

2021-2027

Erasmus+ Programme
Inter-institutional agreement
Key Action 1
Mobility of higher education students and staff

between EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme

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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 Higher education mobility supported by internal policy funds
- KA171 Higher education mobility supported by external policy funds

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 <u>Erasmus Charter for Higher Education</u><sup>2</sup> and in this agreement.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

<sup>-</sup> 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

<sup>-</sup> 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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr\_en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 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
Kastamonu University (KU)	TR KASTAM001	Erasmus INS. Coordinator: Dr. Süleyman Çite erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90 366 2801663 Agreement Contact Person:	General: <a href="https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/">https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/</a> <a href="https://kastamonu.edu.tr/">https://kastamonu.edu.tr/</a> <a href="Faculty/faculties">Faculty/faculties</a> :  Course catalogue: <a href="https://ubys.kastamonu.edu.tr/AIS/OutcomeBasedLearning/Home/Index?culture=en-US">https://ubys.kastamonu.edu.tr/AIS/OutcomeBasedLearning/Home/Index?culture=en-US</a>
Central University (CU)	E10324646	International Programmes Office: Dr. Kingsford Kissi Mireku head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888 Agreement Contact Person:	General: <a href="http://www.central.edu.gh">http://www.central.edu.gh</a> Faculty/faculties:  Central University

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Higher education institutions (HEIs) from EU 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>&</sup>lt;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

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[Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	[Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	education [ISCED] <sup>7</sup> (optional)	education - clarification (optional)	education [EQF] (optional)	Student Mobility [Total number of students]	Student Mobility [Total number of months]	Staff Mobility [Total number of staff]	Staff Mobility [Total number of days]
		0913	Nursing					
		0732	Civil Engineering	1				
		0410	Business			10 3		15
TR KASTAMO01	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	0321	Communication Studies	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 10 3 15		3	
		0610	Computing and Information Technology					
		0221	Theology					
		0913	Nursing					
0732 Civil Engineering								
CENTRAL	2 10		45					
UNIVERSITY		0321		1 <sup>st</sup>	1 1st 2	2	10 3	3
		0610	Computing and Information Technology					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf

0221	Theology			

#### **Optional** additional information

e.g. blended mobility, etc.

### 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 <u>language skills</u> at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

Receiving Field of	Language	Language	Recomm	ended level	
institution [Erasmus code or city]	education (Optional)	of instruction 1	of instruction 2	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 KASTAMO01		Turkish	English	B1	В2
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY		English	English	B1	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>&</sup>lt;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): <a href="http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr">http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr</a>

## 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 organisation or administration of their Erasmus+ credit mobility period at their institution. 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
The OS will be used by the coordinating institution (KU) to the extent permitted by the Project Agreement without repartition.	

#### 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 for mobility-eligible participants. 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
  the 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 KASTAMO01	Autumn Term: from September 1 to January 30  Spring Term: from February 1 to June 30  (to confirm the exact dates, please contact Erasmus Office)	15 July (for Autumn term) 15 December (for Spring term) (The dates can be adapted through mutual communication)
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	Autumn Term: from 18 October to 22 February Spring/Summer Term: from 10 March to 12 July	Autumn: Nomination: 15 July Application: 15 August Spring: Nomination: 15 December Application: 15 January

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

The receiving institution will send its decision within [2] weeks and no later than 5 weeks.

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:

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Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email)	Website for information
TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office  erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr  +903662801663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/icr
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office:  head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh  +233 206666888	Central University

Requirement	Details	Applicable to	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	Academic achievement level (Cumulative Grade Point Average) 50% (out of 100 points)	Student	
Language Proficiency Level	Min. B1 Level of English Proficiency 50% (out of 100 points)	Student/Staff	
CV	YES	Student/Staff	

Letter of Intent	To be evaluated by the home university (+20)	Staff	
First Time Participation	(+10)	Staff	
Previous Participation	Once (-10)  Twice (-15)  More than twice (-20)	Staff	
	For each participation (-10)	Student	
Disabled Participant	With a valid certificate (+15)	Student/Staff	
Other	Participating in mobility in the country of citizenship will receive minus (-10)points	Student	
Other	Failure to participate without giving timely waiver notice (-10)	Student/Staff	
Other	Agreement Contact Person (+15)	Staff	
Other	Administrative Staff (for training activity only) (+15)	Staff	
Other	Erasmus Coordinator/IRO Coordinator (+5)	Staff	

# 6. Preparation and support

The higher education institution(s) in an EU 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* 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter">https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter</a> en

Arrange travel or provide pre-financing of the grant to reduce the upfront costs that participants need to cover.

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.
- 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
	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/
Accommodation	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University
Lanauran	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/
Language Support	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University
Vice	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index,php/en/ https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for- foreigners.en.mfa https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/VisaInfa/Index
Visa CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University	
	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office <u>erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr</u> +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/ http://www.studyinturkey.gov.tr/
Insurance	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University

Inclusion of	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/
participants with fewer opportunities	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University
	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/
Mentoring	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University
	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/
Grant payments	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University
Alumni	TR KASTAMO01	KU Erasmus Office <u>erasmus@kastamonu.edu.tr</u> +90366 280 1663	https://erasmus.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/en/
information	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	International Programmes Office: head.internationalprogrammes@central.edu.gh kkissi.mireku@central.edu.gh +233 206666888	Central University

#### 7. Recognition

#### Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed.
- 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 organisations 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:
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
  - o Providing students on traineeships and 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 <u>EGRACONS</u> according to the descriptions in the <u>ECTS users' guide</u><sup>11</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 KASTAMO01		https://oidb.kastamonu.edu.tr/index.php/tr/mevzuat
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY		Central University

#### KASTAMONU UNIVERSITY Grading System

Score	KU Grade Points	KU Letter	ECTS Letter	
90-100	4.00	AA	A	
85-89	3.50	BA	В	
75-84	3.00	BB		
65-74	2.50	СВ	С	
60-64	2.00	CC	D	
55-59	1.50	DC	E	
50-54	1.00	DD	FX	
40-49	0.50	FD		
0-36	0.00	FF	F	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resourDCces-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide\_en

#### **CENTRAL UNIVERSITY** Grading System

Score	CU Grade Points	CU Letter	ECTS Letter
80-100%	4.0	Α	Excellent
75-79%	3.5	B+	Very Good
70-74%	3.0	В	Good
65-69%	2.5	C+ C	Fairly Good Average
60-64%	2.0		
55-59%	1.5	D+	Barely Satisfactory
50-54%	1.0	D	Marginal Pass
0-49%	0	F	Fail

#### 9. Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)

n/a

#### 10. 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>12</sup>
TR KASTAMO01	Prof. Dr. Ahmet Hamdi TOPAL Rector	<b>05/Q2</b> /2024	Auth.
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	Prof. Stephen Abenney- Mickson Pro Vice-Chancellor	26/06/2024	SAWILL SHIVERSITY

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation