

How does it work?

- any BIP must include universities from **three E+ programme countries**: one HEI (receiving institution) is the host/coordinator of the BIP that is developed and implemented in collaboration with at least 2 other HEIs (sending partners) from 2 different countries

- a BIP is eligible for funding if it has a **minimum number of participants = 15** (not including teaching/training staff involved in the delivery of the programme)

participants = students or staff as **trainees** – they travel to the receiving country for training

- physical mobility: **min. 5 – max. 30 days** of programme duration
- no eligibility criteria is set for the duration of the compulsory virtual component
- physical mobility + virtual component => award **a min. of 3 ECTS** credits for students
- the physical activity can take place at the receiving institution or at any other venue in the country of the receiving institution



What is a blended intensive programme (BIP)?

- joint programme of HEIs in at least three E+ programme countries, where learners come together
- learners can be either students or staff who go abroad on a training activity
- any BIP includes both a physical activity and a compulsory online component
- a BIP should foster:
 - development of transnational and transdisciplinary curricula
 - innovative ways of learning and teaching
 - online collaboration
 - research-based learning
 - challenge-based approaches that tackle societal challenges

BIPs provide an opportunity to reach out to new groups of students, for example those in study fields where mobility opportunities have been limited or those who lack confidence to go abroad alone.

BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMMES

what does it mean?
how does it work?
what is the funding like?
how to apply?
progress
BIPs within UNITA

HOW TO APPLY?

- the receiving institution applies for **organisational support** funds for the BIP, while the sending partners must use their **own Erasmus KA131 funds** for the mobilities abroad of their participants

E+ grant for short-term physical mobility abroad = individual support + travel support (when applicable)

- the coordinating/receiving HEI applies for OS funds in the annual KA131 application to the NA (there is no quality assessment of the application, but the NA makes sure the organisation has proper management capacity)
- the sending HEIs include in their overall KA131 grant application to their NA the anticipated demand for mobility grants for students and staff to participate in one or more BIPs abroad



PROGRESS OF THE BIPS WITHIN UNITA

- identified possibilities to support student participation in BIPs
- issue (!) insufficient E+ funding for short-term student mobilities (individual support = €70 per day) to cover for all costs implied

solutions from UNITA members:
offer accommodation
offer food (1-2 meals/day)
provide list of low-budget/ discounted accommodation
offer additional financial support in the form of real costs, to cover for transportation, using other source of funding ≠ Erasmus+



- worked on a RASCI matrix on the implementation process of BIPs within UNITA
- agreed to sign a multilateral IIA in the general Subject Area 00 Generic programme and qualifications, to cover for all BIPs exchanges

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

OVER 500 SHORT-TERM MOBILITIES WITHIN UNITA

2021-2022

WINTER 2021

- UPPA - *Intangible Cultural Heritage Winter School*: November 8th - 13th

SPRING 2022

- UPPA - *Auteur.e.s plurilingues (Multilingual Authors of Romance languages)*: March 31st - April 5th
- UBI - *European Identity and Citizenship - challenges of the European integration*: May 23rd - 27th

- USMB - *Intensive Week on Circular Economy*: May 30th - June 3rd

SUMMER 2022

- UPPA - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: June 27th - July 1st
- UNITO - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: June 27th - July 1st
- UPPA - *Undergraduate Summer School: French language and introduction to research*: July 4th - 15th
- UNITO - *summer school : Ren. EnR*: July 11th - 15th

WINTER 2022

- UPPA - *Environment, arts and ecology*: October 17th - 21st
- UVT - *Randopat Heritrail - Mushrooms, herbs and raw food: practices and beliefs*: November 7th - 11th
- USMB - *Autumn school Data Sciences for Solar Energy*: November 13th - 18th
- UVT - *Microcredentials: introduce Bs students to research in Circ. Eco.*: November 21st - 25th

2022-2023

SPRING 2023

- UVT - *UNITA BIP for mobilities (for staff)*: February 13th - 17th
- USMB - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: February 20th - 24th
- UBI - *Cohesion and sustainability for a brighter future*: March 20th - 24th
- UPPA - *Aesthetic Choices and Political Issues - Multilingual Literary Writing in Romance Languages*: March 27th - 31st
- UVT - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: March 27th - 31st

SPRING 2023

- UNIZAR - *The Social Functions of Museums and the Construction of Europe*: April 25th - 29th
- UVT - *Green Month - Innovation and Entrepreneurship in the European Blue Economy*: May 8th - 12th

SUMMER 2023

- UPPA - *BIP4BIPs (for staff)*: June 4th - 9th
- UPPA - *On Roland's paths - Literature, history, philology, paleography, languages*: June 12th - 16th
- UVT - *Conducting Hybrid Research with Marginalized Groups*: June 12th - 16th
- USMB - *Intercomprehension for staff*: June 19th - 24th
- UPPA - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: June 19th - 24th
- USMB - *Green Business in Europe. Managing resilience and sustainability in Europe*: June 25th - 30th
- UNITO - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: July 3rd - 7th
- UVT - *Energy communities in mountain villages*: July 9th - 14th
- UNITO - *UNITA borders*: July 17th - 21st
- UNIZAR - *Intercomprehension for Language for Specific Purposes*: August 7th - 11th

2023-2024

WINTER 2023

- UNIZAR - *Cultural Heritage and Depopulated Areas: Case Studies towards the Preservation of Identity*: October 2nd - 6th
- UVT - *The Dynamics between the European Union and the Member States. A comparative (law) perspective*: October 16th - 20th
- USMB - *Branding strategy for sustainable tourism*: November 13th - 18th
- UVT - *Entrepreneurship for creative industries*: 13 - 17 November
- USMB - *Solar energy for buildings: from components to cities*: November 19th - 24th
- UVT - *The Importance of Guidance and Counseling in Students' Life (for staff)*: November 20th - 24th
- UBI - *Ukraine - political, cultural and social approaches*: October 23rd - 27th