

B) GRANT SUPPORT FOR THE MOBILITY OF STUDENTS

Students will receive an EU grant as a contribution to their costs for travel and subsistence during the period of study or traineeship abroad. These amounts will be defined by the National Agencies in agreement with National Authorities, and/or the higher education institutions on the basis of objective and transparent criteria as described below. The exact amounts will be published on the websites of National Agencies and of higher education institutions.

CRITERION 1 – SENDING AND RECEIVING COUNTRIES OF THE STUDENT

The EU grant provided to students will depend on their mobility flow, as follows:

- mobility towards a country of similar living costs: students will receive the medium range EU grant;
- mobility towards a country of higher living costs: students will receive the higher range EU grant;
- mobility towards a country of lower living costs: students will receive the lower range EU grant.

Programme Countries are divided into the three following groups:

Group 1 Programme Countries with higher living costs	Denmark, Ireland, France, Italy, Austria, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland
Group 2 Programme Countries with medium living costs	Belgium, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Spain, Croatia, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Iceland, Turkey
Group 3 Programme Countries with lower living costs	Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The amounts defined by National Agencies will be set within the following minimum and maximum ranges:

Medium range EU grant: a medium range, between **200 and 450 EUR per month**, will apply to mobility activities towards a country of similar living costs: a) from Group 1 to Group 1, b) from Group 2 to Group 2 and c) from Group 3 to Group 3.

Higher range EU grant: corresponds to the medium range applied by the National Agency plus at least 50 EUR and between **250 and 500 EUR per month**. It applies to mobility activities towards a country of higher living costs: a) from Group 2 to Group 1 countries and b) from Group 3 to Group 1 and 2 countries.

Lower range EU grant: corresponds to the medium range applied by the National Agency minus at least 50 EUR and between **150 and 400 EUR per month**. It applies to mobility activities towards a country of lower living costs: a) Group 1 to Group 2 and 3 countries and b) from Group 2 to Group 3.

When defining the amounts to be applied by beneficiaries in their country, National Agencies will consider two specific criteria:

- the availability and the level of other sources of co-financing from private or public bodies at local, regional or national level to complement the EU grant;
- the general level of demand of students who intend to study or receive training abroad.

National Agencies may decide to grant flexibility to their higher education institutions by fixing ranges instead of amounts at national level. This should be based on justified grounds, for example in countries where co-financing is available at regional or institutional level.



CRITERION 2 - ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR SPECIFIC TARGET GROUPS, ACTIVITIES AND SENDING COUNTRIES/REGIONS

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds (other than those with special needs)

The national authorities together with the National Agencies responsible for the implementation of Erasmus+ in a given Programme Country may decide (based on an opt-in/opt-out option, depending on the support already provided at national level) that all the HEIs in their country should top up the individual support from their EU grant to students from disadvantaged backgrounds, with an amount of **between 100 and 200 EUR per month**. The precise level and the criteria to be applied would be defined at national level by the national authorities.

Level of financial support defined by higher education institutions

In all cases, higher education institutions will be required to respect the following principles and criteria when defining and/or applying the EU rates within their institution:

The rates must be defined and/or applied in an objective and transparent manner, taking into account all the principles and the methodology described above (i.e. considering the mobility flow as well as the additional specific funding);

The same level of grant must be given to all students going to the same group of countries for the same type of mobility – studies or traineeships (except for students from disadvantaged backgrounds or with special needs).