

Additional support for the mobility of higher education students and staff with special needs under Erasmus+ programme

Erasmus+ Programme special needs support

Erasmus+ pays particular attention to guidance, reception, physical accessibility, pedagogical and technical support services, and, especially, financing the extra costs for students and staff whose physical, mental or health-related conditions are such that their participation in Erasmus+ would not be possible without extra financial support (from here on referred to as “students and staff with physical, mental or health-related conditions”). This is to ensure that you can take full advantage of an Erasmus+ mobility experience.

Each higher education institution (HEI), by signing the [Erasmus Charter for Higher Education \(ECHE\)](#), commits to ensuring equal access and opportunities to participants from all backgrounds. Therefore, students and staff with physical, mental or health-related conditions can benefit from the support services that the receiving institution offers to its local students and staff.

Additional grant

For your access needs during your mobility, you can apply for an Erasmus+ grant for students and staff with physical, mental or health-related conditions in addition to the regular Erasmus+ study or traineeship or staff mobility grant. In preparation of your Erasmus+ mobility, you should indicate your needs and foreseen extra costs linked to your physical, mental or health-related conditions, in order to apply for the Erasmus+ special needs support grant.

What are your access needs?

Areas that could be eligible for support linked to your Erasmus+ mobility, according to individual needs, include but are not limited to: adapted accommodation, travel assistance, medical attendance, supportive equipment, adaptation of learning material, an accompanying person, etc.

How to apply?

Ask at the International Relations Office or Erasmus+ Coordinator at your Faculty or equivalents to help you with the Erasmus+ special needs support application form.

Information for outgoing students and staff is available at the International Relations Office and at the Disability Office(r) or equivalents at your institution.

Application form for an additional support should be submitted to the Lithuanian National Agency – Education Exchanges Support Foundation no later than one month before leaving for studies, traineeship or teaching/learning assignment.

Have a look at [MappED!](#), an online tool developed by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) mapping the accessibility of higher education institutions and their services, to make informed choices about your mobility destination.

The [Student toolkit](#) has been designed by students for students, and contains tips and advice to support your learning journey.

Data protection

Personal data are **confidential** and will only be treated with regards to your application and participation in the Erasmus+ programme according to the national law.

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Further information:

1. Erasmus+ testimonials:
 - [ExchangeAbility project](#);
 - [ExchangeAbility videos](#);
 - [Erasmus+ Ambassadors](#);
 - *Success stories of your own institution.*