**Grant Agreement for *Erasmus+* traineeship**

**Academic year 2025-2026**

**Student**

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| **Green** to be filled out by the studentBlue to be filled out by VU Erasmus+ Office**PREAMBLE** This **Agreement** (‘the Agreement’) is **between** the following parties: **on the one part,** the **Organisation** (‘the organisation’),Vrije Universiteit AmsterdamAddress: De Boelelaan 1105, 0E-68, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The NetherlandsEmail: erasmus@vu.nlErasmus Code: NL AMSTERD02Erasmus+ mobility ID number: E10146715Project code: 2025-1-NL01-KA131-HED-000320003represented for the purposes of signature of this agreement by **Job Mulder**, Erasmus+ Grant Coordinator, **and on the other part,** the **‘participant’** |
| Student number: |  |
| First name(s): |  |
| Family name(s): |  |
| E-mail: |  |
| Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy): |  |
| Gender: |  |
| Nationality[[1]](#endnote-2): |  |
| Study programme at VU: |  |
| ISCED Field of education (see [last page](#_Frequently_used_ISCED)) |  |
| Study cycle (Bachelor/Master/other)[[2]](#endnote-3): |  |
| Previous participation in Erasmus+ at the same study cycle (in months):  |  |
| **Traineeship details** |
| First working day at the host organisation [dd/mm/yyyy]: |  |
| Last working day at the host organisation [dd/mm/yyyy]: |  |
| Number of recognized credits (ECTS): |  |
| Main language used during internship:  |  |
| **Host institution (abroad)**If a university:  |
| Only mention the Erasmus code [[3]](#endnote-4): |  |

If it not a university, fill out the subsequent information:

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| Legal name: |  |
| Legal address: |  |
| Telephone:  |  |
| Website:  |  |
| Country:  |  |
| [Name sector](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/isced-f_en.htm)[[4]](#endnote-5): |  |
| Department/unit: |  |
| Size of enterprise[[5]](#endnote-6): |  |

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| The parties referred to above have agreed to enter into this Agreement. The Agreement is composed of:Terms and Conditions (see below)Annex 1: Erasmus+ learning agreement for student mobility for traineeships (added as separate document)  Annex 2: Erasmus Student Charter (see below) The terms set out in the Terms and Conditions will take precedence over those set out in the annex.

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| **Mobility barriers** |
| Please thick the box(es) that fit your circumstances, according to your opinion. More than one answer is possible. *This information is solely used anonymously, to gather statistics to improve the Erasmus programme, and making it an inclusive programme for all!* |
| * **Disability:** This includes physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, due to various barriers, may hinder someone’s full and effective participation in the programme.
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| * **Health problems:** Barriers may result from health issues including severe illnesses, chronic diseases, or any other physical or mental health-related situation that prevents from participating in the programme.
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| * **Barriers linked to the educational system:** Individuals struggling to perform in education and training systems for various reasons. Educational difficulties can be linked to personal circumstances, but they mostly result from the structural limitations within the educational system. For instance, that the study programme does not provide sufficient elective space making it difficult for the student to participate in the programme, or that the educational system does not fully take into account the individual’s particular needs.
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| * **Cultural differences during the mobility:** Being exposed to foreign languages and cultural differences when taking part in an international mobility programme may be a barrier or it can limit the benefits from their participation. It may even prevent potential participants from applying for support through the programme, thereby representing an entry barrier. Cultural differences can be perceived as a barrier to participate by people from any background, and can particularly affect people with fewer opportunities, especially people with a migrant or refugee background, people belonging to a national or ethnic minority, sign language users, people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties, etc.
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| * **Social barriers:** Social barriers can stem from family circumstances, for instance being the first in the family to attend higher education or being a parent (especially a single parent), a caregiver, a breadwinner, or an orphan, or having lived or currently living in institutional care. Other social barriers can stem from social marginalization or social adjustment difficulties such as limited social competences, anti-social or high-risk behaviours, (former) offenders, (former) drug or alcohol abusers.
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| * **Economic barriers:** Economic disadvantages like a low standard of living, low income, students who need to work to support themselves, dependence on the social welfare system, in long-term unemployment, precarious situations or poverty, being homeless, in debt or with financial problems, etc., may represent a barrier to participate. Barriers may also stem from difficulties to transfer or continue to receive any (economic) support services during the participants time abroad.
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| * **Barriers linked to discrimination:** Barriers can occur because of discriminations linked to gender, age, ethnicity, religion, beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, or as a result of the intersection between two or more of the mentioned barriers.
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| * **Geographical barriers:** Geographical barriers can be experienced by people from remote or rural areas, people living in small islands or in peripheral regions, people from urban problem zones, people from less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities).
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| * **None of the above.**
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**Inclusion top-up**The next question is only for students that ticked box 1 ‘**disability**’ and/or box 2 ‘**health problems’** regarding the mobility barriers

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| Would you like to apply for an Erasmus+ inclusion top-up grant? | o Yes o No |
| If yes, please include a statement from a health care provider or organization when sending your Grant Agreement to erasmus@vu.nl |

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| * **Please note**: the Erasmus+ inclusion top- up in case of disability or health problems cannot be combined with the inclusion top-up in case of economic barriers (it is the same top-up).
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| * Students eligible for an Erasmus inclusion top-up grant will receive an additional top-up for **individual support** of 250 euro per month.
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| The following question only applies to applicants that ticked **box 6 ‘economic barriers’** regarding the mobility barriers. |
| Would you like to apply for an Erasmus+ inclusion top-up grant? | o Yes o No |
| If yes, please send the most recent official DUO statement showing the award of a [supplementary grant](https://duo.nl/particulier/student-finance/supplementary-grant.jsp) (Aanvullende beurs) to erasmus@vu.nl together with this Grant Agreement. In case you are unable to provide such a statement, please send an e-mail.  |
| * **Please note**: the Erasmus+ inclusion top- up in case of disability or health problems cannot be combined with the inclusion top-up in case of economic barriers (it is the same top-up).
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| * Students eligible for an Erasmus inclusion top-up grant will receive an additional top-up for **individual support** of 250 euro per month.
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| **Travel information** |
| What is the **direct distance** in kilometres (KM) from the VU to your workplace of the internship?  | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Use [Distance Calculator Erasmus+)](https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator)) |
| What will be the **main means of transportation** for your international outward and return travel to and from your host country? Tick one box only.  | o Train o Bus o Carpoolingo Bike | o Planeo Caro Motorbikeo Ship |
| Will the main means of transportation be **sustainable?** (see first column: train, bus, carpooling, bike) | o Yes o No |
| If **yes**, would you like to apply for the **Green Travel top-up**? (See for amounts the last page below. ) | o Yes o No |
| If **yes**, please include the **Statement Green Travel** when sending in the Grant Agreement to **erasmus@vu.nl** |
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| **VU travel policy , registration and scholarship application**  |
| 1. I agree with the VU travel policy ([see under Step 2](https://vu.nl/en/student/studying-abroad/international-travel-policy) of this webpage)
 | o Yes o No |
| 1. I will **register my internship** through My dashboard in VU.nl
 | o Yes o No |
| 1. I will **apply for the Erasmus+ scholarship** through My dashboard in VU.nl
 | o Yes o No |

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| Section to be completed by VU International Office: Based on the data provided, the total number of funded days is: …… (Note: the Erasmus+ programme works with a standard full month of 30 days.)And your provisional calculated Erasmus+ grant is: €……. (See below for more information: article 3.1 of Terms and Conditions)Including: X Base amount for individual support for long-term physical mobilityX Top-up amount for traineeshipsX Travel support (green travel or non-green travel)☐ Travel days (in case of green travel) ☐ Top-up amount for students with fewer opportunities on long-term mobility☐ Exceptional cost for expensive travel (based on real costs) ☐ Inclusion support (based on real costs) |
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SIGNATURES

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| **I. For the participant** |  |  | **II. For Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam** |
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| **The participant (full name):** |  |  | **Erasmus+ Grant Coordinator:** |
| ­­ |  |  | Job Mulder |
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| **Place and date:**  |  |  | **Place and date:**  |
|  |  |  | Amsterdam,  |
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| **Signature:** |  |  | **Signature:** |
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Annex II

**Erasmus Student Charter**









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| Frequently used ISCED codes |  |
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| **VU Programme** | **Field of education**  |
| PPE | 0288 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities |
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| Political science | 0312: Political sciences and civics |
| Social Psychology | 0313: Psychology |
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| International migration and refugee law | 0421: Law |
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| Neurosciences | 0510 Biological and related sciences not further defined |
| Biomolecular Sciences | 0510 Biological and related sciences not further defined |
| Oncology | 0510 Biological and related sciences not further defined |
| Bioinformatics and Systems Biology | 0510 Biological and related sciences not further defined |
| Biology | 0511 Biology |
| Ecology and Evolution | 0529 Environment, not elsewhere classified |
| Earth Sciences | 0532: Earth Sciences |
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| Artificial Intelligence | 0688: Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), interdisciplinary programmes |
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| Health Sciences | 0910 Health not further defined  |
| Medicine | 0912: Medicine |
| Drug Discovery and Safety | 0916 Pharmacy |
| Management, Policy Analysis and Entrepreneurship in the Health and Life Sciences | 0919 Health, not elsewhere classified |
| Gezondheid & Leven | 0919 Health, not elsewhere classified |
| International Public Health | 0919: Health, not elsewhere classified |
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| **For a list of all ISCED codes see:**  | [ISCED 2013](https://alliance4universities.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ISCED-2013-Fields-of-education.pdf) |

1. **Nationality:** country to which the person belongs administratively and that issues the ID card and/or passport. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
2. **Study cycle:** Short cycle (EQF level 5) / Bachelor or equivalent first cycle (EQF level 6) / Master or equivalent second cycle (EQF level 7) / Doctorate or equivalent third cycle (EQF level 8). [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
3. **Erasmus code**: a unique identifier that every higher education institution that has been awarded with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) receives. It is only applicable to higher education institutions located in Programme Countries. Search on internet with the name the name of your host university. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)
4. The [ISCED-F 2013 search tool](http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/isced-f_en.htm) available at <http://ec.europa.eu/education/tools/isced-f_en.htm> should be used to find the ISCED 2013 detailed field of education and training that is closest to the subject of the degree to be awarded to the trainee by the sending institution. [↑](#endnote-ref-5)
5. The size of the enterprise could be, for instance, 1-50 / 51-500 / more than 500 employees.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

ARTICLE 1 – SUBJECT MATTER OF THE AGREEMENT

1.1 This agreement sets out the rights and obligations and terms and conditions applicable to the financial support awarded to carry out a mobility activity under the Erasmus+ Programme.

1.2 The Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam will provide support to the participant for undertaking a mobility activity for studies under the Erasmus+ Programme.

1.3 The participant accepts the financial support in the amount specified in article 3.1 and undertakes to carry out the mobility activity for [studies/ studies and traineeship] as described in Annex I.

1.4 Amendments to the agreement shall be requested and agreed by both parties through a formal notification by letter or by electronic message.

ARTICLE 2 – ENTRY INTO FORCE AND DURATION OF MOBILITY

2.1 The agreement will enter into force on the date when the last of the two parties signs.

2.2 The mobility period will start on the start date at the earliest and end on the end date at the latest (see

page 1). The start date of the mobility period shall be the first day that the participant needs to be present at the receiving organisation or the first day of language course attendance outside the receiving organisation. The end date of the period abroad shall be the last day the participant needs to be present at the receiving organisation.

2.3 The participant shall receive a financial support from EU funds for the number of days mentioned on page 2.

2.4 The total duration of the mobility period, including previous participation in the Lifelong Learning

Programme Erasmus sub-programme, shall not exceed 12 months for a study cycle for long-term mobility.

2.5 The participant may submit a request concerning the extension of the mobility period within the limit set out in article 2.4. If the organisation agrees to extend the duration of the mobility period, the agreement shall be amended accordingly.

2.6 The certificate of Arrival and Departure shall provide the confirmed start and end dates of duration of the mobility period.

ARTICLE 3 – FINANCIAL SUPPORT

3.1 The financial support for the long-term mobility period has an amount of € (see page 3), depending on the length and travel distance:

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|  | **Receiving country** | **Amount per month** | **Amount per day** |
| **Group 1: Countries with higher living costs** | Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Germany,France, Italy, Ireland, Iceland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein, Norway, Sweden | € 540 | € 18 |
| **Group 2: Countries with medium living costs** | Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Greece,Latvia, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain | € 480 | € 16 |
| **Group 3: Countries with lower living costs** | Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Turkey | € 480 | € 11 |

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| **Travel distances** | **Green travel - Amount** | **Non-Green travel - Amount** |
| Between 10 and 99 KM: | 56 EUR per participant | 28 EUR per participant |
| Between 100 and 499 KM: | 285 EUR per participant | 211 EUR per participant |
| Between 500 and 1999 KM: | 417 EUR per participant | 309 EUR per participant |
| Between 2000 and 2999 KM: | 535 EUR per participant | 395 EUR per participant |

The travel distance represents the distance between the place of origin and the venue, whereas the amount covers the contribution to the travel costs both to and from the venue.

	* 1. For long-term mobility the final amount for the mobility period shall be determined by multiplying the number of days of the mobility specified on the certificate of Arrival and Departure with the rate applicable per day.
		2. The reimbursement of costs incurred in connection with special needs, when applicable, shall be based on the supporting documents provided by the participant.
		3. The financial support or part thereof shall be repaid if the participant does not comply with the terms of the agreement. However, reimbursement shall not be requested when the participant has been prevented from completing his/her mobility activities as described in Annex I due to force majeure. Such cases shall be reported by the sending institution and accepted by the NA.
		4. The financial support provided for inclusion support, top-up for fewer opportunities will be based on the supporting documents provided by the participant. Regarding actual costs (e.g. inclusion support) they must be based on supporting document such as invoices, receipts, etc.ARTICLE 4 – ENTITLEMENT TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT

4.1 In order to be eligible the costs must be actually used or produced by the participant in the period set out in Article 2 and/or be necessary for implementing the activity in the Annex. The costs must comply with the applicable national law on taxes, labour and social security.

4.2 The financial support may not be used to cover costs for activities already funded by Union funds. It is nonetheless compatible with any other source of funding. This includes a salary that the participant could receive for their traineeship or teaching activities, or for any work outside their mobility activities as long as they carry out the activities foreseen in Annex 1.

4.3 The participant may not claim reimbursement for currency exchange losses or bank costs charged by the participant’s bank for transfers from the sending organisation.

ARTICLE 5 – PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 Before departure a pre- financing payment shall be made to the participant representing 70% of the amount specified in Article 3. In case the participant did not provide the supporting documents in time according to the sending institution timeline, a later payment of the pre-financing can be exceptionally accepted.

5.2 If the payment under article 4.1 is lower than 100% of the maximum grant amount, the submission of the on-line EU survey, complete learning agreement, certificate of arrival/departure and transcript shall be considered as the participant's request for payment of the balance of the financial support. The institution shall have 45 calendar days to make the balance payment or to issue a recovery order in case a reimbursement is due.

ARTICLE 6 – RETURN OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY PARTICIPANT

6.1 If the participant does not comply with the terms of the agreement or terminates the agreement before it ends for reasons other than stated in Art 13.1, the participant will have to return the amount of the financial support already paid, except if agreed differently with the sending organisation. The latter shall be reported by the sending organisation and accepted by the National Agency.

ARTICLE 7 – INSURANCE

7.1    The organisation will make sure that the participant has adequate insurance coverage before starting the mobility either by providing itself the insurance, or by making an agreement with the receiving organisation for the latter to provide the insurance, or by providing the participant with the relevant information and support to take an insurance on their own.

7.2   Insurance coverage shall include at minimum a health insurance and a liability insurance and an accident insurance. [Explanation: In the case of intra-European mobility, the participant’s national health insurance will include a basic coverage during their stay in another EU country through the European Health Insurance Card. However, this coverage may not be sufficient for all situations, for example in case of repatriation or special medical intervention or in case of international mobility. In that case, a complementary private health insurance may be needed. Liability and accident insurances cover damages caused by the participant or to the participant during their stay abroad. Varying regulation of these insurances is in place in different countries and participants run the risk of not being covered by standard schemes, for example if they are not considered to be employees or formally enrolled at their receiving organisation. In addition to the above, insurance against loss or theft of documents, travel tickets and luggage is recommended.]

7.3    The responsible party for taking the insurance coverage is the participant.

ARTICLE 8 – ONLINE LINGUISTIC SUPPORT (OLS)

8.1 The participant may carry out the OLS language assessment in the language of mobility (if available) before the mobility period and make use of the language courses available on the OLS platform.

ARTICLE 9 – PARTICIPANT REPORT

9.1 The participant shall complete and submit the participant report on their mobility experience (via the online EU Survey tool) within 30calendar days upon receipt of the invitation to complete it. Participants who fail to complete and submit the online participant report may be required by their organisation to partially or fully reimburse the financial support received.

9.2 A complementary online survey may be sent to the participant allowing for full reporting on recognition issues.*]*

ARTICLE 10 – ETHICS AND VALUES

10.1 Ethics: The mobility activity must be carried out in line with the highest ethical standards and the applicable EU, international and national law on ethical principles.

10.2 Values: The participant must commit to and ensure the respect of basic EU values (such as respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities).

10.3 If a participant breaches any of its obligations under this Article, the grant may be reduced or not paid.

ARTICLE 11 – DATA PROTECTION

11.1 Any personal data under the agreement will be processed under the responsibility of the data controller identified in the privacy statement in accordance with the applicable data provision legislation, in particular Regulation 2018/1725 and related national data protection acts and for the purposes set out in the Privacy Statement available at: <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-esc/index/privacy-statement>.

11.2 Such data will be processed solely in connection with the implementation and follow-up of the agreement by the sending organisation, the National Agency and the European Commission, without prejudice to the possibility of passing the data to the bodies responsible for inspection and audit in accordance with EU legislation (Court of Auditors or European Antifraud Office (OLAF)).

11.3 The participant may, on written request, gain access to his personal data and correct any information that is inaccurate or incomplete. The participant should address any questions regarding the processing of their personal data to the sending organisation and/or the National Agency. The participant may lodge a complaint against the processing of their personal data to the European Data Protection Supervisor with regard to the use of the data by the European Commission.

#### ARTICLE 12 — AGREEMENT SUSPENSION

12.1 The agreement may be suspended by initiative of the participant or of the organisation if exceptional circumstances — in particular *force majeure* (see Article 16) — make implementation impossible or excessively difficult. The suspension will take effect on the day agreed by written notification by the parties. The agreement may be resumed afterwards.

12.2 Either party may — at any moment — suspend the agreement, if the other party has committed or is suspected of having committed:

	1. substantial errors, irregularities or fraud or
	2. serious breach of obligations under this agreement or during its award (including improper implementation of the action, submission of false information, failure to provide required information, breach of ethics rules (if applicable), etc.).12.3 Once circumstances allow for implementation to resume, the parties must immediately agree on the resumption date (one day after suspension end date). The suspension will be lifted with effect from the suspension end date.

12.4 During the suspension, no financial support will be paid to the participant.

12.5 The participant may not claim damages due to suspension by the organisation.

12.6 Suspension does not affect the organisation’sright to terminate the agreement (see Article 13).

ARTICLE 13 – TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

13.1 The agreement may be terminated by either party if circumstances arise that render the execution of the agreement impracticable, impossible or excessively difficult.

13.2 In case of such termination, the participant will be entitled to receive at least the amount of the financial support corresponding to the actual duration of the activity period. The participant will have to return any remaining funds.

13.3 In the event of serious breach of obligations or if either party has committed irregularities, fraud, corruption, or is involved in a criminal organisation, money laundering, terrorism-related crimes (including terrorism financing), child labour or human trafficking, the other party may terminate the agreement through a formal notification.

#### 13.4 The organisation reserves the right to initiate a court action if any requested refund is not voluntarily issued within the deadline notified to the participant by registered letter.

#### 13.5 The termination will take effecton the date specified in the notification as ‘termination date’.

#### 13.6 The participant may not claim damages due to termination by the organisation.

#### ARTICLE 14 – CHECKS AND AUDITS

14.1 The parties of the agreement undertake to provide any detailed information requested by the European Commission, the National Agency of The Netherlands or by any other outside body authorised by the European Commission or the National Agency of The Netherlands to check that the mobility period and the provisions of the agreement are being or were properly implemented.

14.2 Any finding related to the agreement may lead to the measures set in Article 6 or to further legal action in the terms of the applicable national law.

#### ARTICLE 15 – DAMAGES

15.1 Each party of this agreement exonerates the other from any civil liability for damages suffered by them or their staff as a result of performance of this agreement, provided such damages are not the result of serious and deliberate misconduct on the part of the other party or their staff.

15.2 The National Agency of The Netherlands the European Commission or their staff will not be held liable in the event of a claim under the agreement relating to any damage caused during the execution of the mobility period. Consequently, the National Agency of The Netherlands or the European Commission will not entertain any request for indemnity of reimbursement accompanying such claim.

#### ARTICLE 16 – FORCE MAJEURE

16.1 A party prevented by force majeure from fulfilling its obligations under the agreement cannot be considered in breach of them.

16.2 ‘Force majeure’ means any situation or event that:

	* prevents either party from fulfilling their obligations under the agreement,
	* was unforeseeable, exceptional situation and beyond the parties’ control,
	* was not due to error or negligence on their part (or on the part of other participating entities involved in the action), and
	* proves to be inevitable in spite of exercising all due diligence.16.3 Any situation constituting force majeure must be formally notified to the other partywithout delay, stating the nature, likely duration and foreseeable effects.

16.4 The parties must immediately take all the necessary steps to limit any damage due to force majeure and do their best toresume implementation of the action as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 17 – LAW APPLICABLE AND COMPETENT COURT

17.1The agreement is governed by Dutch Law

17.2 The competent court determined in accordance with the applicable national law will have sole jurisdiction to hear any dispute between the organisation and the participant concerning the interpretation, application or validity of this agreement, if such dispute cannot be settled amicably.

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#### ARTICLE 18 – ENTRY INTO FORCE

The agreement will enter into force on the date of signature by the organization or the participant, depending on which is later. [↑](#endnote-ref-6)