

AGREEMENT BETWEEN BENEFICIARIES AND PARTICIPANTS

AGREEMENT – ERASMUS+ - MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

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PREAMBLE

This **Agreement** ('the Agreement') is **between** the following parties:

on the one part,

the **Organisation** ('the organisation'),

Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT, SF LAPPEEN01

Address: Yliopistonkatu 34, 53850 Lappeenranta, Finland

Email: outgoing@lut.fi

represented for the purposes of signature of this agreement by Student Exchange Coordinator
and

on the other part,

the '**participant**'

Date of birth:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Bank account where the financial support should be paid:

Bank account holder:

Bank name:

Clearing/BIC/SWIFT number:

Account/IBAN number:

The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into this Agreement.

The Agreement is composed of:

Terms and Conditions

Annex 1: Erasmus+ learning agreement for student mobility for studies

Annex 2: Erasmus Student Charter

The terms set out in the Terms and Conditions will take precedence over those set out in the annex.

Total amount includes:

Base amount for individual support for long-term physical mobility: Yes

Base amount for individual support for short-term physical mobility: No

Top-up amount for students and recent graduates with fewer opportunities on long-term mobility:

Top-up amount for students and recent graduates with fewer opportunities on short-term mobility: No

Top-up amount for traineeships: No

Top-up amount for green travel to individual support:

Travel support (standard travel or green travel amount):

Travel days (additional individual support days): No

Exceptional cost for expensive travel (based on real costs): No

Inclusion support (based on real costs):

The participant receives:

a financial support from Erasmus+ EU funds: «bit_freifeld17»

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 1 – SUBJECT OF THE AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This agreement sets out the rights and obligations and terms and conditions applicable to the financial support awarded to carry out a mobility activity under the Erasmus+ Programme.
- 1.2 The organisation will provide support to the participant for undertaking a mobility activity.
- 1.3 The participant accepts the support or the provision of services as specified in Article 3 and undertakes to carry out the mobility activity as described in the Annex 1.
- 1.4 Amendments to this grant agreement will be requested and agreed by both parties through a formal notification by letter or by electronic message.

ARTICLE 2 – ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION OF MOBILITY

- 2.1 The grant agreement will enter into force on the date when the last of the two parties signs this grant agreement.
- 2.2 The mobility period will start on
- 2.3 The period covered by the grant agreement includes: A physical mobility period from _to _, equal to _ days. _funded travel days.
- 2.4 The transcript of records/certificate of attendance (or statement attached to these documents) shall provide the confirmed start and end dates of duration of the mobility period, including the virtual component.
- 2.5 If the participant during the mobility period misbehaves or breaks the rules of the receiving institution/organisation, the international coordinator has the right to cancel the exchange. This applies also if the participant has no intention at all to study during the mobility period. In these cases, the participant shall have to reimburse the financial support or part thereof as stated in article 5.2.

ARTICLE 3 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- 3.1 The financial support is calculated following the funding rules indicated in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide [2023 version].
- 3.2 The participant will receive a financial support from Erasmus+ EU funds for _days of [The number of days will be equal to the duration of the physical mobility period plus possible travel days; if the participant will not receive financial support for a part or the entire mobility period, this number of days are to be adjusted accordingly].
- 3.3 The participant may submit a request concerning the extension of the physical mobility period within the limit set out in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide of 30 days before the planned end of the exchange period. If the organisation agrees to extend the duration of the mobility period, the agreement will be amended accordingly.
- 3.4 The organisation shall provide the participant the total financial support for the mobility period and possible travel days in the form of a payment of EUR _.
- 3.5 The contribution towards costs incurred in connection with travel or inclusion needs (inclusion support, exceptional costs for expensive travel, travel support, green travel top-up, top-up for fewer opportunities), shall be based on the supporting documents provided by the participant.
- 3.6 The financial support may not be used to cover costs for actions already funded by Union funds.
- 3.7 Notwithstanding Article 3.6, the financial support is compatible with any other source of funding. This includes a salary that the participant could receive for their traineeship or teaching activities, or for any work outside their mobility activities as long as they carry out the activities foreseen in Annex I.

ARTICLE 4 – PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 4.1 Payment shall be made to the participant no later than (whichever comes first):
 - 30 calendar days after the signature of the agreement by both parties
 - the start date of the mobility period

The payment shall be made to the participant representing 100% of the amount specified in Article 3. In case the participant did not provide the supporting documents in time, according to the funding organisation's timeline, a later payment of the pre-financing can be exceptionally accepted, based on justified reasons.

- 4.2 All fully completed documents for financial support and the online grant application must be submitted to LUT Mobility-Online by the 1st day of the month to receive the financial support on the last bank day of the month. Financial support applications and balancing of the financial support are not processed during summer months in July and August.

ARTICLE 5 – RECOVERY

- 5.1 The financial support or part thereof shall be recovered by the sending organisation if the participant does not comply with the terms of the agreement. If the participant terminates the agreement before it ends, the participant shall have to return the amount of the grant already paid, except if agreed differently with the sending organisation. The latter shall be reported by the sending organisation and accepted by the National Agency.
- 5.2 The financial support or part thereof shall be repaid if the participant does not comply with the terms of this agreement. The participant is obliged to repay the grant or part of it if some of the

following requirements is/are not fulfilled. Repay of the grant is needed also if the duration of stay is shortened by more than 5 days in relation to the original plan.

The participant must fulfil the requirement of completing 20 ECTS or equivalent per academic semester at the host institution. If the participant is not able to fulfil the 20 ECTS requirement, the participant needs to pay the grant back according to the following scale

- 5 ECTS or less, full (100 %) payback of the grant
- 6-9 ECTS, 75 % payback of the grant
- 10-14 ECTS, 50 % payback of the grant
- 15-19 ECTS, 20 % payback of the grant.

After the exchange the participant is obliged to submit the exchange documents to Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT. The credit transfer to Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT is made based on the accepted Learning Agreement and Transcript of Records from the host institution.

In the decision on grant reimbursement, participant's illness or difficult circumstances are taken into consideration. The illness or difficult circumstances shall be based on the supporting documents provided by the participant.

ARTICLE 6 – INSURANCE

- 6.1 The organisation shall make sure that the participant has adequate insurance coverage either by providing itself the insurance, or by making an agreement with the receiving organisation for the latter to provide the insurance, or by providing the participant with the relevant information and support to take an insurance on their own.
- 6.2 Insurance coverage shall include at minimum a health insurance.
- 6.3 The responsible party for taking the insurance coverage is: the participant.

ARTICLE 7 – LANGUAGE LEVEL AND ONLINE LANGUAGE SUPPORT (OLS)

- 7.1 The participant may carry out the OLS language assessment in the language of mobility (if available) before the mobility period and make use of the language courses available on the OLS platform.

ARTICLE 8 – PARTICIPANT REPORT

- 8.1 The participant shall complete and submit the participant report on their mobility experience (via the online EUSurvey tool) within 30 calendar days upon receipt of the invitation to complete it. Participants who fail to complete and submit the online participant report may be required by their organisation to partially or fully reimburse the financial support received.
- 8.2 A complementary online survey may be sent to the participant allowing for full reporting on recognition issues.

ARTICLE 9 – ETHICS AND VALUES

- 9.1 Ethics: The mobility activity must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.
- 9.2 Values: The participant must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).
- 9.3 If a participant breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced.

ARTICLE 10 – DATA PROTECTION

- 10.1 The funding organisation shall provide the participants with the relevant privacy statement for the processing of their personal data before these are encoded in the electronic systems for managing the Erasmus+ mobilities: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/privacy-statement>
- 10.2 All personal data contained in the agreement shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU organisations and bodies and on the free movement of such data. Such data shall be processed solely in connection with the implementation and follow-up of the agreement by the sending organisation, the National Agency and the European Commission, without prejudice to the possibility of passing the data to the bodies responsible for inspection and audit in accordance with EU legislation (Court of Auditors or European Antifraud Office (OLAF)).
- 10.3 The participant may, on written request, gain access to his personal data and correct any information that is inaccurate or incomplete. The participant should address any questions regarding the processing of his/her personal data to the sending organisation and/or the National Agency. The participant may lodge a complaint against the processing of his personal data to the European Data Protection Supervisor with regard to the use of the data by the European Commission.

ARTICLE 11 – TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

- 11.1 In the event of failure by the participant to perform any of the obligations arising from the agreement, and regardless of the consequences provided for under the applicable law, the organisation is legally entitled to terminate or cancel the agreement without any further legal formality where no action is taken by the participant within one month of receiving notification by registered letter.
- 11.2 In case of termination by the participant due to "force majeure", i.e. an unforeseeable exceptional situation or event beyond the participant's control and not attributable to error or negligence on their part, the participant shall be entitled to receive at least the amount of the grant corresponding to the actual duration of the mobility period. Any remaining funds shall have to be refunded.

ARTICLE 12 – CHECKS AND AUDITS

- 12.1 The parties of the agreement undertake to provide any detailed information requested by the European Commission, the National Agency of Finland or by any other outside body authorised by the European Commission or the National Agency of Finland to check that the mobility period and the provisions of the agreement are being properly implemented.

ARTICLE 13 – LIABILITY

- 13.1 Each party of this agreement shall exonerate the other from any civil liability for damages suffered by them or their staff as a result of performance of this agreement, provided such damages are not the result of serious and deliberate misconduct on the part of the other party or his staff.
- 13.2 The National Agency of Finland, the European Commission or their staff shall not be held liable in the event of a claim under the agreement relating to any damage caused during the execution of the mobility period. Consequently, the National Agency of Finland, or the European Commission shall not entertain any request for indemnity of reimbursement accompanying such claim.

ARTICLE 14 – APPLICABLE LAW AND COMPETENT COURT

14.1 The Agreement is governed by the law of Finland.

14.2 The competent court determined in accordance with the applicable national law shall have sole jurisdiction to hear any dispute between the organisation and the participant concerning the interpretation, application or validity of this Agreement, if such dispute cannot be settled amicably.

SIGNATURES

For the participant

For the organisation
Student Exchange
Coordinator

*Participant has accept the grant terms via Shibboleth
identification in LUT Mobility-Online*
Online

Lappeenranta

Annex 1
Erasmus+ learning agreement for student mobility for studies

Available at LUT Mobility-Online or EWP