



The Erasmus+ programme

What is the Erasmus+ programme?

Erasmus+ is the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport (2014-2020). In the field of education and training, the Erasmus initiative is renowned for the opportunities it provides students to learn abroad, as well as the opportunities it provides for teaching staff in higher education. Building on these, the Erasmus+ programme now covers five major areas of education and training: from school education to adult education.

The Erasmus+ programme dedicates its activities to 3 specific fields of actions:

- learning mobility of individuals
- cooperation for innovation and exchange of good practices
- support for policy reform

The actions of the Erasmus + programme are divided into decentralised actions and centralised actions.

- The centralised actions are managed at a European level by the **Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA)** located in Brussels.
- The decentralised actions are managed in each programme country by National Agencies that are appointed by their national authorities. In France, the National Agency is called [Agence Erasmus+ France](#) and is located in Bordeaux.

Guidelines of the Erasmus+ programme for students

The Erasmus+ programme has implemented its own philosophy and established specific rules :

- The Erasmus+ mobility should be based on the **cultural integration** of the student the city in the country, city and host institution.
- The study abroad period replaces the study period of the student in his home institution on the basis of a **commun trust and recognition between** both institutions.
- The Erasmus+ programme supports the mobility of the students and in return expects participants to **respect the rules**, which have been established.

Where to go?

Students can apply for an Erasmus+ exchange in an institution that has signed a bilateral agreement with the home institution. Please click [here](#) to access the list of partner institutions of the CNSMDL.

Eligible countries to the Erasmus+ programme are:



- **the 28 member states of the European Union:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- **the 4 member states of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA):** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland.

For how long?

An Erasmus+ study period abroad can last between 3 and 12 months without interruption. Applications are only possible from the second academic year onwards. The study period abroad cannot exceed 12 months per academic cycle. Please note that it includes the previous Erasmus exchanges that you could have done in another institution.

A traineeship (work placement) abroad in an enterprise or any other relevant workplace can last between 2 and 12 months without interruption. Applications are possible from the first academic year onwards.

Worth knowing!

In order to facilitate the recognition of credits between institutions, the CNSM DL prefers that study periods abroad correspond to entire academic semesters (one or two).

When to apply for an Erasmus+ exchange?

Students wishing to take part in an exchange can only do so **before they obtain their diploma and preferably in the last year of their undergraduate studies or the first year of their master's degree.**

In all cases the date, length and place of the study abroad period are subject to the **agreement of the teacher of the student's main subject and the Director of Studies.**

When applying for an study period abroad, students should take into account their complementary disciplines and namely the ones involving them in ensembles. As student, you should make sure that:

- this will not cause any problem regarding your curriculum
- this will not cause any problem for other students playing with you in chamber music ensembles

Therefore it is important to discuss your application first with the Director of Studies.

How does the home institution deal with students applications?



The CNSMD reserves the right to reject a mobility request if the student's progress is considered incompatible with a study abroad period and/or the project is deemed to be ill-conceived.

How does the host institution deal with students applications?

Because of the number of places for exchange students at partner institutions is strictly limited, it is not always possible to grant students their wishes, even if they have demonstrated that they have reached the required level. Students are therefore advised to make several different applications.

What about non EU-citizen students?

All students (no matter the nationality) registered in a Higher Education institution, which has signed the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education 2014-2020, can apply for a Erasmus+ exchange.



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