Erasmus+ Blended Imtensive Programmes, BIPs

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BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES (BIPs)

Short and intensive study programmes that combine short-term physical mobility (5–30 days) with compulsory virtual collaboration (with no restrictions on duration)

They must provide added value compared to existing courses or training programmes offered by the participating Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)

They may be implemented as multi-year study programmes.-

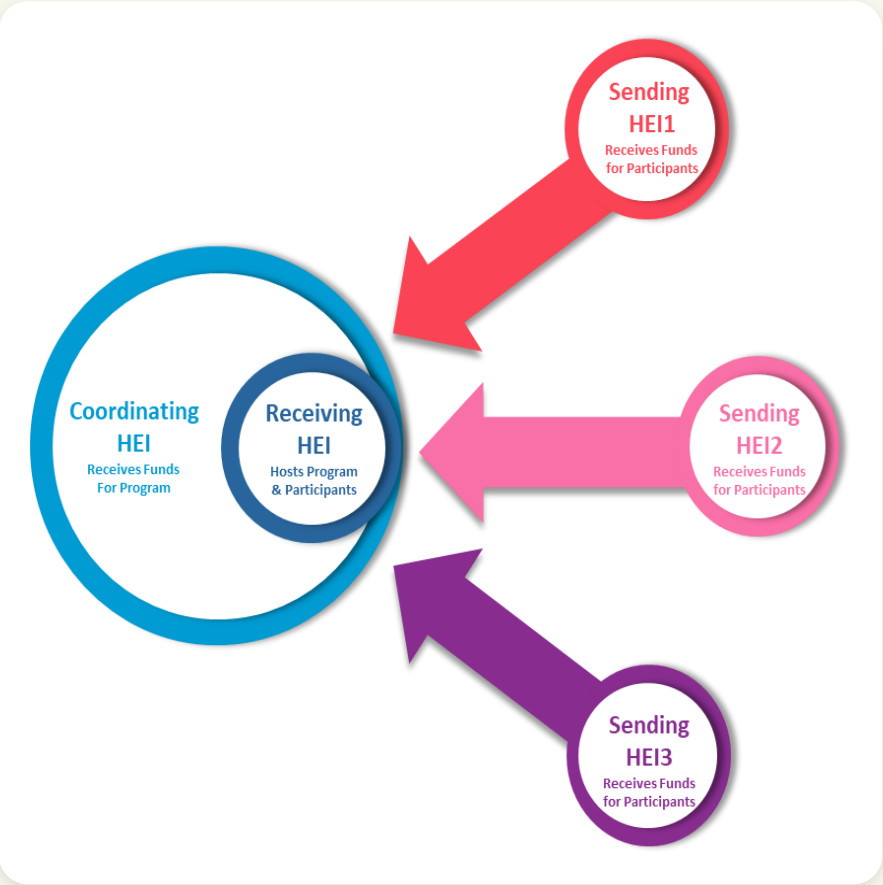
Virtual collaboration should enable participants to work collectively and simultaneously on specific tasks integrated into the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) and should contribute to the recognition of learning outcomes

Students and staff from HEIs outside the partnership may also participate. Students and staff from HEIs in third countries may also participate at their own expense.

Requirements

1. Must award students a minimum of 3 ECTS credits.
2. Must involve at least 3 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) holding an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), from at least 3 different Programme Countries (the organizing HEI and at least 2 sending HEIs).
3. Must involve a minimum of 10 students (excluding students from Third Countries).
4. There should be an Erasmus agreement in place between the sending and receiving partner with blended option ticked

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Coordinating/Organizing HEI

- Applicant HEI: Holder of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).
- Applies for Organisational Support (OS) funding for the coordination of the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Sending HEIs

- HEI: Holder of the ECHE
- Cover the expenses of participating students and staff

Receiving organization

- HEI: Holder of the ECHE
- Covers the expenses of invited staff from enterprises if any

BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES (BIPs)

How much does the Organizing HEI receive?

Organisational Support (OS) grant for the organization of the Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) depending on the application submitted under KA131:



8000 euros

– 20 students



6000 euros

– 15 students



4000 euros

– at least 10 students

Example of a BIP at the University of Cyprus (UCY)

OS grant 8000 euro, 20 students, 3 ECTS

Coordinating/Receiving HEI:
1. University of Cyprus- 5 students + 1 staff member

B. Participating/Sending HEIs:
2. Panteion University Greece – 10 students + 1 staff member
3. University Roma La Sapienza Italy- 10 students + 1 staff member

Duration

1. 1 month of online learning and collaboration (before the physical mobility)
2. 1 week of physical attendance and in-person learning in Nicosia.
3. 1 month of online collaboration, assignment submissions, etc after the physical mobility

Funding

- The University of Cyprus applies for a BIP OS grant for 20 incoming students, 8000 euro. Local students and staff are not funded because they are not on a mobility but can participate (20 x 400= 8000 EUR).
- The Universities from Greece and Italy: will fund 10 students each from the SMS grant and 1 professor from the STA grant of a KA131project. These universities will receive OS grant for the 11 mobilities they will realize
- Erasmus agreements necessary: UCY with Panteion (SMS+STA) and UCY with Roma (SMS+STA)

Example of a BIP at the University of Cyprus (UCY)

The University of Cyprus as a BIP Organizer is responsible to:

- Set up the BIP Consortium – find the sending partners
- Design the academic program and find the instructors (involve the partners)
- The BIP should award with at least 3 ECTS
- Arrange the cultural programme (meals and coffee breaks, excursions etc)
- Provide info about accommodation (in some cases the organizing HEI may offer accommodation)
- Prepare the course material
- Award the ECTS
- Create the BIP in the Beneficiary module – provide the BIP ID to the partners

The sending universities are responsible to:

- Select the participants
- Register them in the Beneficiary Module and link these mobilities to the BIP ID that UCY will give them
- Award the SMS funding (Student Mobility for Studies)
- Award the STA funding (Mobility for Teaching)
- Award the STT funding (Mobility Training)
- Recognize the credits successfully completed (either intra or extra curricular)
- Make sure the students sign their Online learning agreements,
- Arrange the Grant agreements for participants and the corresponfing payments

The booking of flights, accommodation and insurance are the responsibility of the participants

QUESTIONS

Are BIPs only for student mobility for studies (SMS), or can they also be used for student mobility for traineeships (SMP)?

BIPs are intended for Student Mobility for Studies (SMS).

An organisation that acts as a co-organiser alongside the coordinating/receiving Higher Education Institution (HEI) may offer some form of practical training to BIP students. However, funding is available only to HEIs that organise or offer BIPs.

BIPs can also be organized for staff.

Can an HEI apply for funding for the same BIP offered as a multiannual programme, with a different coordinating HEI each year?

The coordinating HEI may organise the same BIP as a multiannual programme, maintaining the same title, partner HEIs, learning outcomes, and other programme elements.

However, if the coordinating HEI changes each year, a different HEI must be designated as the coordinator under each Call for Proposals.

The newly designated coordinating HEI must include the BIP in its KA131 application and apply for Organisational Support (OS) funding.

Can a BIP have multiple organisations acting as receiving institutions?

Each BIP can have only one officially designated receiving HEI.

However, BIP participants may complete part of their mobility at other organisations, such as HEIs or companies, located in the same country as the receiving HEI.

The total period of physical mobility, including time spent at the receiving HEI and any other participating organisations, will be counted towards the overall physical mobility duration.

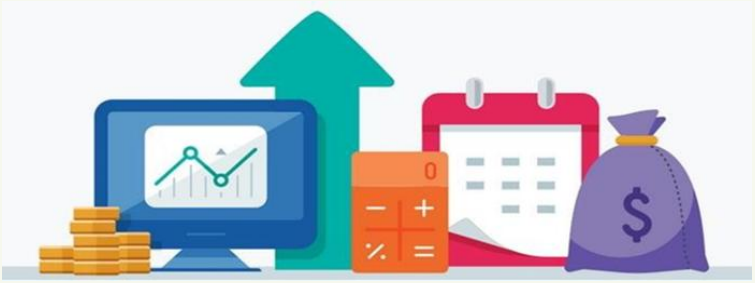
FUNDING

Based on unit cost

- Organizational support for the organization (BIP OS) – The organizing institution
- Inclusion support in the case of fewer opportunities – the sending universities
- Travelling allowance – the sending universities
- Daily subsidence – the sending universities

Based on real cost

- Funding for fewer opportunities participants – Sending universities



BIP ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPPORT GRANT – eligible costs

Teaching costs:
Fees or remuneration for lecturers, trainers and external experts.

Accommodation and meals:
Costs for participants or invited staff, where covered by the BIP budget.

Facilities and equipment:
Rental of classrooms, laboratories, equipment and teaching spaces.

Educational materials:
Course materials, printing, digital resources and learning tools.

Local transportation:
Transport for educational visits, field trips and programme activities.

Programme activities:
Workshops, site visits, cultural activities and other activities linked to the BIP.

Organisation and administration:
Coordination meetings, communication, planning and administrative support.

Virtual component:
Digital platforms and technical support required for the compulsory virtual component.

What is not covered?
The BIP OS grant cannot be used to fund participants' travel and subsistence costs, including their personal accommodation and meals. These are normally supported through mobility grants from the sending HEIs.

SUSBIDENCE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Mobiity duration*	Daily amount (all destinations)
5 – 14 days	**79 €**
15 – 30 days	**56 €**
Top ups for “fewer opportunities”	**Amount per participant**
5 – 14 days	**100 €**
15 – 30 days	**150 €**

**may allocate up to 2 additional travel days (1 day before and 1 day after the physical mobility)*

KA131 APPLICATION (submitted every February to your National Agency) – What do you apply for?

Activities

Please enter the different activities you intend to implement in your project.

List of mobility activities

ID	Activity type	Estimated No. of participants	Estimated No. of participants with fewer opportunities
HESMS01	Student mobility for studies	270	30
HESMT02	Student mobility for traineeships	150	30
HESTA03	Staff mobility for teaching	30	1
HESTT04	Staff mobility for training	30	1
Total No. of participants		**480**	

Blended intensive programmes

For each blended intensive programme you intend to organise, please enter the estimated number of participants (not involved in delivering the program):

Blended intensive programme	Estimated number of participants
Blended intensive programme	20
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Number of blended intensive programmes for which funding is requested	**4**

Budget share for international mobility (student and staff mobility between EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme)

Please enter the share of the awarded project budget/grant (in %) you intend to use for international mobility (i.e., mobility of students and staff from EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme to Third countries not associated to the Programme).

The budget share must be between 0% and 20% according to the Erasmus+ programme guide.

Budget share for international mobility	20 %

AFTER YOUR KA131 APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL AGENCY WHAT DO YOU DO?

1



Open an internal call to gather interest from academic departments interested to organize a BIP

2



Examine applications submitted

3



Approve or reject BIP applications according to the available funding (number of BIPS you have approval for)

AFTER YOUR KA131 APPLICATION IS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL AGENCY WHAT DO YOU DO?

1



The departments with approved BIPs inform their partners and begin to organize the BIP

2



Set up the Erasmus agreements
Coorinate with the Erasmus office for the regsitartyion of the BIP in the Beneficairy module
Inform partners abou the learning agreements and Mobilry agreements and to register the stduwjnts in the BM likned to the BIP ID

3



Prepare the logistics of the virtual and physical; parts of the BIP
Arrange zoom/teams links
Arrange the lectures and cultural programme
Arrange the certificates and ToRs

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Blended intensive programme(s) (4)

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Blended Intensive Programme ID	Title	Number of KA131 learner participants (contracted)	Number of KA131 learner participants (reported)	Number of Teachers/Trainers delivering the Programme	Number of HEIs in the Partnership	Coordinating HEI	Receiving HEI	[reload]
2025-1-CY01-KA131-HED-000317627-1	MBA579, Ethical Considerations in Business	15	0	0	4	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	
2025-1-CY01-KA131-HED-000317627-2	Theater and Translation as Tools for Intercultural Dialogue and Inclusion	15	0	0	3	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	
2025-1-CY01-KA131-HED-000317627-3	Mapping Refugee Housing Estates	15	0	0	6	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	

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Blended Intensive Programmes Partnerships (4)

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OID	Erasmus code	Legal name (English)	Type of organisation	Organisation City	Organisation Country	Partnership Role	Mobility Activity Role	[reload]
E10208585	CY NICOSIA01	UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS	Higher education institution (tertiary level)	NICOSIA	Cyprus	Coordinator	Receiving HEI	
E10208640	SF JYVASKY01	JYVASKYLAN YLIOPISTO	Other type of organisation	JYVASKYLA	Finland	Partner	Sending HEI/Organisation	
E10209270	HR ZAGREB01	Sveučilište u Zagrebu	Other type of organisation	ZAGREB	Croatia	Partner	Sending HEI/Organisation	
E10208943	E BILBAO02	UNIVERSIDAD DE LA IGLESIA DE DEUSTO ENTIDAD RELIGIOSA	Other type of organisation	BILBAO	Spain	Partner	Sending HEI/Organisation	

HOW CAN WE SEND OUR STUDENTS TO BIPS – WE ARE THE SENDING PARTNERS

Option 1
We are the sending partners in a BIP consortium – defined number of students expected, signed Letter of Intent

Option 2
Partner universities organizing s BIP look for students from other HEIS – we are not a BIP consortium member

Option 3
Students look for BIPS available– need to agree their participation with their departments

https://erasmusbip.org/list-of-bips/

In all the above cases an Erasmus agreement is required between the sending and receiving partners

Thank you

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