ERASMUS+ POLICY STATEMENT

Participation in Erasmus+

The University of Glasgow has a deep commitment to the principles and objectives of the Erasmus+ programme. Building on a long tradition of active participation and success since the programme's inception and during our previous membership, we will drive forward mobility, collaboration, and innovation across Europe.

Our current University strategy sets out our ambitions to be 'The World-Changing University' by delivering world-class research impact, transforming the student experience, and fostering a global collaborative community to address complex societal challenges. This is underpinned by our values of excellence, curiosity, discovery, integrity and truth.

As we look ahead to our next 10-year strategy, these values serve as the foundation for our internationalisation ambitions, with the Erasmus+ Charter providing a roadmap. Our global engagement prioritises international partnership based on mutual benefit, diversity and inclusion, and a commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We have long-term success in welcoming students from disadvantaged backgrounds and increasing participation in international experiences. We are committed to increasing mobility from students with fewer opportunities and implementing cross-institutional strategies to do so. We have also improved our processes and participation for disabled students. Erasmus+ will support us in broadening student horizons through study abroad, traineeships, and linguistic, academic, personal, and professional development, including the development of intercultural competencies.

Staff mobility enhances our internationalisation eco-system in which research, education and mobilities are interconnected. We will support academic staff in developing teaching collaborations with European partners, and professional services staff in accessing training mobilities to share best practices across the European higher education sector. We will do so by building on existing opportunities, including the University's International Partnership Development Fund, and CIVIS Staff Training Weeks.

Internationalisation is a University-wide priority and embedded into the fabric of our institution through participation in international programmes, process and policy. The University of Glasgow believes in the value of European Alliances and has practical experience of their transformative impact. Since 2021, Glasgow has made a significant commitment to the CIVIS Alliance - a consortium of 11 European civic universities united by a shared mission to address global challenges through education, research, and community engagement.

During the UK's non-association period with Erasmus+ (2021-2026), Glasgow has self-funded participation to maintain full Alliance membership as an Associated Partner, evidencing our institutional commitment to European cooperation regardless of external funding constraints. This sustained investment has built substantial capacity in transnational programme delivery and European partnership management.

With UK re-association with Erasmus+, UofG will eventually become eligible for Erasmus+ EUA funding within CIVIS, enabling significant expansion of our Alliance activities and deeper integration with European higher education.

We are currently involved in 7 Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees programmes and lead 5 (CLMCE, EDUMaH, GLOCAL, IMSISS, CEERES) which have significantly expanded our international EU Grants programme portfolio. These programmes span diverse fields including sustainable development, public health, European governance, advanced materials science, and cultural heritage management, demonstrating UofG's capacity to deliver high-quality joint programmes meeting EMJMD standards for academic excellence, student support, and consortium governance.

In alignment with our long-term environmental objectives, we will promote sustainable mobility, support low-carbon international experiences, and embed environmentally responsible practices into all Erasmus+ activities. This approach ensures that our participation in Erasmus+ not only enriches global learning and collaboration but also contributes meaningfully to the University’s wider sustainability goals.

Strategy, objectives and impact

Participation in Erasmus+ is central to achieving our mission of being ‘The University for the World’ and will play a key role in achieving our educational and internationalisation objectives. Through this engagement, we aim to:

Maintain momentum in student mobility growth while improving outcomes across the student body by:

- Raising aspirations and widening participation, ensuring all students - particularly those with fewer opportunities - can benefit from international experiences that are proven to enhance educational and employment outcomes. This will be achieved by embedding Erasmus+ opportunities within the student experience and targeted strategies.
- Develop a future-focussed, agile academic portfolio that reflects evolving student and employer needs by deepening internationalisation across curricula to modernise content and develop skills. This will be achieved by aligning Erasmus+ with the delivery of our Learning & Teaching Strategy that aims to deliver a high-quality education experience that is Future Focussed, Experiential and Globally Orientated.

- Enhancing 'internationalisation at home' activities through welcoming and supporting a more diverse and globally connected community of learners. This will be achieved by ensuring reciprocity within our Erasmus+ partnerships and maintaining University of Glasgow as an attractive destination for Visiting Students.

Strengthen the expertise and capabilities of staff by:

- Embedding a culture of open cooperation and shared learning that enables staff across academic and professional roles to contribute effectively to the University's international ambitions and strengthen networks of cooperation. Erasmus+ will support this through targeted staff mobility, training and collaboration opportunities that promote knowledge exchange, professional development and the sharing of best practice across Europe.
- Empowering staff at all levels to engage in and deliver international activity, combining clear strategic coordination to maximise impact. By targeted investment in staff mobility, we can strengthen institutional expertise in cooperative international education, and ensure our people are equipped to design, manage and implement complex European and global partnerships with impact.

Positioning the University of Glasgow as a leading UK destination for European and global collaboration by:

- Maximising the impact of strategic networks, including CIVIS, the Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities, and Universitas 21 (U21).
- Maintaining geographic, linguistic, and disciplinary diversity, ensuring partnerships represent the breadth of the University's global reach and ambitions.
- Expanding innovation partnerships, aligning Glasgow's research strengths with the needs of international stakeholders, and contributing to enhanced EU-level performance at regional scale.

Indicators

Student Mobility Opportunities

- 30% of the undergraduate graduating cohort having an international experience by 2030.
- Maintain a 90%+ satisfaction score in post mobility feedback from inbound and outbound students
- Increase to 25% of widening participation students undertaking mobility opportunities

Staff mobility

- Achieve 2% increase in staff participation in Erasmus+ training and collaboration activities.

Strengthen European Partnerships

- Maintain a strong portfolio of European partnerships, deepening activities with a focus on network and alliance partners
- Nurture partnerships beyond Europe by using 20% of mobility budget outside of EU/EEA
- Deliver 10 BIPs per year through CIVIS