**Erasmus+ Programme**

**Bilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement**

**Key Action 1   
Learning Mobility for Higher Education Students and Staff**

**among EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme [[1]](#footnote-1)**

The institutions 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](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en) in all aspects related to the organisation and management of the mobility, including [automatic recognition](https://ec.europa.eu/education/node/36_me) of the credits awarded to students by the partner institution as agreed in the Learning Agreement and confirmed in the Transcript of Records, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules completed abroad, as described in the Course Catalogue, in line with the [European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System](https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/european-credit-transfer-and-accumulation-system-ects_en). The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility related data in line with the technical standards of the [European Student Card Initiative](https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en).

**Grading systems of the institutions**

Receiving higher education institutions need to provide a link to the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through [EGRACONS](http://egracons.eu/) according to the descriptions in the [ECTS users’ guide](https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en). The information will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

**Validity period of the agreement**

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| Timeframe | Academic Year\* | Call Year\* |
| Start of validity | [2022/2023] | [2021] |
| End of validity | [2028/2029] |  |

**A. Information about the higher education institutions**

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| **Name of the institution**  **(and department, where relevant)** | **Erasmus code** | **Contact details[[2]](#footnote-2)**  **(email, phone)** | **Websites**  **(General/Faculties/ Course catalogue)** |
| SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS UNIVERSITY IN SKOPJE | MK SKOPJE01 | Institutional Erasmus Coordinator  Prof. Dr Aleksandar Skeparovski  Vice-Rector for International Cooperation  Blvd. Goce Delcev 9,  1000 Skopje  Republic of North Macedonia  Tel: +389 2 3293 252  E-mail:[a.skeparovski@ukim.edu.mk](mailto:a.skeparovski@ukim.edu.mk) | [www.ukim.edu.mk](http://www.ukim.edu.mk) |
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**B. Mobility numbers[[3]](#footnote-3) per academic year**

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| **FROM**  **[Erasmus code of the sending institution]** | **TO**  **[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area code (optional)\** [ISCED]** | ***Subject area name (optional)\**** | ***Field of education –Clarification (optional)*** | ***Study cycle [short cycle, 1st , 2nd or 3rd] (optional)\**** | **Number of student mobility periods** | | | |
| Student Mobility for Studies  *[total number of students****]*** | Student mobility for Studies  *[total number of months]* | *Student Mobility for Traineeships*  *(optional) \**  *[total number of students****]*** | *Student Mobility for Traineeships*  *(optional) \**  *[total number of months]* |
| MK SKOPJE01 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MK SKOPJE01 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Short-term blended mobility option for students**

By checking this box, the partners confirm that they are willing to exchange students who wish to carry out their mobility in a blended format, a combination of a short-term physical mobility with a virtual component.

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| **FROM**  **[Erasmus code of the sending institution]** | **TO**  **[Erasmus code of the receiving institution]** | ***Subject area code (optional)\** [ISCED]** | ***Subject area name (optional)\**** | **Number of staff mobility periods** | | | |
| Staff Mobility for Teaching  *[total number of staff]* | Staff Mobility for Teaching  *[total number of days ]* | *Staff Mobility for Training (optional)\* [total number of staff]* | *Staff Mobility for Training (optional)\**  *[total number of days]* |
| MK SKOPJE01 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MK SKOPJE01 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

*[\* Optional columns can be deleted if not applicable. 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 can be indicated if relevant.]*

**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]** | ***Optional: Subject area*** | **Language of instruc­tion 1** | **Language of instruc­tion 2** | **Recommended language of instruction level[[4]](#footnote-4)** | |
| Student Mobility for Studies  [*Minimum recommended level: B1*] | Staff Mobility for Teaching  [*Minimum recommended level: B2*] |
| MK SKOPJE01 |  | Macedonian\* | English  (selected courses | B1 | B2 |
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\*Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje organizes Macedonian language courses for foreign students that are free of charge and last from 3 to 6 months (this is a non-credit programme).

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution *[Links provided on the first page].*

**D. Calendar**

**Nominations of incoming students must reach the institution by:**

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Autumn term\***  **[day/month]** | **Spring term\***  **[day/month]** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | 15 May | 15 November |
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**Applications from incoming students must reach the institution by:**

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Autumn term\***  **[day/month]** | **Spring term\***  **[day/month]** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | 15 May | 15 November |
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**Application procedure for incoming students**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | [international@ukim.edu.mk](mailto:international@ukim.edu.mk) | www.ukim.edu.mk |
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**E. Additional requirements**

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Requirement** | **Details** | **Website for information (if applicable)** |
| Institution 1 | Academic requirements  CV  Motivation letter  Other | - Number of ECTS credits completed  - Subject area code – ISCED  - EQF level |  |
| Institution 2 |  |  |  |

The receiving institution will send its decision within [x] weeks, **and no later than 5 weeks.**

**Inclusion and accessibility**

The institution will provide support to incoming mobile participants with fewer opportunities, 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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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Available infrastructure adjusted for people with:** | **Description of infrastructure (optional)** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| Institution 1 | - Reduced mobility  - Hearing impairments  - Visual impairments  - … |  |  |  |
| Institution 2 |  |  |  |  |

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Available support services for people with:** | **Description of support services (optional)** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| Institution 1 | - Reduced mobility  - Hearing impairments  - Visual impairments  - … |  |  |  |
| Institution 2 |  |  |  |  |

**F. Information**

**1. Grading systems of the institutions**

MK SKOPJE01:Ss Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje grading scale related to ECTS grading system:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **ECTS grade** | **Local grade** | **Local definition** |
| F | 5 | Fail |
| E | 6 | Sufficient |
| D | 7 | Satisfactory |
| C | 8 | Good |
| B | 9 | Very Good |
| A | 10 | Excellent |

ECTS-credits: 60 per year/30 per semester

Partner University:

**2. 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]** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | [international@ukim.edu.mk](mailto:international@ukim.edu.mk) |  |
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**3. Visa**

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance, when required, in securing visas for incoming and outgoing 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]** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | [international@ukim.edu.mk](mailto:international@ukim.edu.mk) | www.ukim.edu.mk/en |
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**4. Insurance**

The sending and receiving institutions will provide assistance in obtaining insurance for incoming and outgoing 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]** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | [international@ukim.edu.mk](mailto:international@ukim.edu.mk) | www.ukim.edu.mk/en |
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**5. Additional information**

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| **Receiving institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Information on recognition process / other useful information:** | **Contact details**  **(email, phone)** | **Website for information** |
| Institution 1 | MK SKOPJE01 | [international@ukim.edu.mk](mailto:international@ukim.edu.mk) | www.ukim.edu.mk/en |
| Institution 2 |  |  |  |

A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than [xx] 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]*

**Termination of the agreement**

*[It is up to the involved institutions to agree on the procedure for modifying or terminating the inter-institutional agreement. However, in the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 20XX will only take effect as of 1 September 20XX+1. The termination clauses must include the following disclaimer: "Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict."]*

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

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| **Institution**  **[Erasmus code]** | **Name, function** | **Date** | **Signature[[5]](#footnote-5)** |
| MK SKOPJE01 | Prof. Dr Aleksandar Skeparovski  Vice-Rector for International Cooperation |  |  |
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1. Clauses may be added to this template agreement to better reflect the nature of the institutional partnership. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Mobility numbers can be given per sending/receiving institutions and per education field (optional\*: <https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf>) [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. 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-4)
5. Scanned signatures are accepted [↑](#footnote-ref-5)