaries	See NA website
Probable starting date of the action	June