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**Erasmus+ Programme**

**Key Action 1   
– Mobility for learners and staff –   
Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility**

**Inter-institutional[[1]](#footnote-1) agreement**

**2017/2018 – 2020/20[21][[2]](#footnote-2)  
between programme countries**

**[Minimum requirements][[3]](#footnote-3)**

The institutions named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. They commit to respect the quality requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, in particular the recognition of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution.

**A. Information about higher education institutions**

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| **Name of the institution**  **(and department, where relevant)** | **Erasmus code** | **Contact details[[4]](#footnote-4)**  **(email, phone)** | **Website**  **(eg. of the course catalogue)** |
| **NEW BULGARIAN UNIVERSITY** | **BG SOFIA02** | Institutional Coordinator Marieta Tzvetkova, PhD;  21, Montevideo Str., Building 1, Office 223, 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria  mcvetkova@nbu.bg; |  |
|  |  | Erasmus office  Stefani Kaldaramova, PhD;  21, Montevideo Str., Building 1, Office 111, 1618 Sofia, Bulgaria  skaldaramova@nbu.bg;  erasmus@nbu.bg | [www.nbu.bg/en/students/erasmus-student-mobility](http://www.nbu.bg/en/students/erasmus-student-mobility)  [www.nbu.bg/bg/students/erazym-studentska-mobilnost](http://www.nbu.bg/bg/students/erazym-studentska-mobilnost) |
|  |  | Academic Departmental Coordinator: |  |
| *[...]* |  |  |  |
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**B. Mobility numbers[[5]](#footnote-5) per academic year**

*These mobility numbers are valid for the whole period of the Erasmus+ Programme.*

*The partners commit to amend the table below in case of changes in the mobility data by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year.]*

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| **FROM**  **[Erasmus code of the sending institution]** | **TO**  **[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area code \** [ISCED]** | ***Subject area name \**** | ***Study cycle [short cycle, 1st , 2nd or 3rd] \**** | **Number of student mobility periods** | |
| Student Mobility for Studies  *[total number of months of the study periods or average duration\*]* | *Student Mobility for Traineeships \** |
| BG SOFIA02 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | BG SOFIA02 |  |  |  |  |  |
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*[\*Optional: subject area code & name and study cycle are optional. Inter-institutional agreements are not compulsory for Student Mobility for Traineeships or Staff Mobility for Training. Institutions may agree to cooperate on the organisation of traineeship; in this case they should indicate the number of students that they intend to send to the partner country. Total duration in months/days of the student/staff mobility periods or average duration can be indicated if relevant.]*

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| **FROM**  **[Erasmus code of the sending institution]** | **TO**  **[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area code \** [ISCED]** | ***Subject area name \**** | **Number of staff mobility periods** | |
| Staff Mobility for Teaching  *[total number of days of teaching periods or average duration \*]* | *Staff Mobility for Training \** |
| BG SOFIA02 |  |  |  |  |  |
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**C. Recommended language skills**

The sending institution, following agreement with the receiving institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills at the start of the study or teaching period:

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| **Receiving institution  [Erasmus code]** | **Language of instruc­tion 1** | **Language of instruc­tion 2** | **Recommended language of instruction level[[6]](#footnote-6)** | |
| Student Mobility for Studies  [*Minimum recommended level: B1*] | Staff Mobility for Teaching  [*Minimum recommended level: B2*] |
| BG SOFIA02 | English |  | B1 | B2 |
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For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution *[Links provided on the first page].*

**D. Additional requirements**

*[To be completed if necessary, other requirements may be added on academic or organisational aspects, e.g. the selection criteria for students and staff; measures for preparing, receiving and integrating mobile students and/or staff]*

*[Please specify whether the institutions have the infrastructure to welcome students and staff with disabilities.]*

NBU offers a favourable environment for students with disabilities and gradually broadens its scope – on one hand, in NBU function loading and motorized platforms, an elevator, WC for people with disabilities, specialized services at the library (incl. equipment and tactyl path) for students with impaired vision and complete online administrative service. On the other hand, the philosophy of the university is to treat students with disabilities equally to the rest of the students. The latter empowers them to participate actively in the student’s life and events without feeling different or weaker.

Each course at NBU usually gives 3 credits. Maximum number of credits a student can receive for one semester is 30. In general the courses are in Bulgarian except for the Bachelor and Master Programmes that are lead in English. The list of the programmes taught in foreign languages can be found on the following link <http://www.nbu.bg/en/programs-of-study/programs>.

**E. Calendar**

1. Applications/information on nominated students must reach the receiving institution by:

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Autumn term\***  **[month]** | **Spring term\***  **[month]** |
| BG SOFIA02 | 1st JUNE | 1st DECEMBER |
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*[\* to be adapted in case of a trimester system]*

2. The receiving institution will send its decision within 3 weeks.

3. A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 4 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving HEI. *[It should normally not exceed five weeks according to the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education guidelines]*

4. Termination of the agreement

A notice of at least one academic year should be given for the termination of the agreement. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 August 20XX will only take effect as of 1 August 20XX+1. Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict.

**F. Information**

**1. Grading systems of the institutions**

*[It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades according to the descriptions in the ECTS users’ guide[[7]](#footnote-7). A link to a webpage can be enough. The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.]*

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| **Institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Website for information** |
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| BG SOFIA02 | ECTS Grade **A** = 5.50 – 6 excellent  ECTS Grade **B** = 5.20 – 5.49 very good  ECTS Grade **C** = 4.40 – 5.19 good  ECTS Grade **D** = 3.60 – 4.39 satisfactory  ECTS Grade **E** = 2.80 – 3.59 sufficient  ECTS Grade **F** = 2.00 – 2.79 FAIL  1 semester = 30 credits  1 course = 3 credits. |

**2. Visa**

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

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| **Institution  [Erasmus code]** | **Website for information** |
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| BG SOFIA02, Erasmus office: erasmus@nbu.bg | <http://www.mfa.bg/en/pages/44/index.html> |

**3. Insurance**

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outbound mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided. Information and assistance can be provided by the following contact points and information sources:

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| **Institution  [Erasmus code]** | **Website for information** |
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| BG SOFIA02, Erasmus office: erasmus@nbu.bg | <http://www.en.nhif.bg/web/guest/home> |

**4. Housing**

The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding accommodation, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

Information and assistance can be provided by the following persons and information sources:

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| **Institution  [Erasmus code]** | **Website for information** |
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| BG SOFIA02, Erasmus office: erasmus@nbu.bg | <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129715713837442/>  nbu.esn@gmail.com |

**G. SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)**

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| **Institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Name, function** | **Date** | **Signature** |
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| **BG SOFIA02** | **Prof. Plamen Bochkov, PhD**  **Rector** |  |  |

1. Inter-institutional agreements can be signed by two or more higher education Institutions [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Higher Education Institutions have to agree on the period of validity of this agreement [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Clauses may be added to this template agreement to better reflect the nature of the institutional partnership. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions *and per education field (optional\*:* [*http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/international-standard-classification-of-education.aspx*](http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/international-standard-classification-of-education.aspx)*)* [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) is recommended, see <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. <http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/ects_en.htm> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)