

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Support Erasmus+ Mobility of Students with Disabilities and Students with Caring Responsibilities?

Erasmus+ encourages all students to study abroad. The programme provides support measures to reduce barriers but still, many students encounter challenges.

The following **Key Actions** highlight how HEIs can strengthen inclusive mobility and empower more students with disabilities and students with caring responsibilities to participate in international student mobility:



1. PROMOTION

Promote mobility opportunities for students with disabilities and students with caring responsibilities using inclusive messaging and visible representation



2. INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

Offer accessible, up-to-date information and encourage early personalized advising to support students' mobility planning



3. FUNDING

Provide clear information on extra grants and explain what additional expenses they can cover



4. COORDINATION

Strengthen cooperation between international services, accessibility services, and faculties by establishing clear contact points for students



5. CAMPUS FACILITIES

Share accurate information about accessible and family-friendly campus spaces



6. FLEXIBLE CURRICULUM

Support academic flexibility (deadlines, materials, formats) and confirm possible adjustments with partner universities in advance



7. ACCOMMODATION

Inform students about accessible and family-friendly housing options and collaborate with housing providers to secure suitable placement



8. SUPPORT SERVICES

Guide students to health, wellbeing, and accessibility services and clarify what support is available during mobility at the home and host institution



9. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Promote accessible and family-friendly student events and encourage student organizations to plan inclusive activities



10. COLLABORATION

Work with city services, NGOs, and support networks and provide students with contacts that help them integrate locally.

Learn more about the Inclusion+ project and access additional resources at: <https://inclusion.iscte-iul.pt>

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Erasmus+ programme seeks to make study abroad accessible to all students, including those with disabilities and those with caring responsibilities. As host environments, cities play a key role in supporting students' daily life.

The following **Key Actions** outline how cities can strengthen their role as welcoming hosts and create the conditions needed for inclusive international student mobility.

1. LOCAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Provide accessible, reliable and multilingual city information (websites, apps, guides) covering everyday infrastructure, local services and public facilities. Offer one central information point (digital or physical) for students with individual needs.

2. ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Provide online information on local transport routes, bilingual audio/visual announcements, and assistance options for passengers with disabilities.

3. ACCOMMODATION

Offer transparent information about availability, cost, and application processes of different housing options. Ensure accessible and family friendly housing options suitable for students and their dependents.

4. FAMILY SERVICES

Provide clear information about childcare, kindergartens, and schools, and their availability. Ensure their access for children of students.

5. HEALTHCARE AND WELLBEING SERVICES

Share accessible information about local medical, mental health, and psychological support services provided by the city.

6. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Collaborate with higher education institutions and local NGOs to promote inclusive cultural, sports, and social activities that are both accessible and family friendly.

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