Food Sustainability & Climate Change

ERASMUS+ Blended Intensive Programme

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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The University of Parma (Italy), jointly with the University of Angers (France), the University of Extremadura (Spain), and the Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences (Poland) offer their students the opportunity to participate in a Blended Intensive Programme (BIPs). The Blended Intensive Programme is officially approved by the EU in the framework of the ERAMSUS+ 2021/2027 and is developed in the framework of the EU GREEN Network.

BIPs are one of the new and innovative formats of student mobility introduced by the new Erasmus+ 2021-2027 Programme. These programmes, jointly developed by multiple higher education institutions, feature advanced and innovative pedagogical approaches that combine short-term face-to-face (physical) mobilities with portions of virtual learning.

BIPs are inherently transnational and transdisciplinary, as curricula are developed and taught together by partner institutions in different countries. The combination of in-person and virtual learning spaces allows students and professors to experience and exchange highly collaborative, challenge-based, and research-steeped methods of teaching and learning.

Through the required virtual part of the programme, students and professors alike have the opportunity to develop and hone their digital knowledge and skills, reflecting the European Commission's priority to harness the potential of digital technologies for teaching and learning and to develop digital skills for all.

Total number of participants per institution

The Blended Intensive Programme is open to a limited number of participants from each partner institution, and to an overall number of students. The numbers of participants agreed by the programme partners are the following:

0	University of Parma (Coordinator)	7 students
0	University of Angers	7 students
0	University of Extremadura	7 students
0	Wroclaw University of Life Sciences and Environment	7 students

BIP calendar (both virtual and physical periods)

The Physical programme starts on July 3rd and ends on July 9th, 2022.

The Virtual programme starts on 5th September and ends on 8th September 2022.

ECTS credits (with credit equivalents for non-ECTS partners)

The successful completion of the programme, both in its physical and virtual parts, awards 4 ECTS.

Teaching methodologies

Face-to-face lectures, on-field class, case-studies presentations, self-learning, and online group meetings for data analysis and discussion.

Venue for the physical period of attendance

The physical part of the programme takes place at the **University of Parma, (Italy)**. All lectures will be taken in Aula C of the Department of Economics and Management, Via Kennedy, 6 – 43125 Parma.

Eligibility criteria

To apply for this programme, students must be regularly enrolled at one of the participating universities.







Applicants must be enrolled in a Master's (*Bachelor's fourth year students from Spain are accepted*) or PhD level degree.

At the time of the application submission, applicants must demonstrate proof of English language competence at the B1/B2 level (CEFR). This can be certified by the University of origin (see application procedures below). Level B2 will be a preferential criterion.

Participation to the programme is open to students of the following disciplines and/or degree courses:

- University of Parma applicants: Law; Political Science and International Relations; International and European Relations, Ecology, Environmental Sciences, Food science and technology, Gestione dei Sistemi Alimentari di Qualità e della Gastronomia (FOOD Quality), Food Safety and Food Risk Management, Food Sciences for Innovation and Authenticity
- University of Angers applicants: any discipline related with contents related to the BIP
- University of Extremadura applicants: any discipline related with contents related to the BIP
- Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences applicants: Food Sciences and Environmental Sciences

How to apply

Students interested in participating should fill out the **application form** at: <u>https://www.unipr.it/eplus_bip</u> by **10th May 2022**, as well as send the required documents to the address **bip@unipr.it**.

The application form must contain the following attachments:

- 1. Copy of valid ID or passport.
- 2. **Transcript of Records** (certificate of enrolment at the home University with a list of passed exams and grades).
- 3. Language certificate (If not already present as an exam in the Transcript of Records).
- 4. Other documents and certificates (optional).

Selection criteria and procedures

An appointed Committee formed by Prof. Giorgio Pelosi, Prof. Maria Cecilia Mancini, Prof. Ana Isabel Andrés Nieto and Prof. Cezary Kabala will carry out the selection procedures. Selection is based on the evaluation of the following aspects:

- Academic performance
- Motivation
- English language competence
- Evaluation of further qualifications and skills

Applicants will be informed by e-mail by 20th May 2022. Selected students must communicate their acceptance or withdrawal within 10 days from the publication of the selection results by contacting their university programme coordinator (see below). Selected students will be contacted with further instructions upon completion of the selection procedures.

Financial support

As a part of the ERASMUS+ Programme, financial support may be guaranteed by the selected student's home University. Each partner university is responsible for the management of the financial aspects of the mobilities in accordance with the provisions of the competent ERASMUS+ National Agency.

No financial support is available for University of Parma students as they will not be travelling for purposes of participation in this programme (non-mobility participants).







Services at UNIPR

Services available to students during the in-person part of the program (examples might include):

- Administrative and accommodation support
- Social programme (in collaboration with ESN)
- University services (Wi-Fi, library access, lab access, etc.)
- Visa Support, if needed

All selected students will receive detailed information about the blended intensive programme (BIP)

Contacts

University of Parma (Coordinator)

University of Angers

University of Extremadura

Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences

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