

What are the preconditions for an Erasmus+ mobility?

Erasmus+ enables up to 4 million people to study, train or work in another country. OeAD GmbH, the Austrian Agency for International Cooperation in Education and Research, manages educational exchange programmes with other countries.

If your home university

- recommends you for an Erasmus+ mobility period
- and you have subsequently been offered Erasmus+ status by OeAD GmbH, with or without a grant,

then the following preconditions apply for your mobility period abroad:

1. How often and for how long have you already been abroad with the Erasmus+, Lifelong Learning (LLP) and Erasmus Mundus programmes?

Students may spend a **maximum of 12 months** abroad under the Erasmus+ programme at every level of study (“study cycle”), i.e. Bachelor, Master and Doctorate. Mobilities may include study periods or traineeships abroad during or after studies. The 12-month limit applies regardless of the type of mobility and the number of mobilities spent abroad. For example, you can undertake 2 study periods of 5 months each, plus one 2-month traineeship abroad. Students on Diploma degree programmes (Law, Pharmaceuticals and Teacher Training) may spend **up to 24 months** abroad under the Erasmus+ programme.

You must state **all previous periods spent abroad** on the Erasmus+ and Lifelong Learning programmes, and also any Erasmus Mundus grants, so that we can determine the maximum permitted length of your current mobility. You must also include any Erasmus mobility periods (at the same level) spent abroad while being enrolled at another university in your home country.

If it later emerges that the maximum period of 12 months per study cycle is exceeded during the present Erasmus+ period, the duration of the grant will be **reduced**, or the mobility **completely cancelled**. If you have wrongfully received funding it must be **repaid**.

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2. Do you receive financial assistance to study?

If you receive an Austrian study grant, you must declare this when applying for an Erasmus+ grant. If you are planning an **Erasmus+ study period** you must apply for a **grant to study abroad** from the relevant Austrian authority. This does not apply for Erasmus+ traineeships. You will receive the necessary information in electronic format shortly before the beginning of your mobility period. More information can be found under point 3.

If it later emerges that you have given false or incomplete information on this point, you must **repay** the money you have wrongly received.

3. Contract with OeAD GmbH

If you are awarded Erasmus+ status by OeAD GmbH you will be required to sign a contract with OeAD GmbH. You will be sent this contract via the Students Online portal. This contract will be sent to you 20 days before the beginning of your mobility at the earliest. OeAD GmbH uses the data provided by the university.

Both before and during your mobility abroad you will receive all information and login data for the Students Online portal **in electronic form only**, sent to the email address which you have given on your application form. Therefore you should check that the address you have given is correct. You should also regularly check your inbox and spam folder for important new messages from OeAD GmbH.

If you or OeAD GmbH do not sign this contract before your Erasmus+ period, you will not receive a grant. This may also present you with further problems. For example, the home university and the host university may both retrospectively demand tuition fees.

Every month you spend abroad with Erasmus+ status will be **deducted** from your credit balance for Erasmus+ per study cycle. This also applies if you have not signed the contract.

The contract states precisely **all** the conditions which are important for the Erasmus+ period and for payment of the grant. The signed contract is legally binding.

Do you have further questions? Please contact the International Office at your university.