
Blended intensive programmes

Short-term intensive programmes are a new feature of the Erasmus+ programme that allows the promotion and implementation of international mobility in a combination of physical and virtual activities. The aim is to foster international connections between higher education institutions to collectively develop programmes for groups of students, academics or administrative staff to be trained, study, and learn using innovative approaches and digital tools.

Charles university can participate in the programme either in the role of a coordinator (and receiving institution) or of a sending institution that sends participants to learn or be trained



Definition of BIP

- A connection of at least 3 higher education institutions from 3 different Erasmus+ programme countries
- A combination of a physical mobility of 5–30 days and a virtual component (length not specified)
- Attending participants can be students of all study cycles, academic and administrative staff
- The institution is involved either as the coordinator or sending/receiving institution in the programme

BIP objectives

- To strengthen inter-institutional cooperation at the central and faculty level
- To support international multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary programmes
- To develop new short-term courses in the form of combined mobilities
- To introduce innovative ways of teaching, training and studying
 - Motivation to strengthen the digitalisation of the participating institution and enhance digital skills
 - Possibility to design and offer modules or programmes in English and to build on existing study programmes
- Simultaneous use of the benefits of both mobilities – short-term physical and virtual
- International experience for disadvantaged groups of participants
- Initiating interest in long-term mobility and in collaborating on larger projects

Roles

CU as a coordinator:

- Develops and coordinates the programme, receives participants from sending institutions

CU as a sending institution:

- Sends participants to the programme organized by the coordinating institution

CU as a coordinator

- Based on the selected project , E+ funds are allocated to the faculty/university unit to implement the programme
- The faculty/university unit creates and coordinates the programme, receiving participants from sending institutions

Conditions

- Partners are at least 3 higher education institutions (ECHE holders) from 3 different Erasmus+ programme countries (EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey)
- A minimum of 15–20 participants from sending institutions (not counting participants from the home institution)
- Participants can be students or staff
- The programme consists of a physical mobility of 5–30 days and a virtual mobility, where the duration is not determined
- A minimum of 3 ECTS must be allocated to each BIP
- Support in a valid inter-institutional agreement
- Compliance with the rules for the implementation of the project within the BIP

CU as a sending institution

- Based on a faculty selection procedure, students or employees of our university may participate in a programme organised by a coordinating institution abroad
- The mobility of students or staff for 5–30 days is financed from the allocated E+ budget

Conditions

- Support in a valid inter-institutional agreement
- Compliance with the E+ rules for the implementation of the mobility within the BIP

Contact

- European Office, International Relations Department at CU Rectorate
- Faculty International Relations Departments

Financing of the BIP Coordinating institution

The researcher of the selected BIP project is allocated OM/OS funding of between EUR 6,000 and 8,000 depending on the minimal number of participants (15–20) in the programme. OM/OS funds are intended for the preparation, design, development, coordination, implementation and follow-up of the BIP, in particular for:

- Preparation of teaching materials
- Rental of premises and equipment
- Communication activities, translation and interpretation
- Preparatory visits and administrative tasks
- Refreshments (coffee-breaks) during the programme
- Trips and excursions included in the programme
- Remuneration for teachers, trainers and administrative staff

Sending institution

Provides BIP participants with a scholarship from its E+ budget for a stay at the receiving (coordinating) institution in the amount of:

- Days 1–14: 70 EUR/day
- Days 15–30: 50 EUR/day
- (+ travel days, possibly Green Erasmus). For participants with special needs, this amount may be increased accordingly.

BIP participants

BIP participants can be students of all study fields and study cycles, academic and administrative staff.

Taught/trained participants (those for whom the programme is intended)

- Minimum number of participants from receiving/sending institutions (15–20)
- From the home/coordinating institution – not counted as minimum participants, number not determined
- From other sending institutions (also from so-called E+ partner countries) – not counted as minimum participants

Programme implementers (administration, trainers, teachers)

From the home/coordinating institution

- Project researcher
- Trainers, teachers
- Administration

From participating/sending institutions

- Trainers/teachers
- Accompaniment of participants (students)

Guest trainers, lecturers from other higher education institutions, enterprises and other institutions

BIP programme

The project researcher shall take into account the following criteria in the design, coordination and implementation of the BIP:

- Applying the basic principles of the Erasmus+ programme – inclusion, digitisation, sustainability and civic engagement
- Innovative teaching/training
- A mandatory combination of physical and virtual activities that form a coherent whole:
 - The physical mobility of 5–30 days, reinforces the virtual part, involving interaction and specific tasks.
 - The virtual component complements the physical activity, includes online team collaboration and preparation (can be before and/or after the physical activity, length not specified)
- Teaching/training forms the majority
- Inclusion of group work, discussions, lab work
- Connecting participants to the home environment – fieldwork, visits, engagement with the faculty community
- Taking advantage of the opportunity to create a programme that cannot be implemented in any other way
- The programme content corresponds to a minimum of 3 ECTS

BIP life cycle

CU as a coordinating institution

1. Submitting an [application](#) to ester.brozova@ruk.cuni.cz. **DEADLINE: 10. 5. 2024.** The results will be announced by **10. 6. 2024.**
2. Approval of the project, allocation of [funds](#)
3. [IIA signature](#)
4. Selection procedure for foreign [participants](#) (not mandatory)
5. Selection procedure for participants from the home institution (staff, students – mandatory)
6. Administrative process (project researcher in cooperation with the international relations departments of the partner institution, their faculty and the International Relations Department of the CU Rectorate)
7. Preparatory work for the project (use of [funds](#))
8. Implementation of activities
9. Evaluation of the project (preparation of the final report and accounts)

CU as a sending institution

1. Selection procedure for participants ([faculty International Relations Department s](#))
2. Nomination to the Charles University Rectorate
3. Submission of the application form
4. Awarding of the scholarship for the implementation of the stay (International Relations Dep., CU Rectorate)
5. Evaluation of the stay (submission of post-stay documentation – International Relations Dep., CU Rectorate)