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Terms of Reference

Student Mobility Programme

A. Background

Erasmus+ program is a European Union (EU) initiative that supports various education, training, youth, and sport projects. It aims to enhance skills, employability, and personal development, as well as promote cooperation and mobility among young people and educational institutions within the European Union and beyond. In 2020, the Faculty of Engineering Science and Technology established a partnership with a project consortium to enhance the University's capacity in Climate Change science, leadership, and Diplomacy. This collaboration resulted in the development of the CHILDRN project, which stands for Climate Change Diplomacy Leadership and Resilience in the Maldives.

Given the Maldives' vulnerability to Climate Change due to its low-lying island nature, resilience education is of utmost importance. The project primarily focuses on addressing key areas such as Climate Change, Adaptation, and Mitigation Strategies. Climate education and capacity building will be central to the project, empowering the Maldives to solidify the National University's capacity in developing future climate leaders.

B. Project objective

The project has three key objectives:

- 1- Improve and reinforce the teaching capacities of partner institutions in climate studies.
- 2- Foster interdisciplinary academic cooperation and exchanges to strengthen the research capacities of partner institutions.
- 3- Implement and develop joint activities, events, publications, and projects pertaining to climate Change.



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C. About the mobility programme

The mobility period will span one month, commencing on **September 12, 2023, and concluding on October 12, 2023**. This opportunity is **fully funded**, covering expenses such as return tickets, daily subsistence allowance, and accommodation. Its primary objective is to facilitate international exchanges and offer learning opportunities focused on Climate Change Diplomacy, Leadership, and Resilience. The mobility will also offer participants the chance to travel to partner institutions or organisations and engage in specialised training, workshops, and collaborative activities.

Key features of this mobility programme:

1. **International Collaboration:** Participants will have the opportunity to interact and collaborate with experts, researchers, and professionals from partner institutions around the world, fostering global cooperation and knowledge-sharing.
2. **Focus on Climate Change:** The program will have a strong emphasis on topics related to Climate Change, including its impacts, mitigation strategies, policy formulation, and adaptation measures.
3. **Cultural Exchange:** The mobility program encourages cultural exchange, enabling participants to experience and appreciate different perspectives, customs, and traditions.
4. **Networking Opportunities:** Participants will have ample opportunities to build professional networks and establish lasting collaborations for future endeavours.

D. Information on the allocated mobilities, faculties, and European universities where student placements are offered.

MNU Faculty / Department	European University	Allocated numbers
Faculty of Arts	University of Liege, Belgium	2
Faculty of Health Sciences	Universite de Paris	2
Department of Environment and Natural Science	University of Liege, Belgium	5
Department of Engineering	University of Liege, Belgium	2
Department of Architecture	University of Liege, Belgium	2
Department of Computer Science	University of Liege, Belgium	2



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E. Eligibility:

This mobility opportunity is **exclusively open to students from the three faculties** mentioned in section D of this ToR. Ideal candidates should be in their **second year or beyond of a bachelor’s degree Program** or in the **second semester or beyond of a master’s degree program**.

F. Application process:

It is highly recommended that all interested and eligible students thoroughly read this Terms of Reference. Additionally, they must submit their mobility applications through the provided link below before the deadline. Email applications will not be considered.

Apply via the link: <https://forms.gle/DTLxFmXpDYkjJaSz6>

G. Student selection criteria:

Criteria	Points
<p>Academic Excellence</p> <p><i>Points Allocation: Points will be based on GPA. A GPA of 4.00 – 3.50 earns the maximum 20 points, GPA 3.40 -2.50 earns 15 points and GPA 2 .4 and below earns 10 points.</i></p>	20
<p>Motivation and Interest</p> <p><i>Points allocation: Points will be allocated based on the motivation letter, which should indicate the applicant’s intention for participation in the program. Clarity, depth, and relevance of the applicant’s statement will be considered, and additional points will be given for a well-articulated and compelling statement. Furthermore, points will be awarded for the applicant’s availability and expressed commitment to actively participate in all planned activities. Identification of relevant courses and personnel that the student intends to collaborate with at the partner University where they will be based will also be considered in the points allocation process.</i></p> <p><i>1. Motivation Letter (15 points):</i></p>	30



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Clarity, Depth, and Relevance: Up to 10 points</i> • <i>Strength of Motivation: Up to 15 points</i> <p>2. <i>Availability and Commitment: Up to 5 points</i></p> <p>3. <i>Identification of Relevant Courses and Personnel at Partner University (10 points):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Courses: Up to 5 points</i> • <i>Personnel Collaboration: Up to 5 points</i> 	
<p>Availability and Commitment</p> <p><i>Points allocation: Course coordinators approval letter indicating students' availability and release for the mobility period. Up to 10 points for submitting a letter of approval.</i></p>	10
<p>Total points</p>	60

H. Deadline:

Applications must be submitted through the application link (<https://forms.gle/DTLxFmXpDYkjJaSz6>) on or before 12.00pm of 9th August 2023. Email applications will not be considered.

I. Inquiries:

All inquiries related to this mobility opportunity should be emailed to fest@mnu.edu.mv