

# Erasmus<sub>Programmes</sub>



## **AUEB Erasmus Programme**

AUEB has participated actively in the Erasmus Programme since the programme's inception in 1987, promoting cooperation with European Union (EU) universities, businesses and international organizations through mobility of students, teaching and administrative staff with partner institutions.

During this time AUEB has signed more than 185 Erasmus+ inter-institutional agreements.

On this basis, every year approximately 300 Greek students study abroad with full academic recognition via the ECTS Credit Transfer and Accumulation System, while 320 international students from partner institutions are accepted at AUEB. At the same time, annually, 80 AUEB students conduct internships abroad through the Erasmus+ Programme. Over the last 20 years, more than 5,000 students have participated in the Erasmus Programme at AUEB: approximately 3,000 AUEB students have attended courses at EU partner institutions while another 2,000 European students were welcomed to our university for one semester or one full academic year, thus rendering the AUEB Erasmus Programme one of the strongest-per-capita Erasmus Programmes in Greece.

# Erasmus+ Programme

AUEB is part of the Erasmus Community since 1987, the year the Erasmus programme was first established as an exchange programme for Higher Education students within the European Union. Since 1987 AUEB has supported outbound student study mobility at partner institutions in the EU, and inbound mobility of international students through use of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) for academic recognition of learning outcomes. In the framework of Erasmus+, AUEB cooperates with more than 220 universities from the EU and non-EU countries. During the 34 years of implementation of the programme more than 12.000 students have participated: almost 7.000 AUEB students have completed an Erasmus+ period at partner institutions while close to 5.000 international students have been accepted and attended courses taught in English at AUEB, either for one semester or one academic year.



The University supports outgoing students via grants for strong academic performance (achievement of 30 ECTS), in recognition of their efforts. The continuous increase of inbound and outbound student mobility per year is a positive element for the further development of the programme in the future.

The University also supports students who wish to carry out placements in EU companies and organizations. The numbers of students using the Erasmus+ Programme for placements increases yearly, covering all three study cycles. AUEB also organizes short duration Erasmus Teaching Assignments for its teaching staff as well as training mobility for its administrative and teaching staff.

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**Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM)** 

AUEB has been a pioneer of the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) Programme in Greece, participating in it since its establishment, in 2015. The Project is funded by the European Commission through the Hellenic National Agency and AUEB is the Project Coordinator at the administrative and financial level.

The Erasmus+ ICM Programme aims to develop and promote collaboration in education and research between E.U. and non-E.U. HE Institutions. Erasmus+ mobility grants are awarded to:

- a) incoming and outgoing students of all study cycles, who have the opportunity to carry out a study period at a Partner Institution using the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)
- b) incoming and outgoing teaching staff for a short duration teaching assignment
- c) incoming and outgoing teaching/administrative staff for a short duration training period



The experience for all participating groups is highly beneficial and has a positive impact on their future academic and professional life. Students develop effective linguistic, communication and intercultural skills; an open and creative mindset; decision making and problem solving skills; adaptability and flexibility; personal and social responsibility, and career self-management. Teaching staff further develop research projects and get acquainted with new teaching methods. Finally, staff members gain exposure to a different way of doing things and best practices from abroad.

# **AUEB Mobility Consortium**

AUEB has innovated by establishing an AUEB Mobility Consortium with the participation of six other Greek Universities. The main purpose of the Mobility Consortium is to create internships and future employment opportunities for students and recent graduates abroad. The goal is for students to gain valuable work experience, while also offering teaching and training staff mobility opportunities.

The Mobility Project is aimed towards undergraduate, Master's and PhD students, as well as recent graduates from all respective study cycles at AUEB and collaborating Institutions. The project is implemented with the support of the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY).

Fundamental to the effective operation of the Erasmus+ Internship Consortium is the creation and implementation of standardized procedures at each level of operation, as well as the implementation of an integrated Mobility System, which fully utilizes the specific characteristics of each participating Institution. The aim is to adopt best practices and promote the exchange of valuable know-how between partners. AUEB's extensive network of graduates is fully utilized to create additional internship opportunities.

Participation of individuals with disabilities is particularly encouraged.





# Statistics (approximately)

**300** incoming students per year



320 outcoming students per year



5.000+

students have participated from 1989 up to now in the Erasmus Programme at AUEB



97%

of the students who participated in the last programme, were very satisfied with their mobility experience

50 intership mobilities per year

**54** 

incoming staff members for teaching and training per year

51

outgoing staff members for teaching and training per year

### **Testimonials**

#### **Alexandros Tsakpinis** - Germany

I studied at AUEB for an exchange semester within the ERASMUS+ program. AUEB offered excellent lectures and labs of the highest quality. One acquires deep knowledge about the underlying theory, but also applies knowledge in practical projects. The professors were always welcoming and helpful. I can highly recommend AUEB.





#### Liliana Monteiro - Portugal

ERASMUS in Athens was one of the most amazing moments in my life. 11 months of pure joy, happiness, and personal enrichment. I was not the same person after this experience; it made me more resilient, confident, and a stronger person. I made the most incredible friends! I truly recommend Athens for the ERASMUS program.





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