

## Erasmus+ higher education – simplifying after 2021

### Student Mobility Grants

*Calculate student mobility per stay*

Reference document Erasmus+ Programme Guide

### Need analysis

For participants, a simplified program access comes with easy understanding and communication. Financial funding, recognition and supportive measures pave the way to individual mobility.

The Erasmus professional community is used to the surprising observation of every newcomer to the system: Two students meet at the same time in the same host institution and receive very different grants. They do not necessarily need to come from different countries but also cities or even institutions (in the case of mobility consortia). Transparency and equal treatment are fundamental aspects of the programme, but in financial terms there is little of it.

Today, HEI calculate daily grants analogue to the mobility tool. This daily rate is being communicated to target groups and makes literally a poor impression.

For HEI and NA, not only administration of the grant but also audits and check are complex and require a detailed report keeping.

If all programme countries had the same funding model, a future Erasmus programme becomes more valuable (in the communication), more equally treated, more inclusive and more visible.

### Conclusion and recommendation

1. All rules must be the same for all programme countries
2. A student mobility is the triggering event for funding, therefore a simple record keeping/documentation (only *one* proof) is sufficient. Confirmation of stay with details period information are no longer necessary.
3. If mobility was structured and calculated per stay, there are only two frameworks:
  - SMS: Semester (one or two)
  - SMS: Short term (trimester)

**Example** [For a majority of HEI in Europe, an academic semester lasts about 4,5 months. An academic year could be set at 9 months of funding. These durations multiplied by fixed monthly rates contribute to the financial simplification of a mobility (e.g. 2.250 Euro unit costs per semester, consisting of 500 Euro time 4,5 months – background calculation is not being communicated)]

4. Topping up of components (also to be combined): social, outermost.
5. Planning of Erasmus grant as **unit costs**: one semester= x € funding, two semesters = y € funding (not necessarily x+x)
6. Communicate and promote the “Erasmus Student Grant”