

Erasmus+ Programme (ERASMUS)

Technical Description

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UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA
ERASMUS POLICY STATEMENT

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Participation in Erasmus+

UEA views participation in Erasmus+ as a central element of its engagement with Europe and as a key mechanism for strengthening student and staff mobility, academic collaboration and institutional partnerships. Erasmus+ provides a framework through which UEA can deepen our long-standing European relationships, broaden access to international opportunities and embed mobility more fully within teaching, learning and professional development. Participation in Erasmus+ directly supports the ambitions set out in our UEA Strategy 2030, particularly the commitment to expand international opportunities for students and strengthen global academic partnerships.

UEA's participation will focus primarily on Key Action 1 (KA1) mobility, where we have established partnerships, institutional experience and clear strategic priorities.

Student mobility for studies will be a core element of UEA's Erasmus+ activity. We have a strong and diverse network of European partner institutions and intend to increase outward student mobility within this framework, contributing to our Strategy 2030 ambitions to significantly expand participation in international learning experiences. Erasmus+ supports UEA's strategic aim to offer high-quality, academically integrated mobility opportunities that are clearly linked to students' programmes of study, ensuring that international experience is embedded as a valued and accessible part of the student journey.

Student mobility for traineeships is recognised as an important area for further development, particularly in supporting employability and practical experience within a European context. Erasmus+ provides a route for developing traineeships in collaboration with European partners, connecting academic learning with professional experience while maintaining appropriate academic oversight.

UEA also places growing emphasis on staff mobility for teaching and training, which is identified as an area for future expansion. Increasing staff mobility is seen as an important way to strengthen academic collaboration, support early-career academics, and enable professional services staff to share expertise and build networks with European counterparts. Erasmus+ offers a recognised framework through which this activity can grow.

Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs) are of particular strategic interest. These programmes combine online collaboration with short periods of physical mobility and align well with UEA's priorities for innovative teaching and inclusive access to international opportunities. Erasmus+ provides a framework through which UEA can pilot and expand BIPs with European partners, supporting collaborative learning and curriculum development.

UEA also recognises the importance of Key Action 2 (KA2) cooperation projects as a means of supporting deeper and more sustained collaboration with European partners. Cooperation actions provide opportunities for curriculum innovation, partnership-led projects and strengthened research and academic collaboration, supporting the University's Strategy 2030 ambition to enhance international research engagement. In particular, UEA will explore participation in Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees as a potential route to long-term, high-quality European collaboration, developed in a planned and selective way and supported by appropriate cross-institutional governance and coordination. Support for Erasmus+ Key Action 2 cooperation and mobility projects will be prioritised through the University's Research and Innovation Services (RIN) framework, with bids assessed according to strategic alignment, scale, and institutional impact.

Through this approach, Erasmus+ is positioned not only as a mobility programme, but as a mechanism for deeper European engagement aligned with UEA's long-term academic, educational and research priorities.

Strategy, objectives and impact

UEA's participation in Erasmus+ supports the objectives set out in UEA Strategy 2030, particularly the University's commitment to expanding international opportunities for students, strengthening global partnerships and enhancing international academic collaboration. Erasmus+ provides a structured European framework through which these priorities can be developed.

Through participation in Erasmus+, UEA aims to achieve the following objectives:

Objective 1: Expand student mobility within Europe

UEA aims to increase the number and diversity of students participating in Erasmus+ mobility opportunities, including study mobility, traineeships and Blended Intensive Programmes. Expanding access to mobility supports the University's strategic ambition to ensure that international experience is a core component of the student journey and contributes to graduates' global awareness, employability and intercultural competence.

Objective 2: Strengthen European academic partnerships

UEA will use Erasmus+ to deepen and develop long-term partnerships with European universities. Participation in cooperation projects and joint academic initiatives will support collaborative curriculum development, strengthen research engagement and enable the development of innovative teaching models.

Objective 3: Increase staff mobility and professional exchange

UEA aims to expand staff mobility for teaching and training in order to support professional development, strengthen academic collaboration and enable knowledge exchange between institutions. Staff mobility contributes to the development of international academic networks and enhances the quality and international perspective of teaching and professional practice.

Objective 4: Embed international collaboration within teaching and learning

Through Erasmus+ activities such as Blended Intensive Programmes and collaborative curriculum development, UEA will integrate international and intercultural perspectives more fully within degree programmes. This contributes to modernising teaching approaches and enables more students to participate in international learning experiences.

Institutional impact

Participation in Erasmus+ will contribute to a more internationally connected and collaborative university environment. The programme will enable a larger and more diverse group of students to benefit from international mobility, while strengthening academic and professional links with European partners.

For staff, Erasmus+ will support opportunities to teach, train and collaborate internationally, contributing to academic development, research engagement and institutional capacity building.

At an institutional level, Erasmus+ participation will strengthen UEA's role within the European higher education community and contribute to the development of the European Education Area through enhanced mobility, academic cooperation and shared approaches to teaching and learning.

Indicators

UEA will monitor progress against its Erasmus+ objectives using a set of measurable indicators that focus on participation and partnership development. These indicators will be reviewed annually and will inform planning and programme development.

Objective 1: Expand student mobility within Europe

Indicators

- Increase in outgoing Erasmus+ student mobility for study, measured through annual numbers of participating students and partner destinations.
- Growth in participation in Erasmus+ traineeships, reflecting expanded opportunities for students to gain professional experience in a European context.
- Participation in Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs), supporting short-term and innovative mobility formats that widen access to international experiences.
- Broader participation among students from widening participation backgrounds, ensuring that Erasmus+ opportunities are accessible to a diverse student population.

These indicators will be reviewed annually to monitor participation trends and to inform the further development of Erasmus+ mobility opportunities at UEA.

Objective 2: Strengthen European academic partnerships

Indicators

- Sustained and active engagement with Erasmus+ partner institutions, monitored through the number and range of partnerships supporting mobility and collaborative activity.
- Participation in Erasmus+ Key Action 2 (KA2) cooperation projects, including the development and submission of proposals in collaboration with European partners.
- Growth in funded Erasmus+ cooperation initiatives, supporting joint educational or research activity.
- Development of joint academic initiatives, such as collaborative modules, curriculum development projects or other forms of structured academic cooperation.

These indicators will be reviewed regularly to monitor the strength and sustainability of European partnerships and to guide the continued development of Erasmus+ cooperation activity at UEA.

Objective 3: Increase staff mobility and professional exchange

Indicators

- Growth in the number of staff participating in Erasmus+ teaching mobility, supporting international academic collaboration and the exchange of teaching practice.
- Expansion of staff participation in Erasmus+ training mobility, enabling professional development and knowledge exchange among both academic and professional services staff.
- Broader participation across faculties and professional services, ensuring that opportunities for international collaboration are embedded across the institution.

These indicators will be reviewed regularly to monitor participation trends and to support the continued development of staff mobility opportunities within UEA's Erasmus+ activities.

Objective 4: Embed international collaboration within teaching and learning

Indicators

- Growth in the number of academic programmes incorporating international collaborative learning, including activities developed with European partner institutions.
- Increasing student participation in Blended Intensive Programmes (BIPs) and other collaborative learning initiatives, supporting innovative and accessible forms of international engagement.
- Positive student feedback on international learning opportunities, including the academic, personal and intercultural benefits of participation.

These indicators will be reviewed regularly to assess how international collaboration is being embedded within teaching and learning and to inform the continued development of Erasmus+ supported educational initiatives at UEA.