







10 REASONS TO STUDY ABROAD

- Obtain VUB credits for all approved academic coursework abroad
- Study & learn differently
- Brush up on your language skills
- Boost your employment opportunities
- Gain a global mindset



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- Enhance your intercultural competences
- Learn about yourself & your culture
- ❖ Boost your self-confidence & independence
- ❖ Be adventurous & explore the world
- Friends for life from all over the world



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BULDING BLOCKS OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES



Studies or Traineeship

- Always <u>during</u> & <u>part</u> of your VUB studies, never after graduation (excl. Erasmus+ Traineeshp after graduation)
- I English or local language? Make sure to check

Studies: course package at VUB is substituted by course package at partner institution

- You take courses and exams abroad
- Obtained credits abroad are recognised at VUB
- Grade conversion by Faculty (not always a 1:1 conversion)
- Destination depending on existing agreements

Traineeship: as part of your VUB programme that contains an internship (ECTS)

host organisation selected by student and approved by exchange coordinator



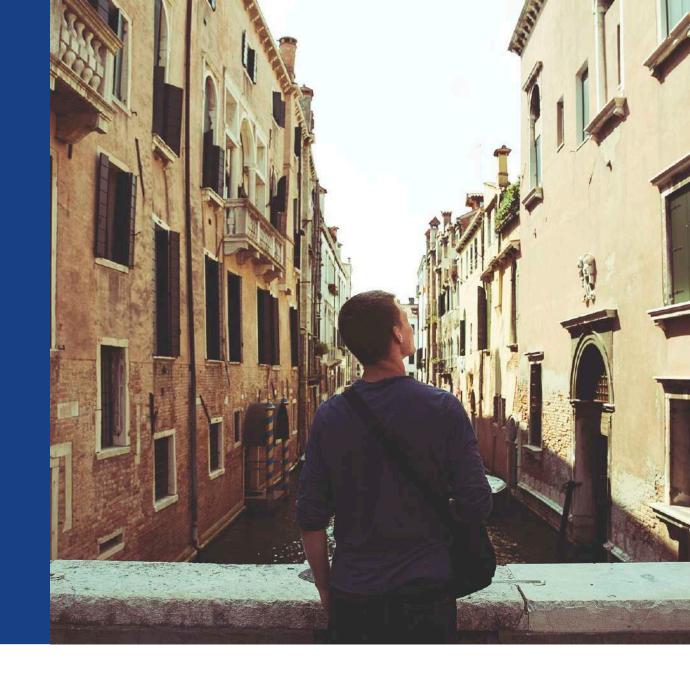
DID YOU KNOW...?

- Grant Included? Amount?
- Nationality is not a criteria, but you should be enrolled fulltime at VUB
- ▼Tuition Fee Waiver
- Min Max Duration
- Study Level
- European or non-European destination



EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

Erasmus+ EBelgica





ERASMUS+ KA1

Erasmus+

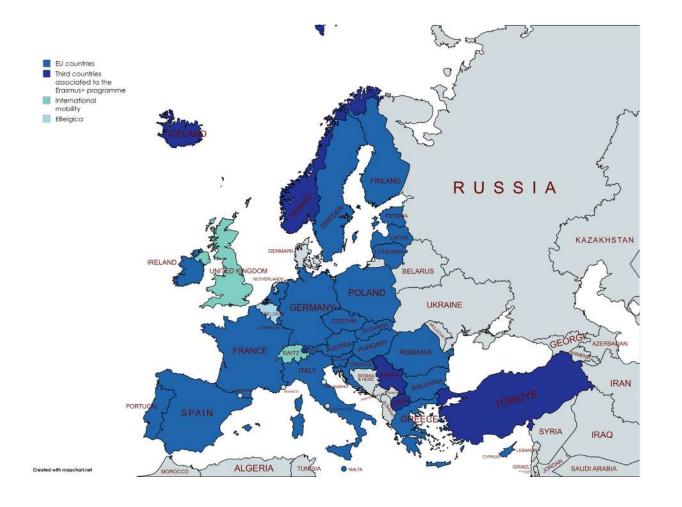
- Studies & Traineeships (During & After studies)
- More info per programme & exchange coordinator

Studies:

• min. 3 months (or time equal to 1 sem.) – max. 12 months

Traineeship:

Min. 2 months – max. 12 months





ERASMUS+ KA1 GRANTS



Studies: €369 - €419/month

- \ + €250/month top up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities
- 1 + travel cost depending on distance (see table)

Traineeships: €519 - €569/month

- 1 + €250/month top up for students belonging to the category of fewer opportunities
- 1 + travel cost depending on distance (see table)

Tabel Travel Costs					
Distance band	Amount per participant	"Green Travel"			
Between 10 – 99 km	€28.00	€56.00			
Between 100 – 499 km	€211.00	€ 285.00			
Between 500 – 1999 km	€309.00	€417.00			
Between 2000 – 2999 km	€395.00	€535.00			
Between 3000 – 3999 km	€580.00	€785.00			
Between 4000 – 7999 km	€1,188.00	€1,188.00			
8000 km and more	€1,735.00	€1,735.00			

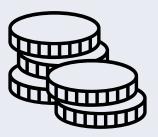


ERASMUS+ KA1 GRANTS



- Limited funding available: ranking by faculty based on faculty criteria
- If you receive an Erasmus+ grant → Max. funding of 6 months
 - With exception of students belonging to the fewer opportunities category

Exc. Traineeship after graduation (apply externally, first-come-first served)





ERASMUS+ KA1 – GRANT TOP-UPS

GREEN TRAVEL

- If you travel in environmentally friendly way (e.g. train, bus, car poling)
- 1 Check greenerasmus.org for tips to make your mobility more sustainable



PARTICIPANTS WITH FFWFR OPPORTUNITIES

- = Students with
- Flemish study allowance (Vlaamse Studietoelage)
- Almost Flemish study allowance (Bijna-Beursstudenten)
- Disability recognised by VAPH (=Vlaams Agentschap Voor Personen met een Handicap)
- Working student : very specific conditions, different definition from VUB working student

INCLUSION SUPPORT

- Extra inclusion support for students with disabilities
- VUB can support pre visits to the student mobility destination upon request (case-by-case)



ERASMUS+ TRAINEESHIP AFTER GRADUATION

- Traineeship After studies
- To apply before graduation
- Within 1 year after graduation
- "First Come, First served" principle for grant
- Traineeship in line with VUB diploma
- Nomination faculty needed





Erasmus Generation Portal

I want to go to start typing the name of a country

I want to go on Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps,... Q



INCLUSIVE



GET INSPIRED!

ERASMUS+ GENERATION PORTAL

- Browse inspiring testimonials
- Grant simulator
- Info about life in host countries
- https://erasmusgeneration.org/

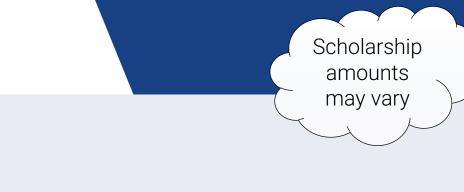
Inclusive Mobility portal

- Testimonials of E+ students with disabilities
- Info about host institutions
- https://inclusivemobility.eu/institutions

WHAT ELSE?

EBelgica

- Study exchange in French-speaking Belgium (e.g. ULB)
- Min. 8 weeks of scholarship (=between €400 €1000 depending on situation)
- Faculty ranking if needed







NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS

Generic Scholarship
Priority Country Programme
Asem WPP





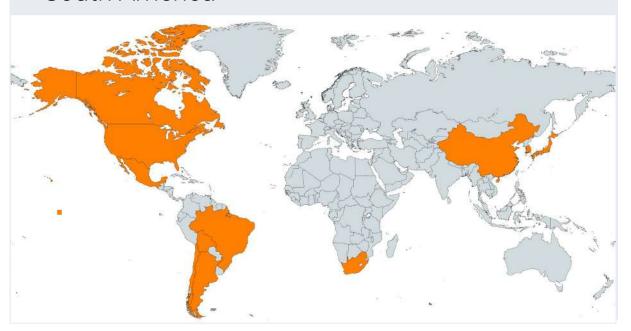
HOW DOES IT WORK?

European exchange	Non-European exchange				
Studies: Agreement per programme Studies: General VUB agreement (more effort)					
Traineeship: host organisation to be approved by Exchange Coordinator					
Tuition fee waiver					
Possibility to apply for a gant					
Teaching language: English or local language (Spanish, Portuguese, etc.)					



NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS FOR STUDY EXCHANGE

- General VUB exchange agreement
- General offer in Africa, Asia, North America and South America







! Economics

- Bolivia Universidad Católica Boliviana (UCB)
- Brazil Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
- China Fudan University
- **Japan** Kobe University
- Mexico
 - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
 - Universidad Iberoamericano
- Morocco Université Internationale de Rabat (UIR)
- South Africa
 - University of the Western Cape (UWC)
 - Central University of Technology (CUT)
- South Korea
 - Seoul National University (SNU)
 - Hanyang University
 - Norea University (KU)
 - Hankuk University



Political Sciences

- Brazil Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
- China Fudan University
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Sociology

- Brazil Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
- ↑ China Fudan University
- Japan Kobe University
- Mexico Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- **South Africa** University of the Western Cape (UWC)
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Social Sciences

- Brazil Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
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Communication Sciences

- Brazil Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (UFSM)
- Mexico Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM)
- South Korea
 - Hanyang University
 - Korea University (KU)
 - Hankuk University



NON-EUROPEAN DESTINATIONS FOR TRAINEESHIP EXCHANGE

- Nost organisation (traineeship non-EU): university, research institute, company, NGO, etc.
 - Find a host organisation yourself or through the contacts of your VUB programme
 - Anywhere except the European destinations
 - Approval Exchange coordinator needed





Non-European grants	Generic Scholarship	Priority Country Programme	Asem WPP	VLIR-UOS travel trants
	Studies & Traineeship	Studies & Traineeship	Traineeship	Work placement/traineeship or thesis
Where?	All countries that are not eligible for Erasmus+	8 countries (Brazil, Chile, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, South Africa, USA)	Specific countries in Asia	24 countries in Africa, Asia & Latin America
Duration?	Min. 1 month – max. 12 months	Min. 1 month – max. 12 months	Min. 1 month - Max. 6 months	Min. 1 month
Application	IRMO sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	IRMO sends application instructions after official nomination faculty	2 calls during the academic year (will be communicated by faculty) Specific eligibility conditions	Application at VUB (invitation local supervisor & recommnedation VUB supervisor), preparatory programme,
Grant Amount	€700/month + travel grant €200/month top-up for fewer opportunities students	€700/month + travel grant €200/month top-up for fewer opportunities students Max. €2800 (4 months grant)	€700/month + travel grant Max. 2 months grant	min. €1500, max. €1750
Selection	 VUB selection Grades 25% of selected candidates receive Flemish study allowance 	External selection	Externally, by raffle	Selection by programme coordinators and by the selection committee of the Advisory Council for Development Cooperation

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID





EXCHANGE GRANT (BUITENLANDTOELAGE)

- Managed by the study finance department
- Several conditions
 - Only for exchanges in which you complete part of your study curriculum.
 - Calculated on the basis of the number of months abroad
 - ▼ Family indexed cadastral income may not exceed € 1.250
 - Not combinable with rent allowance
 - Nationality or residency requirements
 - I Grant amount variable Up to € 270/month
- Apply before departure
- More information on Exchange grant | Vrije Universiteit Brussel (vub.be)







INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS



- Student Think Tank
- Student Career Ambassadors
- BeEUTOPIAn Conference
- **TeamWork**
- Certificate of Internationalisation
- **Summer Schools**





APPLICATION PROCEDURE





HOW TO APPLY?



Exchange

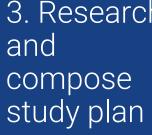
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- European destinations: February 15, 2025
- Non-European destinations December 15, 2024





- Individual match for courses
- You will need the approval from your exchange coordinator



4. Grant application

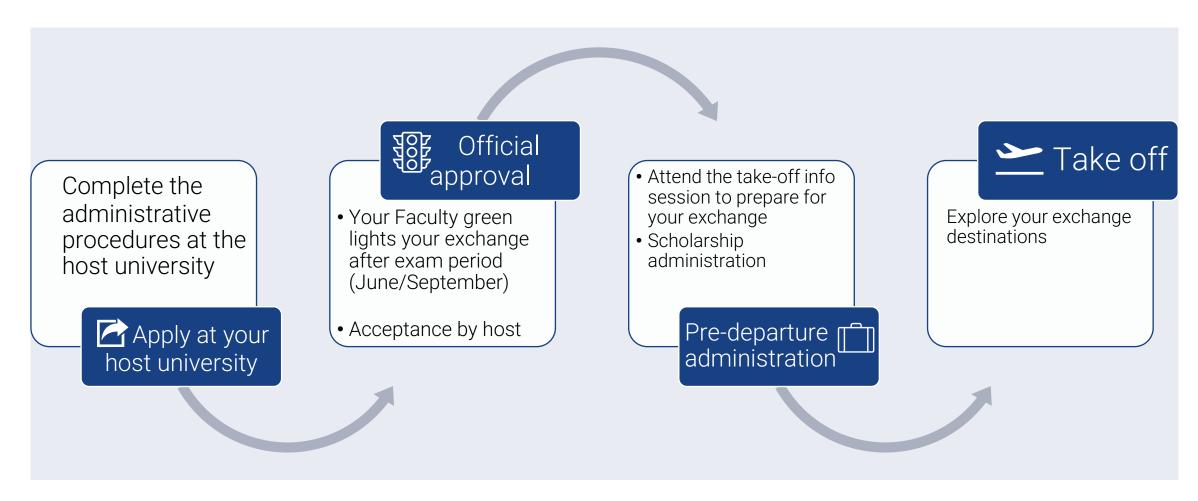
 Once nominated by your faculty towards IRMO, IRMO will inform you via email on specific deadlines



APPLY FOLLOWING VUB'S EXCHANGE PROCEDURE



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PRACTICALITIES





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- Choice of host institution
- Required language knowledge
- Selection Procedure
- Registration & tuition fee
- Courses, exams & resit exams
- Recognition & credit transfer



PRACTICALITIES

- Insurance
- Childcare benefits ("Kindergeld")
- Housing
- Finances
 - VUB Social, Legal & Financial Support Team (Team Studentenstatuut & Studiefinanciering)
 https://www.vub.be/en/studying-vub/practical-info-for-students/how-much-does-studying-cost/financial-support





UPCOMING EVENT

- Go Abroad Café
- ☐ Go Abroad Café: November 19th @ LOUNGE
- ☐ Students sharing stories about their exchange
- ☐ Get into contact with other students who did an exchange recently







- Business Economics, TEW, Handelsingenieur, International Business, Business & Technology
- ▼ Exchange 3rd Bachelor
 - 1 1st and/or 2nd semester
- Exchange 1st or 2nd Master
 - 1 1st and/or 2nd semester
- You can't go on exchange in Management or Bedrijfskunde



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- Easier said than done but try to pass for all your courses in the 1st (June) exam session!



- I EU Destinations
 - submit <u>nomination dossier</u> by February 15, 2025
 - Pick 3 destinations in order of preference
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
 - Send to mobility.es@vub.be by February 15, 2025
- We do not require a transcript of records but grades are an important factor when we need to make a ranking to allocate destinations!
- More information on the <u>Going Abroad Website</u>
- Contact: mobility.es@vub.be

DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2025





NON-EU Destinations

- Submit nomination dossier by December 15, 2024
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
 - Send to mobility.es@vub.be by December 15, 2024
- Submit separate dossier for EU backups by February 15, 2025
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15, 2024



EU DESTINATIONS

COUNTRY	CITY	UNIVERSITY
Austria	Graz	<u>Universität Graz</u>
Belgium	Liège	<u>Université de Liège</u>
	Brussels (MA)	<u>Université Libre de Bruxelles</u>
Bulgaria	Sofia	University of National and World Economy
Czech Republic	Brno	Masaryk University
	Prague	Prague University of Economics and Business
	Prague	University of Chemistry and Technology
France	Lille	<u>USTL Lille 1</u>
	Orléans	<u>Université d'Orléans</u>
	Cergy	CY Cergy Paris Université
Germany	Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin
	Dresden (BA)	<u>Technische Universitaet Dresden</u>
	Munich	Technical University of Munich
	Wiesbaden	Wiesbaden Business School



EU DESTINATIONS

COUNTRY	CITY	UNIVERSITY
Hungary	Budapest	Eötvös Loránd University
Italy	Bari	<u>Università degli Studi di Bari</u>
	Ferrara	<u>Università di Ferrara</u>
	Rome	<u>Università degli Studi Roma Tre</u>
	Rome	<u>Università di Roma LUMSA</u>
	Genova	<u>University of Genova</u>
	Venice	Ca'Foscari University of Venice
Latvia	Riga	Riga Technical University
Poland	Krakow	Krakow University of Economics
	Poznan	Poznan University of Technology
	Torun	Nicolaus Copernicus University
Romania	Bucharest	Romanian – American University
Slovakia	Bratislava	University of Economics Bratislava



EU DESTINATIONS

COUNTRY	CITY	UNIVERSITY
Slovenia	Ljubljana	<u>University of Ljubljana</u>
	Maribor	<u>University of Maribor</u>
Spain	Barcelona (BA)	<u>Universitat Pompeu Fabra</u>
	Huelva	<u>Universidad de Huelva</u>
	Madrid	<u>Universidad Autónoma de Madrid</u>
	Santander	<u>Universidad de Cantabria</u>
	Pamplona (BA)	<u>Universidad Publica de Navarra</u>
Sweden	Göteborg (BA)	University of Gothenburg
Turkey	Istanbul	Boğaziçi University
	Istanbul	Istanbul Commerce University
United Kingdom	Coventry (BA)	<u>University of Warwick</u>



Social Sciences, Sociologie, Politieke wetenschappen, Communicatiewetenschappen

Exchange 3rd Bachelor

■ 1st semester: Social Sciences, Communicatiewetenschappen

↑ 1st or 2nd semester: Sociologie

↑ 1st and/or 2nd semester: Politieke wetenschappen

Exchange Master

■ 1st semester Communicatiewetenschappen, Communication Studies, Sociologie

You can't go on exchange in the Master Politieke Wetenschappen or the Master European and International Governance



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- different destinations for communication studies!
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- NON-EU Destinations
 - submit nomination dossier by December 15, 2024
 - Letter of motivation (1 page, link with your program)
 - Send to mobility.es@vub.be by December 15, 2024
 - Submit separate dossier for EU backup destination by February 15, 2025
- We do not require a transcript of records but grades are an important factor when we need to make a ranking to allocate destinations!
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EU DESTINATIONS Social Sciences, Politieke Wetenschappen, Sociology

COUNTRY	CITY	UNIVERSITY
Austria	Salzburg	Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg
Belgium	Brussels	<u>Université Libre de Bruxelles</u>
Finland	Helsinki	<u>University of Helsinki</u>
France	Cergy (BA)	<u>CY Cergy Paris Université</u>
	Montpellier (BA)	<u>Université de Montpellier</u>
Germany	Berlin (BA)	Freie Universität Berlin
	Berlin	<u>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</u>
	Dresden	<u>Technische Universität Dresden</u>
	Leipzig	Universität Leipzig
Hungary	Budapest (BA)	Corvinus University of Budapest
Ireland	Cork (BA)	<u>University College Cork</u>
	Dublin (BA)	<u>University College Dublin</u>
	Dublin (BA)	<u>Dublin City University</u>



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Italy	Rome	<u>La Sapienza Roma</u>
	Aosta (BA)	<u>Università della Valle d'Aosta</u>
	Venice (BA)	<u>Ca'Foscari University of Venice</u>
The Netherlands	Amsterdam (BA)	<u>Universiteit Amsterdam</u>
	Maastricht (BA)	Maastricht University
	Nijmegen (BA)* to confirm	Radboud University Nijmegen
	Rotterdam (BA)	<u>Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam</u>
	Utrecht (BA)	<u>Universiteit Utrecht</u>
Norway	Bergen	<u>University of Bergen</u>
Poland	Warsaw	<u>University of Warsaw</u>
Portugal	Porto (BA)	<u>Universidade Fernando Pessoa</u>
Romania	Cluj-Napoca (BA)	<u>Universitatea Babes-Bolyai</u>
Slovenia	Ljubljana	<u>University of Ljubljana</u>



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Spain	Barcelona	<u>Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona</u>
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Sweden	Göteborg	<u>University of Gothenburg</u>
	Lund	<u>Lund University</u>
	Stockholm (BA)	Stockholm University
Turkey	Istanbul	<u>Istanbul Bilgi Universitesi</u>
	Istanbul (MA)	<u>Istanbul University</u>
	Istanbul	Kadir Has University
	Izmir (BA)	Izmir University of Economics
United Kingdom	Belfast	Queen's University Belfast
	Canterbury (BA)	<u>University of Kent</u>
	Coventry (BA)	University of Warwick
	Exeter	<u>University of Exeter</u>



EU DESTINATIONS Communication Studies

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Austria	Salzburg	Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg
Belgium	Brussels	<u>Université Libre de Bruxelles</u>
	Namur (BA)	<u>Université de Namur</u>
Czech Republic	Prague (MA)	<u>Charles University</u>
Estonia	Tartu (MA)	<u>University of Tartu</u>
Finland	Helsinki	<u>University of Helsinki</u>
Germany	Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin
	Bremen	<u>Universität Bremen</u>
	Dresden	Technische Universität Dresden
	Eichstätt (BA)	Katholische Universität Eichstätt
Italy	Padua	Università degli Studi di Padova

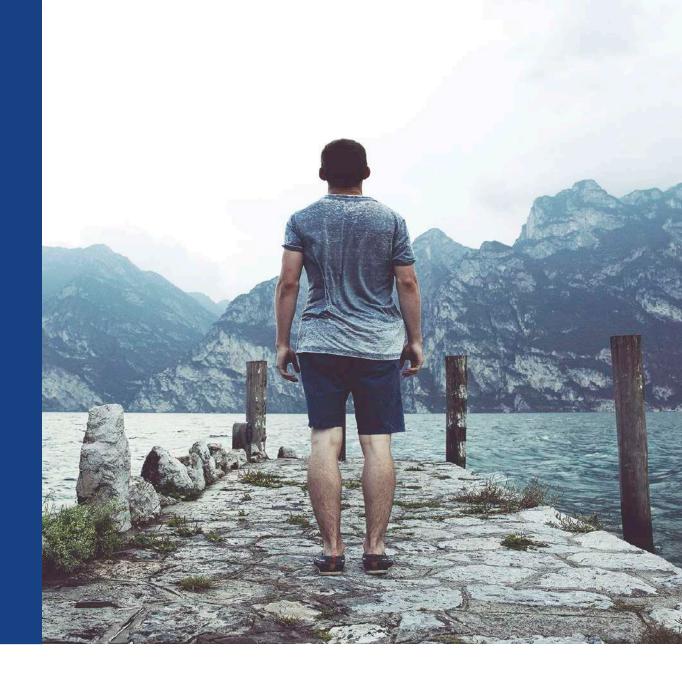


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	Rotterdam	Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam
Norway	Bergen	<u>University of Bergen</u>
Poland	Lodz	<u>University of Lodz</u>
Romania	Cluj-Napoca (BA)	<u>Universitatea Babes-Bolyai</u>
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	Izmir	Izmir University of Economics
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QUESTIONS





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