



**CALL FOR ERASMUS MOBILITY FOR STUDY TOWARDS
PROGRAMMES AND PARTNER COUNTRIES (KA131)
ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 – 2027**

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APPLICATION SUBMISSION	PUBLICATION OF PROVISIONAL RANKING LISTS	ACCEPTANCE
30 days from the date of publication of the notice	within 25 days of the deadline for submitting applications	within 7 days of the publication of the destination assignment ranking lists



CHECKLIST

Application form

- Fill out the online form at the following link: <https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it/WorkFlow2011/Logon/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f;>
- When applying, authorize the University of Catania to import the 2026 University ISEE declaration by accessing the INPS computerized archives;
- no later than 31/05/2026: be in possession of the ISEE University 2026 certification;
- Please upload the self-declaration to your application (Annex 2 to the call).

Before starting mobility

- Online Learning Agreement for Study (OLA) to be submitted online on the Smart_Edu platform
- Institution-student agreement + signed release form + acceptance by the host university to be submitted online on the Smart_Edu platform
- Updating personal and banking information via Smart_Edu
- Language test by registering on the EU Academy Platform (OLS) (for candidates who have not done so when applying)
- **For PhD students only:** authorization for mobility by the Doctoral School

During mobility

- Within 7 days from the beginning of the mobility, sending of the arrival certificate (via email to erasmusstudio.grants@unict.it)
- Possible change of the Learning Agreement for studies (OLA)

After mobility:

- Submission of the transcript of records document within 7 days of the end of the mobility to be sent to the International Teaching Unit (hereinafter UDI) of your Department and to the office of International Relations (UORI).
- Online compilation of the EU Survey final report



REFERENCE WEB PAGES

Application: <https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it/WorkFlow2011/Logon/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f;>

Erasmus Study Call: <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-per-studio>

Procedures before, during and after mobility: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>

ISCED codes of study areas: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/accordi-erasmus>

ATTENTION

The contents of this Call for Applications may be subject to change following subsequent updates, such as destination availability and any guidance from the European Commission and the Erasmus+ National Agency, particularly regarding the procedures required to initiate and conduct mobility programs. All mobility programs are also subject to an assessment of the security conditions in the destination countries, based on the guidance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and other local or national regulations. To this end, students are encouraged to constantly monitor the Erasmus Study Call for Applications website, listed above.



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ART. 1 | GENERAL INFORMATION

ART. 1.1 | SUBJECT

Funding for study mobility (**Student Mobility for Studies KA131**) is provided under Key Action 1 of the Erasmus+ 2021/2027 programme, governed by Regulation (EU) No. 2021/817 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2021.

ART. 1.2 | EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES – EUNICE ALLIANCE

This call for proposals benefits from the collaboration between the University of Catania and the Partner Universities of the European Alliance “EUNICE”, established within the Erasmus+ programme, “European Universities” project – Key Action 2 “Alliances for Knowledge”.

The Eunice alliance is made up of ten European universities, in addition to the University of Catania: Brandenburg University of Technology (Germany), Polytechnic University of Hauts-de-France (France), Poznan University of Technology (Poland, coordinator), University of Mons (Belgium), University of Cantabria (Spain), University of Vaasa (Finland), University of the Peloponnese (Greece), the Polytechnic Institute of Viseu (Portugal) and Karlstad University (Sweden).

Eunice's goal is to implement actions aimed at creating a European university model capable of addressing the new social and economic challenges of an ever-changing world. It seeks a paradigm shift from traditional education to personalized, flexible, open, multicultural, multi-centered, innovative, and engaging education, capable of meeting the needs of individuals, society, the labor market, and industry and commerce. This is made possible by establishing a strong network that includes educational institutions, industrial and commercial partners, as well as other social, cultural, artistic, and sporting stakeholders.

Within the framework of the European dimension defined by EUNICE, the mobility offer within the Alliance has been strengthened through the signing of new inter-institutional agreements and the increase in places under existing inter-institutional agreements.

For more information on the EUNICE Alliance and all the initiatives it has implemented, please visit the following page: <https://eunice-university.eu/>.

ART. 1.3 | BENEFICIARIES

This call regulates the selection for the awarding of international mobility grants for study purposes. It is **intended for students¹ of the first and second cycle and to doctoral students** that are regularly² enrolled at the University of Catania. Erasmus+ mobility must be undertaken at a host university with which the University of Catania has signed an inter-institutional agreement.

Study mobility grants will be distributed based on four ranking lists that will take into account the following macro-thematic areas:

- biomedical;
- economic-legal-social;
- humanities;
- scientific.

The affiliation of the UniCT departments to the 4 macro-areas is specified below:

1. BIOMEDICAL: General Surgery and Medical-Surgical Specialties; Clinical and Experimental Medicine; Biomedical and Biotechnological Sciences; Medical, Surgical Sciences and Advanced Technologies "Ingrassia"; Pharmaceutical and Health Sciences.
2. ECONOMIC/LEGAL/SOCIAL: Economics and Business; Law; Political and Social Sciences.

¹ The University is committed to promoting gender diversity and ensuring equal opportunities for men and women, adopting appropriate measures and interventions to prevent discrimination, including through language. In line with ministerial guidelines on the use of gender in administrative language, it promotes the use of linguistic formulas that respect gender differences. The use of the masculine form in this call to indicate individuals, positions, and legal statuses responds solely to the needs of readability and effective communication.

² The student is regularly enrolled if he/she has fulfilled all the requirements set out in the Study Plan Catalogue of the relevant academic year available on the <https://www.unict.it/it/didattica/immatricolazioni-e-iscrizioni> including the payment of taxes.



3. SCIENTIFIC: Agriculture, Food, and the Environment; Physics and Astronomy "Ettore Majorana"; Electrical, Electronic, and Computer Engineering; Civil Engineering and Architecture; Mathematics and Computer Science; Biological, Geological, and Environmental Sciences; Chemical Sciences; and the Syracuse Special Teaching Structure for Architecture and Cultural Heritage (formerly the Syracuse Special Teaching Structure for Architecture).
4. HUMANITIES: Educational Sciences; Humanities; Special Teaching Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures in Ragusa.

The publication of this call is conditional, pending approval of the application and the subsequent signing of the Erasmus+ 2026-2027 financial agreement between the Indire National Agency - Erasmus+ and the University of Catania. All Erasmus+ KA131 activities and funding envisaged in this call are, therefore, subject to the rules of the Erasmus+ 2026-2027 financial agreement. Any changes will be announced through institutional channels.

ART. 1.4 | PURPOSE OF STUDY MOBILITY

At host universities, students granted mobility, in strict compliance with the individual training plan for mobility (hereinafter Online Learning Agreement for Studies - OLA), will be able to

- **attend courses** of study or doctoral courses and take exams³;
- carry out activities aimed at **preparing the thesis** (if permitted by the host institution) and complete any related practical trainings/internships. Thesis preparation activities may also be carried out at institutions associated with the host university; the host university will issue the end-of-mobility documentation.⁴;
- undertake a **combined mobility program** (study + internship). The two activities must be completed consecutively or simultaneously, without interruption, and within the same academic year. The internship must be authorized and carried out under the supervision of the host university, even if carried out at associated institutions. If the internship is carried out at an institution external to the host university (e.g., a hospital, laboratory, institute, or company), certification of the period must be issued by the host university. The combination follows the funding regulations and minimum duration of study mobility, which remains the primary activity of this type of mobility. Internships alone are not eligible under this call for applications and cannot be recognized. Consequently, any mobility grants already received may be revoked.

It is necessary to check in advance and during the application phase whether the host university of interest is available to offer supervision for curricular internships and/or for thesis preparation.

The study period abroad must be part of the study program planned to complete a degree program. **Activities that solely involve the recognition of extracurricular ECTS credits are not permitted.**

ART. 1.5 | DESTINATIONS

The available Erasmus+ destinations (Annex 1), available online on the dedicated page of the University portal [<https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>], are divided and made available for application, by taking into account the distinction into macro-areas referred to in Article 1, as well as the ISCED codes associated with the Degree Programmes.

To identify the destination, it is necessary to take into account the following information available in the destination list:

- the disciplinary area (ISCED). It is necessary to evaluate the coherence between the disciplinary field of the inter-institutional agreement and the student's own study path;
- the number of places available and the duration of the mobility (number of months);
- the required level of study: undergraduate "UG" (first level); postgraduate "PG" (second level); doctorate "D" (third level, including doctoral students). Students applying for a bachelor's degree but who will undertake their mobility during their second-level degree program must identify institutions that offer

³ At the end of the Erasmus+ mobility, students will have to demonstrate having taken at least one exam at the host institution (regardless of its outcome) by registering it in the Transcript of Records.

⁴ Students who have completed thesis preparation activities must request a Transcript of Records from the host university or, alternatively, obtain a brief evaluation report from the host university's tutor detailing the research activities carried out, specifying their duration.



second-level degree programs and that are also associated with the master's degree program in which they intend to enroll;

- any limitation to the exclusive performance of activities aimed at preparing the thesis and related internship periods;
- the Language requirement(s).

Any further information useful for choosing the mobility destination can be requested to the professor in charge of the inter-institutional agreement for UniCT.

In particular, it is a good idea to check:

- the duration of the course you intend to attend (some host universities do not allow mobility of a duration shorter than that established for the courses offered);
- the location where the host university holds the chosen courses of study (some universities carry out teaching activities at branch or satellite campuses);
- the semester during which the courses of interest are held;
- the partner university's course offerings, their compatibility with your study plan, and any restrictions on course selection for exchange students, including those based on the Erasmus+ agreement in place between the two institutions. Each host institution's course offerings can be verified by consulting the course catalog published on their institutional websites;
- any language requirements requested by the host institution (this information can be verified by consulting the host university's website and the course catalogue);
- the Partner Universities' deadlines for submitting nominations and/or applications, particularly if the mobility period is scheduled to begin in the first semester. If the above deadlines are prior to the conclusion of the University of Catania's selection process, departure in the first semester of the 2026/2027 academic year is not guaranteed, and a possible departure in the second semester must be considered, regardless of the number of months of mobility envisaged in the interinstitutional agreement.

In the application, each student must select the destinations where they wish to undertake their mobility program in order of preference. The application system does not allow for the elimination of proposed destinations; instead, they can be arranged in order of preference based on the degree program offered and their specific course of study.

Destinations are divided into the following two country groups⁵:

- programme countries: member states of the European Union and third countries associated with the programme (European Economic Area countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway; EU candidate countries: Turkey, Serbia and North Macedonia);
- partner countries: all countries in the world that do not fall within the programme countries group.

Countries in regions 13 and 14, which include the United Kingdom and Switzerland, fall within the partner countries group, but follow the financial rules of the programme countries.

The University of Catania, as required by the rules of the Erasmus+ programme for action KA131, will not be able to allocate more than 20% of the available funding for mobility towards partner countries (including countries in regions 13 and 14).

Students enrolled at the University of Catania but not resident in Italy will not be able to spend their mobility period at a university in their country of residence.

Students intending to apply for places in countries requiring visas or other entry documentation and health insurance should take into account the time required for issuance and that the related costs cannot be covered by the University of Catania.

Information on visas and residence permits for short- and long-term stays is available at the following link: <https://ec.europa.eu/immigration/>.

Before organizing the departure, beneficiaries are advised to consult the MAECI website www.viaggiare Sicuri.it to acquire any general information and insights relating to the host destination where the mobility will take place.

⁵The list of eligible countries is available in the Erasmus+ Programme Guide published at the following link: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-programme-guide>.



If the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation advises against travel to the destination country, or if the University of Catania, after consulting with the parties involved, deems sending/staying in the destination country unsafe, the mobility period may be suspended, modified, interrupted, or cancelled. Students are invited to register their stay details on the web page:

<https://www.dovesiamonelmondo.it/home.html>.

ART. 1.6 | DURATION AND TYPE OF ERASMUS+ MOBILITY FOR STUDY PURPOSES

The duration of Erasmus+ mobility is established in each inter-institutional agreement signed between the University of Catania and the individual partner universities. Extensions to the mobility period provided for in the agreement may be granted, within the duration constraints indicated in Article 3.7, according to the procedures that will be indicated in the [Guide to the procedure for completing and approving the extension](#). Erasmus+ mobility must be carried out continuously, in compliance with the provisions of art. 1.4 and conclude no later than 31 July 2027⁶.

The Erasmus+ Program requires a minimum duration of study mobility of 2 months (60 days) and a maximum of 12 months (360 days) per academic year. Therefore, Erasmus+ mobility periods of less than 2 months (60 full and uninterrupted days) are not eligible. For shorter periods, the beneficiary will lose their Erasmus student status and will be required to repay the full amount of the grants received, unless a force majeure clause applies, subject to assessment by the Erasmus+ National Agency (INDIRE).

Students enrolled in PhD courses can opt for periods of physical mobility of:

- **long term**, with a minimum duration of 2 months (60 full and uninterrupted days) and a maximum of 12 months (360 days);
- **short term**, with a minimum duration of 5 days and a maximum of 30 days (the addition of a virtual component is encouraged). If the duration is less than 5 days, the beneficiary will lose their Erasmus student status and will be required to repay the full amount of the contributions received, unless the force majeure clause applies following evaluation by the Erasmus+ National Agency - INDIRE.

Every selected student will be able to undertake their mobility in the following ways:

- **physical mobility** that is, in presence at the host institution;
- **blended mobility** that is, combining a period of activity in presence abroad (lasting no less than **60 days**) and a period of virtual mobility learning, subject to authorization from the host institution. The virtual mobility portion must be planned before departure. The virtual mobility days must be added to the 60 days of physical mobility and can take place before or after the latter, as long as there is no overlap between the two periods. **Blended mobility must involve the achievement of at least 3 ECTS.**

Please note that in the case of **blended mobility**, the period in virtual mode:

- it is without contributions (zero grant);
- it does not count towards the maximum limits indicated in art.2.2.

The Erasmus+ study mobility period cannot be carried out exclusively in virtual mobility mode.

The duration of annual mobility programs for which departure will be postponed to the second semester will be reduced in line with the scheduled teaching activities.

ART. 1.7 | CONDITIONS OF FRUITION

The student awarded with the mobility benefit enjoys the status of Erasmus+ student, which guarantees:

- exemption from paying university fees at the host institution, with the exception of any additional costs expressly requested by the host institution⁷;

⁶The activities must be concluded no later than July 31, 2027, or, exceptionally, by September 30, 2027, provided that the host university carries out regular teaching activities during the summer months and guarantees the relevant certification.

⁷The beneficiary student will have to regularly pay the fees and registration fees to UniCT even during the Erasmus+ mobility.



- admission to attend university courses, seminars, laboratories and other training activities, as well as to take the related exams and/or to carry out activities related to the preparation of the thesis or combined mobilities (study + internship);
- the use of the services provided by the host university under the same conditions as local students;
- the extension of the University's insurance coverage for civil liability and accidents during study, internship, and thesis research activities abroad (see Art. 4.6 of this announcement).

During the Erasmus+ study mobility period, it is not permitted to:

- attend courses and take exams at the University of Catania. The beneficiary will not be able to participate in teaching, academic, or institutional activities at UniCT during the Erasmus+ mobility period abroad.⁸ If transferring to another UniCT program, students must verify the feasibility of their mobility with the Erasmus+ Coordinator of the department of their new program. If they transfer to another university or interrupt their university career, they will automatically lose their right to the assigned mobility program;
- obtain the degree from the University of Catania before the conclusion of the study period abroad and before it is recognised in the academic career.

ART. 2 | PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION

ART. 2.1 | REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAM REQUIRED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CATANIA

The University of Catania, ensuring gender equality, allows all UniCT students, starting from their first year of enrollment, to participate in the call for applications. By the application submission date and by the call deadline, the participants must:

- 1) **be regularly registered students** for the 2025-2026 academic year, with the commitment to regularize the 2026-2027 enrollment before the start of the mobility and in compliance with the deadlines set out in the Study Manifesto - Career and Student Contribution Regulations or in the doctoral calls, to:
 - degree courses (L);
 - single-cycle master's degree courses (LM s.c);
 - master's degree courses (LM);
 - PhD courses;

Doctoral students must agree on their training program with their supervisor and the doctoral coordinator and, if assigned, obtain the authorization of the Doctoral School. In any case, the obligation to follow the procedures and comply with the provisions of Article 3.1 of this call remains unchanged.

Mobility beneficiaries must be regularly enrolled at the University of Catania for the 2026-2027 academic year and have paid their tuition fees. Students enrolled in single courses are not eligible to apply. The enrollment requirements are further specified below:

⁸ Any teaching, academic, or institutional activity carried out at UniCT during the mobility period will be automatically canceled and may result in the revocation of your Erasmus+ student status and the refund of any contributions received.

Implementation of mobility	Enrollment constraints
Mobility in the first year of a master's degree course	The mobility period can begin following regular enrollment in the 2026-2027 academic year ⁹ in compliance with the deadlines established by the administrative deadlines of UniCt.
Mobility in years other than the first year of a bachelor's degree (L), master's degree (LM) or single-cycle master's degree (LM s.c)	Regular enrollment for the 2026-2027 academic year before the start of the mobility period, respecting the deadlines established by UniCt administrative deadlines.

- 2) **declare in Annex 2 to the call, their knowledge of the language(s) for which they intend to apply and that they have documentation proving such knowledge.** This may include passing a university exam, a certificate of attendance issued by online language courses offered by the European University Alliance (EUNICE), an official certification issued by public/private institutions in Italy or abroad, an official certification, issued by the University Language Centre (CLA), for Erasmus+ study and traineeship programs, including certifications from previous academic years, or the certification from the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (OLS). Language courses such as ESABAC (French), IGCSE (English), and similar qualifications for other foreign languages will also be recognized. Finally, enrollment in degree programs taught in English will also be considered valid.

The language requirements for applying for Erasmus+ study purposes may be lower than those required by partner universities. Therefore, students are required to independently verify their language proficiency and any required certifications by the institution where they intend to spend their Erasmus+ mobility period and submit such certification by the deadlines indicated by the host university.

ART. 2.2 | REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

It is possible to undertake one or more Erasmus+ mobility programs for study and/or internships in the same academic year or in different academic years. However, there is a maximum number of Erasmus mobility months per study cycle, subject to the maximum limit of 12 months per academic year, as detailed below:

- I cycle (degree - L): maximum 12 months (360 days);
- II cycle (master's degree – LM) maximum 12 months (360 days);
- single-cycle degree (LM s.c): maximum 24 months (720 days);
- III cycle (doctorate): maximum 12 months (360 days).

Any Erasmus+ mobility periods already completed in the same study cycle in virtual mode will not be counted. Months of mobility completed as part of the Erasmus Mundus program are included in the calculation described above. It is the responsibility of each candidate to verify the number of Erasmus mobility months still available for the relevant study cycle for the purposes of applying for this call. **By applying for the Erasmus+ call for applications for the academic year 2026-2027, students confirm that they have the number of mobility months available consistent with the above-described figure.**

If the maximum number of Erasmus+ mobility months is exceeded, the mobility may be cancelled, requiring for the refund of the contributions paid for the days exceeding the maximum number of mobility months envisaged by the Erasmus+ programme.

Students who have already benefited from Erasmus+ mobility (study, internship, and Erasmus Mundus) in the same study cycle in which they are enrolled must self-certify this in the appropriate section of the application, specifying the number of months already completed.

All participation requirements, self-certified by students in their application, according to the procedures set forth in Article 2.3 of this announcement, will be subject to sample verification. Students included in the sample subject to verification must respond to the verification requests within the deadlines established in the

⁹ For this purpose, registration with reservations is not valid.



email notification sent to the email address indicated in their application. Students who fail to submit the required documentation within the deadlines specified in the notification will be excluded from the selection process.

Please remember that falsifying documents and making false statements are punishable under the Criminal Code and specific laws. If, upon verification of the statements made, they are found to be false, any benefits received will be forfeited, as set forth in Article 76 of Presidential Decree 445/00 and subsequent amendments. UniCT may at any time take measures to exclude or terminate membership of any person who does not meet the required requirements.

ART. 2.3 | APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted exclusively using the dedicated electronic form available online on the “Smart_edu” Student Portal, where the Call and the related annexes can also be accessed: <https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it/Workflow2011/Logon/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

Students may submit their application by selecting up to a **maximum of two ISCED codes** and specifying the **language(s)** for which they intend to apply, in compliance with what is indicated in the list of destinations (Annex 1) and compatible with their academic profile.¹⁰

In the event of simultaneous enrollment in two degree programmes offered by the University of Catania, candidates may submit an application for only one of the two active careers, selecting destinations compatible with the chosen career.

Students must also declare the **educational purpose** of their Erasmus+ mobility by choosing one of the three options provided for in Article 1.4 (study, combined mobility, thesis preparation).¹¹

Finally, students must **rank the destinations available in the application system in order of preference**, in accordance with the choices previously made. The system does not allow the removal of proposed destinations.

Before submitting your application, for the purposes of choosing the destination(s), candidates must take into account what is specified in art. 1.5 of this call.

All preferences expressed (ISCED code(s), language(s), mobility purpose, and preferred destination order) cannot be changed or added after the application has been submitted.

Candidates must also upload a self-certification (Annex 2) to the online application form (in one of the following permitted formats: pdf, jpeg, png, gif, bmp) in which they declare:

1. possession of the eligibility requirements set out in Articles 2.1 and 2.2 of this call, under penalty of exclusion from the selection process;
2. any conditions that give the right to the Erasmus+ mobility grant as specified in art. 3.4;
3. students enrolled in a third-cycle degree program (PhD students) who have not completed their final course of study at the University of Catania must also self-certify the following required data: University where the degree was obtained, date of graduation, weighted grade average, and number of ECTS credits obtained.

Since the application system records the student’s academic career **at the time of application submission**, candidates are responsible for reporting any anomalies to the relevant Student Career Office <https://www.unict.it/it/ateneo/settori-carriere-studenti> so that they may be resolved **before submitting the application**.

Each student may submit **only one application**. Once the online application process is completed, the student may submit a new application within the deadline, only after canceling the previous one.

Online applications must be submitted no later than **30 days** after the publication of this call. After this deadline, it will no longer be possible to submit applications for selection or add additional documentation.

¹⁰Students enrolled in undergraduate (L) courses must opt for the ISCED code(s) associated with undergraduate (UG) level destination offers; students enrolled in master's (LM) courses must opt for the ISCED code(s) associated with postgraduate (PG) level destination offers; students enrolled in single-cycle master's (LM cu) courses may opt for the destinations designated by both the UG and PG levels; students enrolled in doctoral research courses must opt for the ISCED code(s) associated with doctoral (D) level destination offers.

Students enrolled in the final year of a degree program who intend to take advantage of mobility in the first year of the next level program must choose the ISCED code(s) that allow mobility for both levels in their application. This will allow them to register at the partner university for either level. It is understood that the beneficiary may undertake mobility at the accepted institution only if the level of the program in which they are enrolled for the 2026/2027 academic year is included in the inter-institutional agreement stipulated by UniCT with the partner university.

¹¹Choosing destinations reserved for “thesis preparation” does not allow for combined study or mobility activities.



Each candidate must print their application form and retain it as proof of registration. Without this document, applications cannot be processed. Students may request clarification at the following email address: erasmusstudio@unict.it.

ART. 2.4 | COMMITTEE

To select the candidates, a dedicated committee will be appointed by the Rector and composed of two professors with expertise in the ERASMUS+ Programme, the Coordinator of the International Relations Operational Unit (or his/her deputy), and an official from the International Relations Operational Unit who will act as secretary of the minutes.

ART. 2.5 | RANKING LISTS

ART. 2.5.1 | PROVISIONAL RANKING LISTS

Within 25 days of the application deadline, **the provisional ranking lists** of eligible candidates, one for each of the four macro-areas referred to in Article 1, will be published on the University website at: <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>

This publication has the value of official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.

The four provisional ranking lists will be ordered:

- according to the **weighted average grade** calculated on the basis of credits, as recorded by the application system at the time of submission of the application;
- in the event of equal merit, priority will be given to the candidate who has achieved the highest percentage of ECTS credits compared to the total required in the course of study taken into consideration for calculating the weighted average grade;
- in the event of further equality, priority will be given to the candidate who has not already benefited from Erasmus+ mobility with or without contributions;
- finally, priority will be given to the younger candidate (L. 16/06/98 n. 191, art. 2).

With reference to the weighted average of the grades, it is specified that:

- for students enrolled in **PhD courses** for which a weighted average is not required for the study cycle, the weighted average of the study cycle preceding the one in which they are currently enrolled will be taken into consideration;
- students enrolled in the first year of a Bachelor's (BSc) or Master's (MSc) degree program who do not have a weighted average grade at the application submission date will be placed at the bottom of the ranking for their respective macro-area. If there are multiple students applying to participate in this call for applications, priority will be given to the candidate who has the highest percentage of ECTS credits compared to the total required in the study cycle for which they are currently enrolled; in the event of an equal merit, priority will be given to the candidate who has not already benefited from Erasmus+ mobility with or without contributions and finally to the youngest candidate (Law 16/06/98 n. 191, art. 2), in accordance with the criteria established for the preparation of the four provisional rankings.

Within 5 days of the publication of the provisional ranking lists, it is possible to submit a request for review of his own ranking position.

The request for review must exclusively concern any observations on the position in the ranking lists and must be submitted under penalty of inadmissibility, by sending an email to the address erasmusstudio@unict.it with the following subject line: "Request for Review - Erasmus Study Call for applications for the academic year 2026-2027" specifying the student's enrollment number. Applications received without a valid and reasoned justification described in the email text shall not be considered.



ART. 2.5.2 | RANKING LISTS FOR DESTINATION ASSIGNMENTS AND FINAL RANKING LISTS

The four **host institution destination ranking lists**, taking into account any admissible review requests submitted pursuant to Article 2.5.1, will be published at the following link: <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>. **This publication has the value of official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.**

Within 7 days from the publication of the host institution destination ranking lists, under penalty of exclusion, **students assigned to a destination must confirm the acceptance of the assigned host institution** using the specific electronic form available on the "Smart_edu" student portal:

<https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it/WorkFlow2011/Logon/Logon.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>.

Failure to comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated above will result in exclusion from the mobility assignment process. **Students must download and print the acceptance receipt, which will serve as proof of having fulfilled the required requirements by the established deadline.**

The assigned destination is binding for the candidate; it will therefore not be possible to choose for a different location.

At any time during the academic year to which the call refers, any individual requests for **reassignment of a destination** will be considered on an exceptional basis, exclusively if the host university expresses a justified refusal to accept the student.

Any newly available destination shall be reassigned in accordance with the order of preference indicated in the application and the nomination deadlines of the host universities.

Eligible students who do not possess the language proficiency level required by the host university at the time of placement must obtain it before the start of the mobility period, unless the host institution requires proof prior to the registration process, as further specified in Article 2.1 of this call.

Once the deadline for acceptance of the assigned destination has expired, the **final ranking lists** will be published on the University website at: <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>. This publication has the value of official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.

ART. 2.5.3 | RANKING LISTS FOR THE AWARDING OF MOBILITY GRANTS

Following the allocation of the EU funding and the approval of the Erasmus+ financial plan for the 2026-2027 academic year by the governing bodies, the four ranking lists for student mobility grants will be published.

Mobility grants will be divided by macro-area and assigned based on the four final ranking lists referred to in Article 2.5.2 until available funds are exhausted.

Candidates who have not received a grant will still be able to undertake their mobility in "zero grant" mode, i.e. without a subsidy, while maintaining their Erasmus+ student status.

The four ranking lists for the awarding of grants will be published on the University portal page: <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio> **This publication has the value of official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.**

ART. 2.6 | ROLL-OVER RANKING LISTS

The University reserves the right to issue **provisional roll-over ranking lists** (one for each of the four macro-areas referred to in Article 1.2) for the remaining available locations.

These ranking lists are formed by including students who have declined a place, students who have not responded within the deadline to the request for acceptance of a destination, and students who are eligible but not assigned a destination (because of their position in the ranking). Students belonging to the first two categories (students who refused the host institution and students who did not accept it) shall be included in the provisional roll-over ranking lists if and only if places at host institutions that are ranked, according to the order of preference expressed by the students at the time of application, higher than the refused or non-accepted host institution become available.

Students in the third category (students who are eligible but not assigned) will be included in the ranking lists if there are still places available among those they selected.



The four provisional roll-over ranking lists will be ordered according to the same criteria used for the preparation of the four provisional ranking lists referred to in Article 2.2.5 and will be published on the University portal page <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>. **This publication has the value of official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.**

It will also be possible to submit a request for a review of the position in the ranking for the four provisional roll-over ranking lists, as provided for in art. 2.5.1.

The publication of the four roll-over ranking lists for destination assignment and the final roll-over ranking lists will be formulated according to the provisions of Articles 2.5.1, 2.5.2, and 2.5.3. Failure to comply with the deadlines and procedures indicated in this article will result in exclusion from the mobility assignment procedure.

The four roll-over ranking lists for the awarding of the mobility grants will be issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.5.3.

All the above-mentioned ranking lists will be published on the University portal page <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>. The publications of the ranking lists is considered official notification only and no further communications will be sent to candidates.

ART. 3 | AFTER THE SELECTION

ART. 3.1 | MOBILITY ALLOCATION AND REQUIREMENTS TO BE FULFILLED BY BENEFICIARIES

The procedures for selected students may be subject to changes from those described in this Call based on new instructions issued by the European Commission and/or the Erasmus+ National Agency.

All the steps that the selected students will have to take to complete the mobility are explained in detail in the guidelines and on the website pages available at: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>.

ART. 3.1.1 REQUEST FOR REGISTRATION AT A HOST UNIVERSITY (APPLICATION)

Once the destination assignment has been accepted and the Department's International Teaching Units (hereinafter UDIs) have sent the nominations to the host universities, the student is required to initiate individual contact with the host university to complete their enrollment, verifying the deadlines for submitting the Application Form. **Formal acceptance of the student is not automatic but is at the discretion of the host university, in compliance with their deadlines and internal procedures. The host university may require additional requirements or reject the nominations of selected students.** Regarding first-semester mobility, if the University of Catania's selection process for Erasmus study mobility concludes after the deadlines set by the host universities for the first semester, the mobility must take place in the second semester of the academic year. 2026 - 2027, regardless of the number of months of mobility provided in the interinstitutional agreement signed with the host institution.

For logistical arrangements regarding the stay and finding accommodation, students are responsible for contacting the Erasmus+ office at their host institution abroad. Contact details can be found online on the partner universities' websites. Students are also responsible for obtaining, completing, and submitting the forms required by the host universities within the timeframe and in the manner requested.

The Erasmus+ coordinator, the teaching staff responsible for the mobility agreements, and the international teaching units (UDI) of the students' departments will provide adequate assistance in planning the stay abroad. The lists of Erasmus+ Coordinators and Departmental UDIs are available online respectively on the page <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-and-internationalization-coordinators> and on the page <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/international-didactic-units-idu>.

Furthermore, it will be the student's responsibility to find, complete and submit within the established deadlines the forms prepared by the University of Catania, available on the Student portal 'Smart_edu' and online at the page <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>, according to the procedures and instructions published therein.

Students awarded with Erasmus+ mobility must regularly enroll for the 2026-2027 academic year in compliance with the deadlines indicated in the Study Catalogue - Career and Student Contribution Regulations for the corresponding academic year or must undertake to enroll before the start of the mobility period.



ART. 3.1.2 ONLINE LEARNING AGREEMENT (OLA)

All Erasmus+ students must prepare a Learning Agreement before departure, which indicates both the activity to be undertaken abroad (Table A) and the one planned at UniCT (Table B). Learning agreement must be approved by the competent academic authorities and the host university.

For instructions on how to complete the Learning Agreement, the documentation to attach, and the procedures for approval by the host university, please refer to the "Learning Agreement" section on the following page: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>.

ART. 3.1.3 ONLINE LINGUISTIC SUPPORT (OLS)

Selected students are strongly encouraged to take an online level test using the Online Language Support (OLS) service provided by the European Commission by registering on EU Academy. The service is available for the main European languages and offers an initial test (Placement Test) and study materials organized by topic and level.

ART. 3.1.4 FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

The financial agreement is the document that determines the duration of the mobility period, the amount of the grant, and the related payment methods. All Erasmus+ students (including zero-grant recipients) must complete the financial agreement form before departure using the dedicated feature available on the Smart_Edu Student Portal.

The signing of the document is in any case subject to:

- regular enrollment in the 2026-2027 academic year (including payment of university fees);
- formal acceptance of Erasmus mobility by the host university;
- approval of the Learning Agreement by the sending University (UniCT through the relevant Department) and by the host University.

ART. 3.2 | FINANCING OF MOBILITY

Erasmus+ mobility of beneficiaries may be supported through the allocation of a grant which is to be considered as a contribution to the increased costs associated with staying abroad.¹²

The monthly allocation of grant will initially be made subject to the **availability of financial coverage**. Following approval of the Erasmus+ Financial Plan by the Governing Bodies of the University of Catania, the available funding, drawn from EU and UniCT funds, shall be distributed among the four macro-areas in proportion to the total number of candidates eligible for each macro-area.

The Erasmus+ grant may be compatible with other grants. Students are responsible for verifying the compatibility with the International Relations Unit (UORI) and the organizations providing these benefits. In the event of incompatibility, participation in the Erasmus+ Program is still permitted, but the mobility period must be completed without the Erasmus+ grant.

In particular, students receiving Erasmus+ funding cannot, during the same period, benefit from any other type of EU funding to cover similar costs already reimbursed with EU funds (including grants for Joint Master's Degrees) or with UniCT funds allocated for a mobility period abroad (e.g., through a University mobility programme).

Furthermore, the payment of the Erasmus+ contribution is subject to verification of the compatibility between the type of doctoral grant and the Erasmus+ study mobility funding (for example, but not limited to: grants including a 50% foreign mobility top-up funded through PON, POC Sicily, or PNRR funds).

The funds allocated to each macro-area will be destined to Erasmus+ mobility recipients in order of ranking (see Articles 2.5.1, 2.5.2, and 2.5.3) to fund mobility lasting a minimum of 2 months (60 days) and a maximum of 12 months (360 days) for long-term mobility. For short-term mobility, mobility lasting a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 30 days will be funded. Mobilities will be funded until the available budget is exhausted.

¹²Subject to new decisions after the publication date of this call, the European Commission has established that for blended-mode mobility, participants will be paid the grant exclusively for the actual days of mobility completed in person, provided that they are duly certified by the host institution, which must in any case certify the entire mobility period (physical + virtual), without prejudice to the requirement to complete the mandatory minimum period of 60 days in person for long-term mobility and 5 days in person for short-term mobility.



ART. 3.3 ALLOCATION OF MOBILITY GRANTS

Erasmus+ mobility grants include:

1) Mobility grant (individual support):

The amount of the EU contribution is established annually by the Erasmus+ National Agency - INDIRE and is modulated according to the destination country, according to the following groups (see Erasmus Call 2026 Programme Guide):

GROUP 1 (Countries with the highest cost of living)	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Norway, Netherlands, Sweden. Region 13 third countries not associated with the Programme: Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State Region 14 third countries not associated with the Programme: Faroe Islands, United Kingdom, Switzerland
GROUP 2 (Countries with average cost of living)	Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.
GROUP 3 (Countries with lower cost of living)	Bulgaria, Croatia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Türkiye, Hungary.

By way of example only, the monthly amounts of the study mobility grant approved for the 2025-2026 academic year by the INDIRE National Agency are shown below (see National Provisions attached to the 2025 Program Guide). Any updates to the amounts will be posted on the website.

GRANT DESTINATION	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION/MONTH
Mobility towards GROUP 1 countries	€400.00/month
Mobility towards GROUP 2 and GROUP 3 countries	€350.00/month

PARTNER COUNTRIES	INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION/MONTH
All partner countries (with the exception of the countries included in Regions 13 and 14 to which the United Kingdom and the Swiss Confederation also belong and which fall into Group 1 - see above)	700.00 euros per month

Below are the amounts for short-term mobility (**minimum 5 days and maximum 30 days**) reserved for students enrolled in doctoral research courses and specialization schools in the healthcare and non-healthcare fields.

DURATION OF PHYSICAL MOBILITY	AMOUNT (ALL EU MEMBER STATES AND THIRD COUNTRIES ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME OR THIRD COUNTRIES NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE PROGRAMME)
Up to the 14th day of activity	100 EUR per day
From the 15th to the 30th day of activity	150 EUR per day

2) Contribution to travel expenses

The unit contribution to travel expenses is determined based on the distance per kilometer distance category. "Kilometer distance" refers to the distance between the place of origin and the destination, while the "amount" is intended to cover travel expenses both to and from the destination. The place of origin is the sending institution, while the destination is the host institution to which the student has been assigned. Distances are calculated using the European Commission distance calculator tool:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

The Erasmus+ 2021/2027 programme aims to encourage green transport, i.e., travel using low-emission modes of transport to reach your destination in the Erasmus+ Partner Countries (e.g., train, bus, ship, carpooling). For distances under 500 km, participants are expected to travel using low-emission modes of transport.

Students wishing to benefit of this grant must notify it before the start of their mobility period by sending an email to: erasmusstudio@unict.it, attaching the document of proof of green travel.

Below is the table with the fees published in the Erasmus Plus Programme Guide – 2025.

Travel distances	Ecological travel	Non-eco-friendly travel
10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
500 – 1,999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
2,000 – 2,999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
3,000 – 3,999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
4,000 – 7,999 km	1,188 EUR	1,188 EUR
8,000 km or more	1,735 EUR	1,735 EUR

The contribution shall be paid in compliance with the provisions of the National provisions attached to the 2026 Programme Guide which will be published by the INDIRE / Erasmus Plus National Agency and which will be communicated via the University website.

The assigned community grants will be paid according to the terms established in the agreement between the institution and the student, which must be signed before departure.

Travel days must not be included in the period indicated in the Certificate of Arrival/Presence issued by the host institution and are not counted for the purpose of calculating the minimum mobility (see Art. 1.6).

All payments will be carried out taking into account the 4 ranking lists divided into macro-areas, only after verification of financial coverage and **until the available funds are exhausted.**¹³

Although the planned period is calculated in months, the funding will be calculated in days using the 360-day year. Therefore, each month, regardless of its actual length, will be considered 30 days. For the purposes of the mobility duration, a maximum of 5 days less flexibility may be granted compared to the duration provided in the grant agreement.

ART. 3.4 | TOP UP OF THE ERASMUS+ BASIC MOBILITY GRANT: ERASMUS+ FUNDS INTENDED FOR STUDENTS WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES

Once the Erasmus+ basic grants have been assigned as per Articles 2.5.3 and 2.6 to all eligible candidates assigned a destination, subject to availability of the funds, students with fewer opportunities and who are beneficiaries of an Erasmus+ grant may receive an additional contribution (Top up).

Specifically:

1. students with economic disadvantages as certified through ISEE¹⁴;

¹³Candidates who have not received a grant will still be able to undertake their mobility in "zero grant" mode, i.e. without a subsidy, while maintaining their Erasmus+ student status.

¹⁴The ISEE limit that gives the right to the "economic disadvantage" top up will be defined by a MUR Directorial Decree which will be communicated on the website www.unict.it/internazionale/ For information purposes only, the maximum limits for 2025 are reported: ISEE maximum limit: €27,948.60; ISPE maximum limit: €60,757.87.



2. students with certified physical, mental and health problems;
3. students that are under international protection (refugee status, subsidiary protection, and humanitarian protection) and temporary protection;
4. students with minor children;
5. students enrolled with worker status (see DR regulation no. 1598 of 2/5/2018);
6. students enrolled with the status of professional athletes (see DR regulation no. 1598 of 2/5/2018);
7. students who are orphans of at least one parent;
8. students who are children of victims of terrorism and organized crime.

The status that entitles students to the top-up grant must be registered with the relevant offices of the University of Catania and must be in possession of the student at the time of submitting the application.

To benefit from any additional contribution provided for in point 1) economic disadvantage as shown in the ISEE, the candidate must be in possession of the University ISEE 2026 certification no later than 31/05/2026 and, in the online application form and in Annex 2 of the call, authorize the University to import the ISEE value by accessing the INPS computerized database.

This procedure is intended exclusively for the possible allocation of additional contributions under the Erasmus+ study call for the academic year 2026-2027 and does not replace the obligations that the students must in any case fulfill in order to benefit from any exemptions and/or concessions related to the right to education.

Students who do not authorize to import the ISEE value and who are not in possession of University ISEE 2026 by 31/05/2026 shall not be eligible for the top-up for economic disadvantage certified through ISEE.

Candidates who intend to benefit from the possible contribution referred to in points 2)–8) must, at the application stage and in the online form, select from the listed options the condition for which they are requesting the top-up for fewer opportunities and must complete the relevant section of the self-certification (Annex 2 to the call).

At the stage of allocation of the top-up and prior to payment, beneficiaries will be required through a notice published on the website www.unict.it/internazionale to submit supporting documentation to the email address erasmus.grants@unict.it

The general criteria for admitting students to the benefits of the supplementary financial contribution is that their condition can be verified by the institution.

These additional funds will be allocated to eligible students in ranking order (see articles 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3 and 2.6) and until available funds are exhausted.

The top-up can be awarded for only one of the categories specified above, until available funds are exhausted. The order in which the categories are listed is random, and there is no category takes precedence over another. The top up awarded for the category 1) (economic disadvantage certified through ISEE) cannot be combined with any additional contribution paid from funds of the Ministry of University and Research (MUR) (see Article 3.5). Eligible students shall receive the most advantageous contribution. The top-up awarded under categories 2)–8) may instead be combined with the MUR contribution.

Mobility programs funded with zero grants or those funded with resources other than EU funds cannot be awarded the additional grant for fewer opportunities. In the case of partially zero-grant mobility programs, the aforementioned additional grant for fewer opportunities can be awarded only for the days of mobility with EU funding.

Students with fewer opportunities shall receive an additional contribution to the individual Erasmus+ mobility grant for physical mobility, varying according to the type of mobility, as shown in the table below:

DURATION	CONTRIBUTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION
Long-term mobility (min 2 months – max 12 months)	€250.00/month



Short-term mobility for a period between 5 and 14 days	€100.00
Short-term mobility for a period between 15 and 30 days	€150.00

ART. 3.5 | ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE MOBILITY GRANT: MUR CONTRIBUTION

Students assigned to Erasmus+ grants and beneficiaries of Erasmus+ grants (paid from EU or UniCT funds), who are not eligible for the top-up due to economic disadvantage as certified by ISEE (see art. 3.4), may receive a supplementary contribution financed by the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (MIUR) through the "*Fund for the support of young people and to promote student mobility*" (art. 2 of Ministerial Decree 1047 of 29 December 2017 and subsequent amendments and additions). This supplement may be distributed until available funds are exhausted.

The amount of the contribution is calculated based on the **University ISEE 2026 value**. Therefore, the **student who intends to benefit from the possible MUR contribution** must indicate in the online application form and in Annex 2 of the call, authorize the University to import the ISEE value by accessing the INPS database and be in possession of the University ISEE 2026 certification no later than 31/05/2026.

This procedure is aimed exclusively at potentially benefiting from supplementary contributions under the Erasmus study call for the academic year 2026-2027 and does not replace the obligations that the student is still required to complete to benefit from any exemptions and/or concessions related to the right to education. Students who do not authorize such importation and do not have an ISEE by May 31, 2026, will not be able to benefit from the MUR supplementary contribution.

The University ISEE is issued to all students by an authorized body (tax assistance centers/CAF, municipalities, INPS) by completing the Single Substitute Declaration (DSU). It is not issued immediately, but rather a few days (on average 7 to 10 days) after submitting the application. The procedures for collecting the University ISEE certificate must be agreed upon with the aforementioned bodies. Students are therefore advised to apply well in advance and not close to the deadline.

The MUR contribution may be granted provided that students meet the requirements specified below.

For first and second level students:

- they are regularly enrolled before the start of the mobility period and in compliance with the deadlines specified in the Manifesto degli studi – Regolamento carriera e contribuzione studentesca (Study Catalogue - Career and Student Contribution Regulations) for the 2026 – 2027 academic year, in degree courses (L) - Bachelor's, single-cycle master's degree courses (LM cu) - Single-cycle Master's, master's degree courses (LM) - Master's degree programmes, within the normal duration of the programme plus one additional year;
- they possess of the University ISEE 2026 certification by 31/05/2026 and have authorized the University to import the declaration by accessing the INPS database in the online application form and in Annex 2 of the call;
- they obtain, at the end of the mobility, the recognition of the ECTS credits (at least 1 ECTS credits) useful for achieving the degree (Curricular ECTS credits).

For third level students:

- they are regularly enrolled in PhD courses before the start of the mobility period and in compliance with the deadlines specified in the Manifesto degli studi – Regolamento carriera e contribuzione studentesca (Study Catalogue - Career and Student Contribution Regulations) for the 2026-2027 academic year;



- they possess the University ISEE 2026 certification by 31/05/2026 and, at the time of submitting the application, have authorized the University to import the declaration by accessing the INPS database;
- they obtain the recognition of the activities carried out during the mobility period by the PhD School or the School Council or the recognition of at least 1 ECTS, where applicable, at the end of the mobility.

Students **excluded from the attribution** of the MUR contribution referred to in this article will be those who:

- do not have the University ISEE 2026 certification by 05/31/2026 and have not authorized, upon submission of the application, the University to have access to the University ISEE 2026 value by giving them access the INPS database;
- are not regularly enrolled before the start of the mobility period and/or have not respected the deadlines set out in the Manifesto degli studi – Regolamento carriera e contribuzione studentesca (Study Catalogue - Career and Student Contribution Regulations) for the 2026-2027 academic year
- come from a family with foreign income/assets and have not completed the procedure for acquiring/communicating the **University ISEE 2026** certification using the methods indicated above by **31/05/2026**;
- are enrolled outside the course starting from the second year regardless of their economic situation.

For the purposes of **awarding** and **disbursing** the MUR contribution, the same procedures established for the Erasmus+ grant and explained in Articles 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.6 and 3.9 of this call will be followed.

The monthly amount of the supplementary contribution will be attributed to the beneficiaries on the basis of the value of University ISEE 2026, in compliance with the conditions specified above and on the basis of the table approved by the University governing bodies and reported below:

ISEE VALUE	MONTHLY AMOUNT OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT
ISEE ≤ 13,000	€400
13,000 < ISEE ≤ 21,000	€350
21,000 < ISEE ≤ 26,000	€300
26,000 < ISEE ≤ 30,000	€250
30,000 < ISEE ≤ 40,000	€200
40,000 < ISEE ≤ 50,000	€150
ISEE > 50,000	€100

The Rector's decrees for the allocation of funds will be published on the University portal page <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>

The publication of the ranking lists is considered an official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.

ART. 3.6 | MOBILITY GRANT SUPPLEMENT: OTHER FUNDS

Based on the availability of additional funds, the Erasmus+ basic mobility grant could be further supplemented.

For the purposes of allocating and disbursing these additional funds, the same procedures established for the Erasmus+ grant will be followed (see Articles 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.5.3, 2.6, and 3.9), and the University ISEE 2026 value will be taken into consideration. Therefore, interested students must meet the requirements set out in Articles 3.4 and 3.5 and complete the ISEE submission and validation procedures described therein by the deadlines set forth.



Any University co-financing will be used in accordance with the 2026/2027 financial plan, which will be approved by the governing bodies.

The Rector's decrees for the allocation of funds will be published on the University portal page. <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>

The publication of the ranking lists is considered an official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.

Contributions may be subject to taxation in accordance to Italian law.

ART. 3.7 | EXTENSIONS

Students on Erasmus+ study mobility may request an extension only once. Students wishing to extend the mobility period indicated in their financial agreement must submit a request through the SmartEdu portal at least one month before the end of their mobility period. Failure to do so will result in the non-recognition of the additional period and of any exams taken during that time.

Extensions may only be authorized for educational purposes, keeping in mind that the overall duration of the stay at the partner institution must be continuous and not fragmented, and must be within the same academic year.

Requests to extend the duration of the mobility period indicated by the beneficiary in the financial agreement may initially be awarded a *zero grant* and may also be covered by non-EU funding.

Subject to the availability of the funds, the above mentioned extensions will be funded for each macro-area in order of ranking, giving priority first to beneficiaries in the four final ranking lists and subsequently to those in the four final roll-over ranking lists that may be issued. Extensions will be funded until the available budget is exhausted. The grant for funded extensions will be paid in a single contribution at the end of the mobility period and based on its actual duration.

ART. 3.8 | INCENTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

To encourage international mobility among the most deserving students, any additional residual University funds may be awarded to beneficiaries according to a single merit ranking list of eligible students, ranked according to the number of credits earned during the mobility period and recognized by the University, in relation to the actual duration of the authorized mobility period, measured in days.

Considering that the ranking list for the incentive contribution will be issued taking into account the ECTS credits recorded in the foreign recognition panel, it will be the student's responsibility to verify no later than 31 October 2026 and ensure that they are correctly recorded in their career and report any anomalies to the UDI of their Department so that they can be resolved before the ranking is published.

In the event of a tie, the grant will be awarded to the younger student.

Please note that PhD students with scholarship are not eligible for the incentive contribution. PhD students without scholarship who have completed a long-term mobility period will be placed at the end of the ranking list, which will be based on the duration of the mobility period, calculated in days. In this case, the incentive contribution will be granted based exclusively on documented thesis preparation or training activities carried out abroad.

The incentive contribution will be awarded to those entitled to it in the form of a payment, the amount of which will conform to the following scheme:

ECTS credits recognized in academic records for study, study/internship, and/or thesis preparation activities carried out abroad	Additional financial contribution
from 12 to 19	€230.00
from 20 to 30	€460.00
from 31 to 43	€690.00



from 44 to 60	€920.00
Documented activity abroad for the preparation of the thesis or training within the scope of the doctoral research for doctoral students without a scholarship who have carried out long-term mobility	€230.00

The Rector's Decree awarding the Erasmus+ mobility grants will be published on the University portal page <https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>. The publication of the ranking lists is considered an official notification and no further communications will be sent to candidates.

Contributions may be subject to taxation in accordance to Italian law.

ART. 3.9 | DISTRIBUTION OF THE CONTRIBUTION

The payment of contributions is subject to the beneficiary's acceptance of the Financial Agreement (see art. 3.1.4). The Financial Agreement will detail the timing and methods of payment of the contribution, summarized below.

The EU and UniCt funds will be paid to the beneficiaries, within the limits of the financial availability allocated by the National Agency and the University.

For the purposes of the payment of the Erasmus+ grant, of the top ups for students with fewer opportunities and of the MUR contribution we will proceed as follows:

1. the first payment, equal to 90%, upon signing of the institution-student agreement, which must be signed before the start of the mobility period and based on proportion to the number of mobility days indicated therein will be paid on a prepaid card identified by an IBAN code or bank account owned or co-owned by the beneficiary within the SEPA payment system;
2. the balance of 10%, if applicable, will be paid after the presentation of the end-of-mobility documentation issued by the host institution and after completion of the online EU survey (see art. 4.4), based on the number of actual mobility days of completed, calculated in accordance to the counting methods established by the Erasmus+ programme.

ART. 3.10 | REALLOCATION OF RESIDUAL FUNDS

Following periodic monitoring, any funds remaining available due to withdrawals and/or decrease in assigned mobilities will be used for each macro-area, to provide financial coverage, firstly, to assignees without a grant included in the four final ranking lists, and subsequently to those included in the four final roll-over ranking lists.

Any remaining funds will be used to cover top-ups (see art. 3.4) in compliance with the rules of the Erasmus+ programme and/or to pay for extensions (see art. 3.7).

Contributions may be subject to taxation in accordance to Italian law.

ART. 4 | OTHER PROVISIONS

ART. 4.1 – FINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

In accordance with the the rules of the Erasmus+ Programme, special financial conditions will be provided for students with special needs who are awarded grants. As soon as the Erasmus+ National Agency (Indire) publishes the criteria for the allocation of any additional contributions, the relevant notices and the related documentation will be published online in the Student portal 'Smart_edu' and on the page: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>.

ART. 4.2 | WITHDRAWAL, REVOCATION, INTERRUPTION OF MOBILITY

Students may withdraw from the mobility program after final acceptance only for serious reasons, which must be declared, under their own responsibility, in the appropriate form available online on the Smart_edu student portal. Failure to communicate a properly justified withdrawal will result in the loss of the right to reapply for



the following academic year. Students who withdraw from the mobility program will lose all right to participate in the mobility program for the same academic year.

The grant may be revoked by UniCT caused by serious reasons or in the event of serious non-compliance on the part of the student.

The mobility period of the students admitted to the Erasmus+ Programme must be carried out continuously and uninterrupted, except in cases of interruption or suspension regulated by the institution–student mobility agreement, which must in any case be submitted to the National Erasmus+ Agency - INDIRE for the necessary authorization.

The awarding of a bachelor's degree (L), a two-year master's degree (LM), a single-cycle master's degree (LM s.c), or a PhD shall result in the loss of benefits associated with Erasmus+ student status.

In the event of withdrawal or interruption of the stay without justification, the recipient will be required to refund any mobility contribution received. The student's academic career will be suspended until the administrative situation is resolved.

ART. 4.3 | REFUND OF FUNDS

At the end of the mobility period and the recognition process for the academic activity carried out abroad, UniCT will verify the student's actual stay abroad based on the documentation issued by the host institution (Transcript of Records) and the number of ECTS credits recorded in the student's academic career for international mobility or the documented thesis preparation or training activity.

The contributions received that shall be subject to **total or partial refund** are:

- withdrawal from the mobility period (full refund);
- mobility shorter than the mandatory minimum duration (full refund);
- reduction of the mobility period compared to that indicated in the institution–student agreement (refund corresponding to the number of days not completed abroad);
- failure to submit the Transcript of Records to the UDI (full refund)¹⁵
- lack of evidence, in the final documentation issued by the host institution, of compliance with the minimum requirements related to the study component.¹⁶

The career of any student who fails to fulfill the above-mentioned refund obligation will be suspended until the student has resolved his or her administrative situation.

ART. 4.4 | END OF MOBILITY OBLIGATIONS

Upon return, and in any case no later than **5 October 2027**, the student must, under penalty of revocation of the entire grant awarded, submit to the relevant *UDI* the final documentation requested according to the administrative procedures for study mobility beneficiaries, published online in the 'Smart_edu' Student portal and on the page <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>.

The student must also complete, within the terms set out in the study mobility agreement, the online questionnaire for the end of mobility narrative report (*EU Survey*) prepared by the European Commission.

Failure to comply with the above requirements will result in the full refund of the grant and any top-ups already paid.

Students undertaking mobility programmes to attend degree courses are required to take at least one exam, regardless of the outcome, which must be reported in the Transcript of Records issued by the host institution.

¹⁵At the end of their Erasmus+ mobility period, students must provide proof of having passed at least one exam at the host institution (regardless of the outcome) by recording it in the Transcript of Records. Students who have completed thesis preparation activities must also request a Transcript of Records from the host university or, alternatively, obtain a brief evaluation report from the host institution's supervisor detailing the duration of their research activities.

¹⁶ See note 15.



Students undertaking mobility for thesis preparation must also request the issuance of a Transcript of Records from the host institution or, alternatively, obtain a brief evaluation report from the host institution tutor specifying the duration of the research activities carried out.

Students are responsible for submitting the documentation in time to meet deadlines related to scholarships, accommodation competitions, and/or graduation sessions. UniCT bears no responsibility for delays in the issuance of Transcripts of Records by partner universities.

ART. 4.5 | RECOGNITION OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT

The period of study abroad constitutes an integral part of the student's academic career and is entitled to full academic recognition, based on what has been previously agreed with the student's Degree Programme and the host higher education institution through the Learning Agreement. The activities planned for the period abroad must be consistent with the disciplinary area (ISCED) specified in the bilateral agreement signed between the institutions.

In line with the principles of the Erasmus+ Programme, whereby the home university must ensure that the period of study abroad is recognized and considered equivalent to a comparable period of study at the home institution, only teaching and training activities, including thesis preparation and any related traineeship periods, that lead to the full recognition of ECTS credits in the student's academic record shall be authorized. Erasmus mobility must be part of the study program for the degree program in which the student is enrolled and is required to graduate. Exams and/or activities that solely involve the recognition of extracurricular ECTS credits are not permitted for Erasmus mobility.

The Board of the Degree Programs shall refer to the administrative procedures for mobility for study beneficiaries published on the Student Portal "Smart_edu" and on the following page: <https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>.

ART. 4.6 | INSURANCE COVERAGE

For the period spent abroad, UniCT provides students free of charge with **insurance coverage for accidents and civil liability**. The insurance policy texts are available at:

<https://www.unict.it/it/ateneo/area-della-centrale-unica-di-committenza-acuc>.

Doctoral students must verify with the host institution whether adequate insurance coverage is provided during the mobility period abroad; if not, they must arrange their own insurance coverage.

Each beneficiary must also personally ensure health insurance coverage for the entire duration of the mobility period.

For stays in EU Member States and in the three European Economic Area countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway), beneficiaries must carry the Tessera Europea di Assicurazione Malattia (T.E.A.M.) in order to access healthcare under the conditions established by the host country's health system. However, this coverage may not be sufficient in some cases; therefore, additional private health insurance may be required. For countries outside the European Union (e.g. Turkey), private insurance is mandatory. Prior to departure, students are advised to seek information from their local health authority (ASP).

Non-EU students enrolled in the Italian National Health Service (SSN) are advised to contact their Local Health Authority (ASL) to verify health insurance coverage in the destination country. Non-EU students not enrolled in the SSN must obtain adequate health insurance coverage. It is recommended to acquire a travel insurance policy prior to departure.

ART. 4.7 | PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE AND PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Pursuant to Law No. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person responsible for the selection process referred to in this call is Dr. Giusy Catanese.

Pursuant to the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 679/2016 (GDPR), the collection and processing of personal data is carried out exclusively for institutional purposes related to this Call and in compliance with the principles set out in Article 5 of the GDPR (lawfulness, fairness and transparency, purpose limitation, data



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ART. 4.8 | ADVERTISING

This Call is published on the University portal in the following sections: online notice board (<http://albo.unict.it>), international (<https://www.unict.it/it/internazionale/erasmus-studio>), and Erasmus+ international mobility (<https://www.unict.it/bandi/mobilita-internazionale/borse-erasmus-per-studio>). It is also available in the Smart_edu Student Portal (<https://studenti.smartedu.unict.it>). Students are required to regularly monitor these pages throughout all stages of the selection procedure.

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