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## Definition

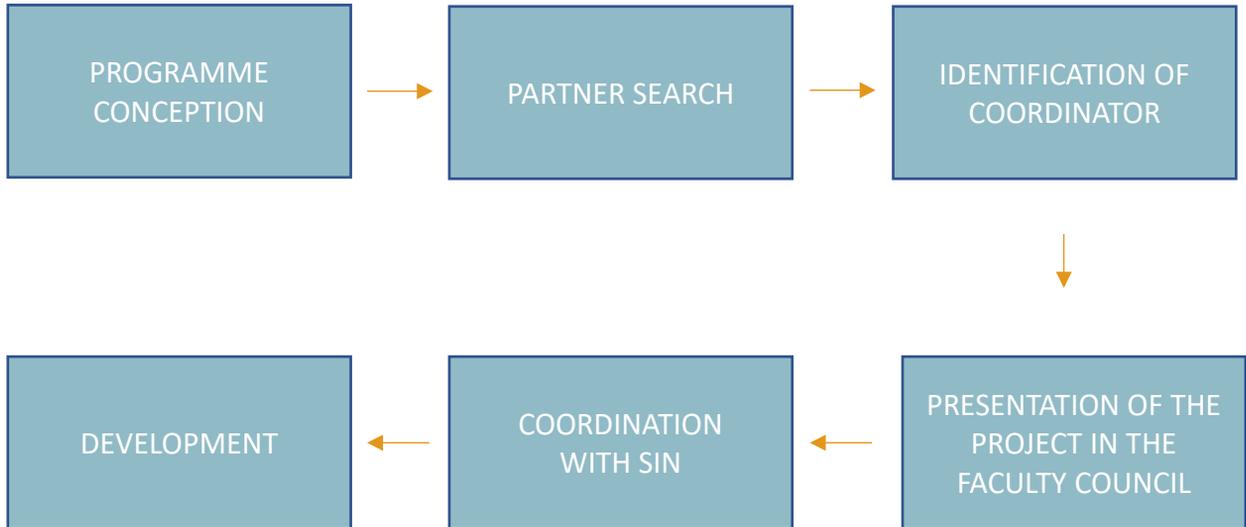
**Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs)** are short learning, teaching, and training programmes organised jointly by European Higher Education Institutions and developed through new forms of mobility that include a virtual learning period combined with short-term physical mobility.

Examples of activities:

- Seasonal Schools;
- Seminar cycles lasting at least 5 days;
- Etc.

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## BIP Life Cycle



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## Programme Conception: Eligible Participants

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
STUDENTS	Undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students (1st, 2nd, and 3rd cycle).
TEACHERS AND TRAINERS	Teaching staff from an EU Institution; Business personnel <b>invited to teach</b> at a Higher Education Institution in a programme country, employed in a public or private organisation active in the labor market or in the fields of education, training, youth, research, and innovation;

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## Programme Conception: Participants

**Minimum Participants:** At least 10 learners from EU institutions on mobility abroad are required for funding.

Who doesn't count towards the minimum number:

- Teachers/trainers involved in implementing the programme;
- Participants from the host university;
- Participants from Extra-EU institutions;
- Participants already on mobility (study, internship, or teaching) at the host institution.

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## Programme Conception: Participants

**Note:** Some of the 10 participants may come from other EU Higher Education Institutions outside the partnership if necessary.

**Recommendation:** Institutions are encouraged to plan for more than 10 participants to ensure eligibility in case of withdrawals.

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## Programme Conception: Mobility

**Components:** BIPs must include short-term **physical mobility** abroad combined with a **mandatory virtual component** for collaborative online teamwork.

**Virtual Component:** Must bring learners together online to work collectively and simultaneously on specific tasks integrated into the programme. There are no specific eligibility criteria regarding the duration of the virtual component. It can be organised before or after the physical component.



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## Programme Conception: Mobility

### Physical Mobility Duration:

**Students:** Minimum 5 to maximum 30 days

**Teaching Staff:** Minimum 2 to maximum 60 days

**Location:** Physical mobility must take place at a single receiving Higher Education Institution for an uninterrupted period. Short field trips and excursions across borders are permitted if the main part of the physical component occurs in the host country.



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## Programme Conception: Mobility

**Virtual Mobility:** No eligibility criteria regarding duration are provided for virtual mobility. Online activities can be organized either before or after the physical component.

**Credits:** The combined physical and virtual mobility must grant students a minimum of **3 ECTS (CFU) credits**.



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## Partnership

**Minimum Requirement:** Developed and implemented by **at least three Higher Education Institutions** from **at least three program countries**.

**Additional Participation:** Other institutions or organisations from programme countries may participate. Institutions from **non-EU countries** may participate or send participants at their own expense, but they do not count toward the minimum requirements.



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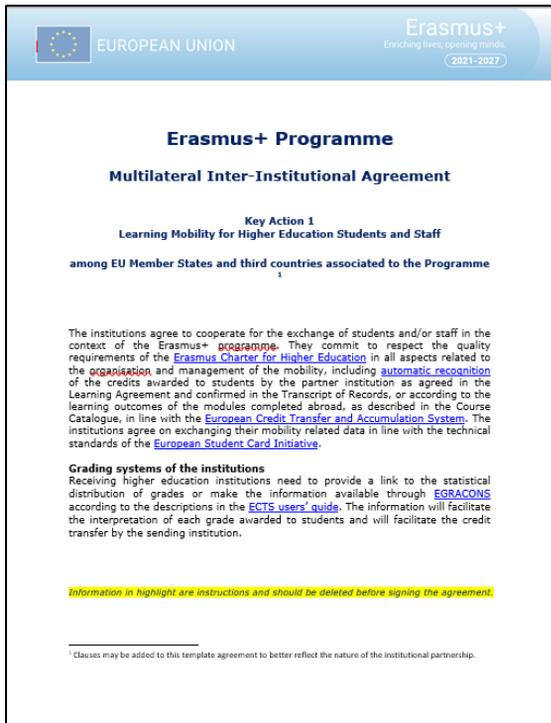
## Partnership

CATEGORY	COUNTRIES
Programme Countries	Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey.



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## Formalisation of the Partnership



The image shows a screenshot of the Erasmus+ Programme Multilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement template. The header includes the European Union logo and the Erasmus+ logo with the tagline 'Enriching lives, opening minds.' and the years '2021-2027'. The main title is 'Erasmus+ Programme Multilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement'. Below this, it specifies 'Key Action 1 Learning Mobility for Higher Education Students and Staff among EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme'. The text describes the agreement between institutions for the exchange of students and/or staff, mentioning the Erasmus+ programme, the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, automatic recognition of credits, and the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS). It also mentions the European Student Card Initiative. A section titled 'Grading systems of the institutions' states that higher education institutions need to provide a link to the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through EGRACONS. A yellow highlight at the bottom indicates that information in highlight are instructions and should be deleted before signing the agreement. A footnote at the bottom states that clauses may be added to this template agreement to better reflect the nature of the institutional partnership.

The partnership must be formalised through a multilateral Erasmus+ **Inter-Institutional Agreement**, managed by the Internationalisation Office (Servizio Internazionalizzazione)

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Coordinator

ROLE	CHARACTERISTICS
COORDINATOR	<p>The coordinating institution manages the organisation and receives/manages the Organisational Support (OS) funding.</p> <p><b>Default:</b> The coordinator is typically the receiving (host) institution, unless the partnership decides otherwise.</p> <p><b>Exception:</b> The coordinator can be a sending institution if the activity takes place in another country.</p>

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## Programme Conception

**Deadline:** Teachers wishing to organise a BIP with the SNS as coordinator partner must present the project to their Faculty's Council by **November 30th** for a programme planned for the following year.

**Selection:** Each Faculty Council selects **only one BIP per calendar year**, verifying minimum requirements and **awarding** the required **minimum of 3 credits**.



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## Funding

**Organisational Support (OS):** The coordinating institution receives OS funding from the National Agency.

### Funding Amount:

For programs with at least **10 participants**, the amount is € 4,000.00.

For programs with at least **15 participants**, the amount is € 6,000.00.

**Co-financing:** The SNS Governing Council provides a co-financing with an amount equal to the OS for BIPs where the SNS acts as coordinator.



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## Funding: rules of use

OS funds cover preparation, design, development, implementation, and follow-up. Eligible costs include:

- Production of documents or teaching materials;
- Rental of rooms and equipment;
- Field trips and excursions;
- Communication, translation, and interpretation;
- Preparatory visits by teachers and administrative tasks.



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## Development

Sending institutions fund their own students through Erasmus+ mobility funds for study or traineeships. When the SNS is the sending institution, students receive:

DURATION OF PHYSICAL MOBILITY	AMOUNT
Up to day 14	€ 79,00 per day
Day 15 to 30	€ 56,00 per day