

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, 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 with the Erasmus+ programme at every level of study (“study cycle”), i.e. Bachelor, Master and PhD. 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, Pharmacy and Teacher Training) may spend **up to 24 months** abroad with the Erasmus+ programme.

You must inform us of **all your 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 duration 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 or any other country.

If the maximum period of 12 months per study cycle is exceeded during your 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**.

2. Contract with OeAD GmbH

To receive an Erasmus+ status, you will have to sign a contract with the OeAD GmbH, after your nomination. You can download this contract 20 days before the beginning of your mobility. OeAD GmbH uses the data provided by you and your university.

Before your mobility abroad you will receive all information and login data for the Students Online portal **in electronic form only**, which will be sent to the email address that you provided on your application form. Therefore you should check if your e-mail-address is correct. Please check your inbox and your spam folder regularly in case important messages from the OeAD GmbH were sent to you.

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

Months spent abroad with Erasmus+ will be deducted from your 12-month balance even if you did not sign the Erasmus+ 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.