

## Info Sheet: Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP)

**You want to gather international experience without spending a whole term abroad? You are looking for a funded short programme to supplement your studies? Maybe the BIP is for you!**

### What is a BIP?



A Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) is a new format established within the Erasmus+ scheme. It is a course **without tuition fees** consisting of a virtual and an in-person component, organized by at least three universities.

### Where and when does the programme take place?



The in-person component is typically hosted at the coordinating university and lasts **between 5 and 30 days**. Additionally, a **compulsory online component** for preparation or follow-up is taking place before or after the in-person meeting.

### Is my participation funded?



Participating mobile students receive **Erasmus+ funding** from their home university as a subsidy for travel and accommodation costs. You will receive a daily allowance for the physical mobility and a social and/or green travel top-up in case of eligibility to cover most of your costs.

### Is my application binding?



A **minimum number of students** is necessary for a BIP to be funded. Hence, it is crucial that students only accept a BIP spot if their participation is certain. Applications are not binding, yet, but once an offered spot is accepted, it can only be cancelled with proof for serious reasons (e.g. doctors note).

### What about credit transfer?



Upon successful completion of all components, BIP participants are granted **at least 3 ECTS**. The number of ECTS varies in each programme depending on the workload. Possibilities for credit transfer are – depending on your study program – available as Studium Integrale or studies abroad modules.

### More questions?



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