MOBILITY AFTER BREXIT

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2014 - 2020

- Any funding secured under the Erasmus+ 2014 – 2020 programme is protected under the Withdrawal Agreement, including mobilities and projects running beyond 31 December 2020.
- Due to the Commission extension of IIAs in light of Covid-19 projects can be extended until 2023.

2021 – 2027

- UK = Non-Associated Partner Country: Jean Monnet and EMJMD
- Irish Government announced it wants to fund Northern Irish students to participate in Erasmus
- New KA103 allows 20% of budget to be used to send students to non-partner countries, including the UK.
TURING SCHEME: OVERVIEW

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✓ £ 110 million for up to 35,000 UK based students to study and work abroad  
✓ Global scheme  
✓ For all devolved nations  
✓ Organisational support funding  
✓ Focus on WP students

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❑ No staff mobility  
❑ No funding for inbound mobility  
❑ No strategic partnerships etc.
• All students registered in a UK or a British Overseas Territory HE provider can take part

• Students do not need to be UK nationals to be eligible for the scheme and can be full- or part-time

• Placements can last from 4 weeks to 12 months, covering the period September 2021 to August 2022

• Recent graduates also eligible.
TURING FUNDING

- Participating institutions bid for grants to help cover the cost of living and, for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, travel costs.

- Exchanges to be agreed institution-to-institution and can be based on fee waiver.

- For cost of living grants, different rates are provided for short-term (4-8 weeks) and long-term (over 8 weeks) placements.

- Destination countries are grouped into funding 3 categories, depending on their relative cost of living.

- Students from disadvantaged background will receive higher cost of living grants

- In addition, an amount of funding will be provided to go towards the direct costs of travel for HE participants from disadvantaged backgrounds.

- Actual costs for additional expenses will also be covered (e.g. costs of visas, passports, health insurance).

- Additional support for students with special educational needs.
WELSH INTERNATIONAL LEARNING EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

- Will provide funding to enable students, staff and learners across universities, Further Education and Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education, youth work settings and schools to undertake a period of structured learning or work experience overseas, as well as enabling strategic partnerships.
- Where necessary, the programme will fund costs related to the inward mobility of learners, teachers and young people from partner organisations abroad (up to 30% of budget).
- The scheme aims to enable 15,000 participants from Wales to go on overseas mobility exchanges over the first four years, with 10,000 participants coming to study or work in Wales.
- £65 million from Welsh Government for the period 2022 – 2026.
- Welsh universities will also have access to the Turing Scheme.
IMMIGRATION RULES FOR INBOUND STUDENTS

➢ Visa-free travel for tourist visits of up to 90 days within a 180-day period (both directions: TCA)

➢ New rules do not apply to travel to Ireland, and British and Irish citizens can continue to move freely between the UK and Ireland as part of the Common Travel Area arrangements

➢ UK’s new points-based immigration system came into effect from 1 January 2021

➢ EU citizens who arrived in the UK prior to 31 December 2020 still have until 30 June 2021 to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme.
SHORT-TERM STUDY ARRANGEMENTS

Studying for less than 6 months:

- Students wanting to come to the UK for short term study of less than 6 months will be able to apply under the Visitor Route, provided it is at an accredited institution.
- Those from the EU and Switzerland will not require a visas and can enter the UK just using e-passports.

Between 6 and 12 months:

- For students coming for longer than 6 months will, at present, be required to apply through the Student route.
- We are currently discussing with government what concessions can be made for students coming for between 6 and 12 months.
- The 6 to 11 month short term English language study route will remain open.
WORK PLACEMENTS

➢ There is uncertainty over students who want to come to the UK on work placements between 2 – 11 months.

➢ Current solution is to apply through Tier 5.

➢ UUKi working with the UK Government on a dedicated route for study and work up to a year – but we are not there yet!

Tier 5 Temporary Work route

➢ any fee and Immigration Health Charge must have been paid; and

➢ the applicant must have provided any required biometrics;

➢ the applicant must have provided a passport or other travel document which satisfactorily establishes their identity and nationality;

➢ the applicant must have a Certificate of Sponsorship that was issued to them no more than 3 months before the date of application.
Sources of information:

1. UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement: implications for universities
2. Changes for EU and EEA students
3. EU-UK RELATIONS: A new relationship, with big changes
4. EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement
5. EHIC and GHIC

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