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Information session for exchange programmes

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By appointment for personal advisory

This presentation will be available on our website

2027-2028: between uncertainty and hope

What is happening: timeline (European and International exchanges)

2021-25

Resumption of negotiations
The Swiss Federal Council's objective is once again the full association with Erasmus+. The issue is included in the broader negotiations between Switzerland and the EU.

04.2025

Agreement provisionally agreed
Switzerland and the EU provisionally agreed upon the European Union Programmes Agreement (EUPA), which sets out the conditions for Switzerland's participation in EU programmes, including Erasmus+.

11.2025

Switzerland and the EU signed the agreement.
With regard to Erasmus+, Switzerland is expected to become associated with the programme from 2027, subject to the necessary institutional and financial steps.

2026

Parliamentary and preparatory phase
The Swiss Parliament is examining the Switzerland–EU package, and the Federal Council must submit a request for the funding required for participation in Erasmus+ from 2027.

12.2026

Parliament vote...
Specifically on the budget.

...Early 2027
Potential referendum

2027

If the necessary steps are completed,
Switzerland is expected to become a fully associated country to Erasmus+ from 2027, gaining full access to the programme's actions rather than participating only as a non-associated third country.

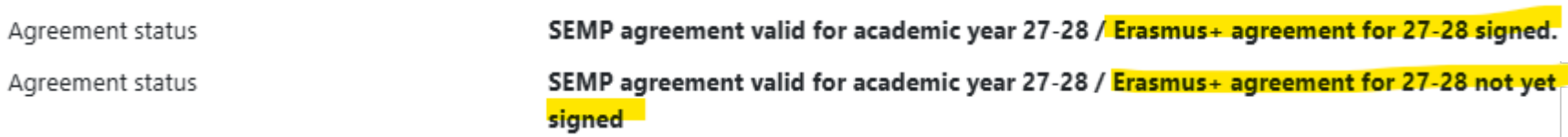
What does it mean, concretely?

1. To date, we cannot anticipate the outcome of the vote, even though the Consiglio degli Stati voted in favour on 01.10. The vote of the Consiglio Nazionale is now missing.

2. If Switzerland will be associated to Erasmus+:
   - Scholarships from SEMP to Erasmus+ (different calculation) but budget unknown
   - New mobility opportunities
   - Changes in the processes

3. If Switzerland will not be associated to Erasmus+:
   - SEMP programme remains
   - Budget unknown

4. To date, we are renewing all agreements under the mandatory Erasmus+ framework → responsive portal is



What does it mean for you?

1 **You will need to accept a certain degree of uncertainty and remain flexible.**

2 **You will enrol in an exchange under the SEMP programme that may turn into Erasmus+ as we move along.**

3 **In case of association: processes will change**

The types of mobility we will look at today

1. Swiss Mobility
2. Swiss-European Mobility Programme (SEMP Europe)
3. International agreements (SEMP World)
4. Other types of agreements
5. Freemover programme
6. Summer Schools

Our website:
https://www.usi.ch/relint



https://www.usi.ch/it/universita/info/relint/studente-usi

Navigation

We have divided the information by target audienc.
Specifically, for you:

- Types of exchanges: overview
- Traditional mobility: organizational aspects
- Summer and Winter Schools
- A sustainable approach to exchanges

The section “Traditional mobility: organizational aspects” contains all the information you need to familiarise yourself with the organisation of a semester abroad, grouped together on a single page and in chronological order.

The menu at a glance

Types of exchanges: overview



Traditional mobility: organizational aspects



Summer e Winter Schools



A sustainable approach to exchanges



Traditional mobility: organizational aspects

We will browse the following topics directly on our website:

- Sources of information;
- Official necessary documents;
- Language certificates;
- Application procedure and deadlines;
- Financial aspects;
- Arrival and return;



The 5+1 steps for a conscious choice of your exchange destination(s)

1 Consult the responsive portal, filtering by your study programme

2 Carefully read the factsheet of the partner university

3 Check the minimum language requirements

4 Check the academic offer and the language of instruction

5 Consult the exchange reports

6 Repeat steps 1-5 for your second choice (if any)

The two most important documents

1 The Learning Agreement

- It is the **fundamental** document that guarantees the recognition of ECTS obtained during the exchange;
- Its management **depends** on the faculty and study programme;
- All information is contained in the two documents ‘Learning Agreement: User Manual’ and ‘Fields for Learning Agreement’, which you are invited to read carefully;
- The study programme coordinators verify the correctness of the Learning Agreement and approve it;
- The Learning Agreement must **always** be kept up to date in Mobility Online.
- **Courses are subject to approval from the host university and acceptance is not guaranteed!**

2 The language certificate

- **Foreign language**: language of studyat the host university;
- **Certificate**: only official and internationally recognised certificates (e.g. IELTS, Cambridge, TOEFL, Goethe, etc.) or the USI internal exam are accepted. No other forms of certification are accepted;
- Not all partner universities accept exams taken internally at the student’s home institution.
- All information regarding minimum language requirements can be found in the factsheets of the partner universities.
- **It is the students’ responsibility to ensure that they meet the minimum requirements (level and type of certificate) set by the host university. Proof of language proficiency, if required, must be provided no later than the internal enrolment deadline.**

The Learning Agreement: insight

- This information is available, in details, in the Learning Agreement: User Manual.
- Bachelor students: **you need to find equivalence with USI courses!**

Course title at the HOST institution	Link to course description at the host institution	Number of credits at the host institution	Course title at the HOME institution	Number of credits at the home institution
Algorithmics	https://www.unifr.ch/timetable/fr/detail-du-cours.html?show=99432	6.00	Algorithms & Data Structures 2	3.00
Databases	https://www.unifr.ch/timetable/fr/detail-du-cours.html?show=98375	6.00	Artificial Intelligence	3.00
Info I: Sécurité informatique (f)	https://www.unifr.ch/timetable/fr/detail-du-cours.html?show=99157	4.50	Computer Graphics	6.00
Info II: Decision Support I (f)	https://www.unifr.ch/timetable/de/vorlesungsbeschreibung.html?show=99156	4.50	Information Retrieval	6.00
Programmation fonctionnelle et logique	https://www.unifr.ch/timetable/fr/detail-du-cours.html?show=99433	5.00	Numerical Computing	6.00
Systèmes concurrents et distribués	https://www.unifr.ch/timetable/fr/detail-du-cours.html?show=81679	5.00	Software Atelier 5: Field Project	9.00

5° semester	30
Algorithms & Data Structures 2*	3
Artificial Intelligence*	3
Computer Graphics*	6
Experimentation & Evaluation*	3
Information Retrieval*	6
Numerical Computing*	6
Software Atelier 5: Field Project	9

- Master students: Master students normally take elective courses while in exchange. **You do not need to find equivalence with USI courses unless otherwise required by your USI study plan!**

Course title at the HOST institution	Link to course description at the host institution	Number of credits at the host institution	Course title at the HOME institution	Number of credits at the home institution
Business Performance Management	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14665462	3.00	ELECTIVE	3.00
Consultancy Project: Sustainability Consulting in an Evolving ESG Landscape	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14664197	4.00	Field Project	12.00
Consumer Behaviour and Methods	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14665877	6.00	ELECTIVE	6.00
Entrepreneurial Journey from Idea to Validation	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14666814	4.00	ELECTIVE	4.00
Ethics of Financial Services	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14665540	2.00	ELECTIVE	2.00
Operative Excellence (OPEX)	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14686003	3.00	Lean Six Sigma	6.00
Strategic Leadership	https://courses.unisg.ch/event/events/by-term/da0fc4f3-7942-4cac-85cd-d8a5f733fe97/14665471	4.00	ELECTIVE	4.00

Third Semester	
Core Courses (6 ECTS)	
Lean Six Sigma	6
Capstone Work (12 ECTS)	
Field Project	12

Tre key points

1 **The Learning Agreement is completed using the digital module directly from your Work Flow in Mobility Online.**

2 **Any changes must be entered into the digital module and must be submitted for approval to USI to secure ECTS recognition. The final version must be completed no later than one month after the start of the exchange semester.**

3 **Acceptanced into approved courses is not guaranteed. Stay flexible as you LA will most likely change.**

Deadlines



Three important deadlines

14.12.26 Call for application opens, the students' community is informed by newsletter.

15.01.27 23.59 h
Call for application closes: after this date it is not possible to register anymore!

03.02.27 23.59 h
Deadline to complete your application (Work Flow). After this deadline incomplete applications will be rejected!

What happens after the selection?

In the months following the selection…

Nomination

Within the deadlines set by the partner university. The International Relations Service takes care of this. Once nominated, you will receive confirmation from us and an information pack from the partner university.

Registration

Within the deadlines set by the partner university. This part is your responsibility. The deadlines must be strictly adhered to.

Acceptance

The partner university has the right to reject an application. Your application is only confirmed upon receipt of the acceptance letter.

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Plan your journey

We recommend that you book your trip only after receiving your letter of acceptance and confirmation from the International Relations Service that all formal requirements as per study regulations have been met.

Departure procedures

Regardless of the destination, it is your responsibility to comply with the procedures required by the cantonal and municipal authorities. USI cannot intervene in or influence the decisions of the cantonal authorities regarding permits and cannot act on behalf of the candidate/applicant.

Insurance

It is your responsibility to ensure you have adequate insurance cover before departure and for the entire duration of the exchange period (including, but not limited to, health insurance and travel insurance).

Financial aspects

Overview

Not all the benefits apply to all exchange programmes:

	Swiss Mobility	SEMP EU	SEMP World	Double Degree	Freemover	Summer School
Tuition fee reduction 50%	YES	YES	YES	YES, with exceptions	YES	NO
Tuition fee at the partner university	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	A registration fee can be charged
SEMP scholarship*	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Heyning Roelli	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
Grant for eco-friendly travel	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO

*The number of the scholarships and the amounts are confirmed from the National Agency each year in summer.

Other exchange programmes

4 Other types of agreements

- Structured agreement or Double Degree;
- What's the difference? Pre-approved study plan and number of places;

5 Freemover programme (where no agreement is in place)

- Independent organisation of the exchange, selection carried out solely by the host university;
- Subject to tuition fees at the partner university and no scholarship;
- Deadlines;

6 Summer Schools: short mobility

- Offer published on our website, in the dedicated section;
- No selection by USI;
- The course must in any case be approved to ensure recognition of ECTS credits;

Last but not least



https://www.usi.ch/it/universita/info/relint/studente-usi/sostenibilita

Green Mobility Boost: SEMP + Interrail



Have you thought about travelling to your exchange destination by train with Interrail, letting the train ride be part of the experience?

In line with the recommendations of the National Agency Movetia and the principles of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, the International Relations Service provides resources and tools to help students make informed choices when organising a study abroad programme.

https://www.usi.ch/it/universita/info/relint/studente-usi/sostenibilita



Go2RAIL is a non-profit startup dedicated to connecting students across Europe, enabling them to travel together through more engaging and informative experiences.

USI is the **first Swiss university to join this initiative**, recognising the importance of contributing to the reduction of the environmental impact of student mobility.

ESN
Erasmus Student Network
Lugano

Erasmus Student Network Lugano



What's Next?

OCTOBER

ESN
Erasmus Student Network
Lugano

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1 Quiz Night	2	3	4 Monte Boglia Hike
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Sports Event	14 Beer Pong	15	16	17	18 Monte Bar Hike
19	20	21	22	23	24 Zurich Trip	25
26	27	28	29 Movie night	30	31 Halloween Party	

Integration Weekend

Lugano ♡

Pumpkin spice & Erasmus ♡

Good friends great places ♡

2026 ♡

Upcoming Trips

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Couect
Trips -
Not Things ♡

GOOD
PEOPLE
GREAT
JOURNEYS ♡

Same People
New Places
Bigger Stories ♡

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

More
Adventures
Ahead... ♡



9 – 11 Oct
Integration
Weekend



24 Oct
Zurich Trip



12 – 16 Nov
Morocco



27 – 29 Nov
One Surprise
Destination



12.12
Christmas
Market



STR – 5 December

EXPLORE
MEET
TRAVEL
BELONG ♡

Lugano
and beyond ♡



Good
Friends
Brighter
Days

Whatsapp Community!

ESN
Erasmus Student Network
Lugano

Your all-in-one space for staying
connected, informed, and involved this semester!

General Chat

Announcements

Housing
& Accomodation

[SPAM] Hangouts

Sports Chat

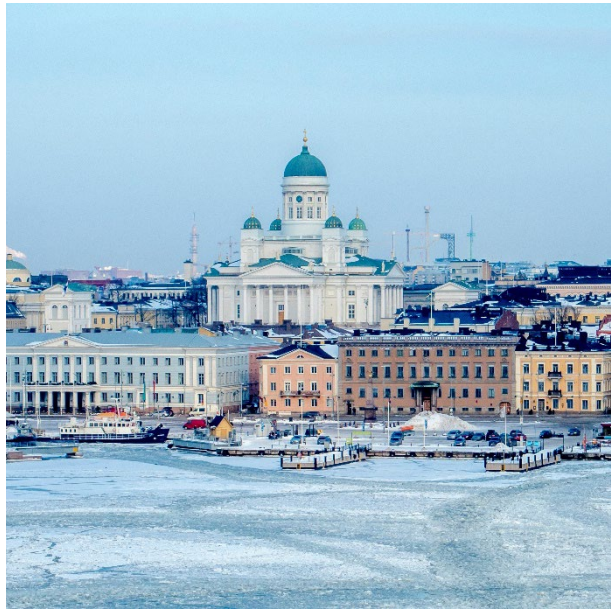
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Thank you! Questions?



From our foreign correspondents

“Embrace every moment, step out of your comfort zone, and don’t be afraid to be alone—it’s when you grow the most. Say yes to new experiences, connect with people from different cultures, and explore as much as possible. Time flies, so make the most of it!” (Nadia, Helsinki)



“Go for it! Don’t overthink it—embrace the experience, step out of your comfort zone, and make the most of every opportunity. There may be challenges along the way, but they will help you become more independent and adaptable. In the end, you’ll gain unforgettable memories, valuable life skills, and a fresh perspective on the world. You’ll grow in ways you never imagined!” (Syrine, Paris)



“Godetevi ogni giorno al massimo perchè ogni giorno che passa è un giorno in meno in cui sarete lì!” (Giorgio, Valencia)



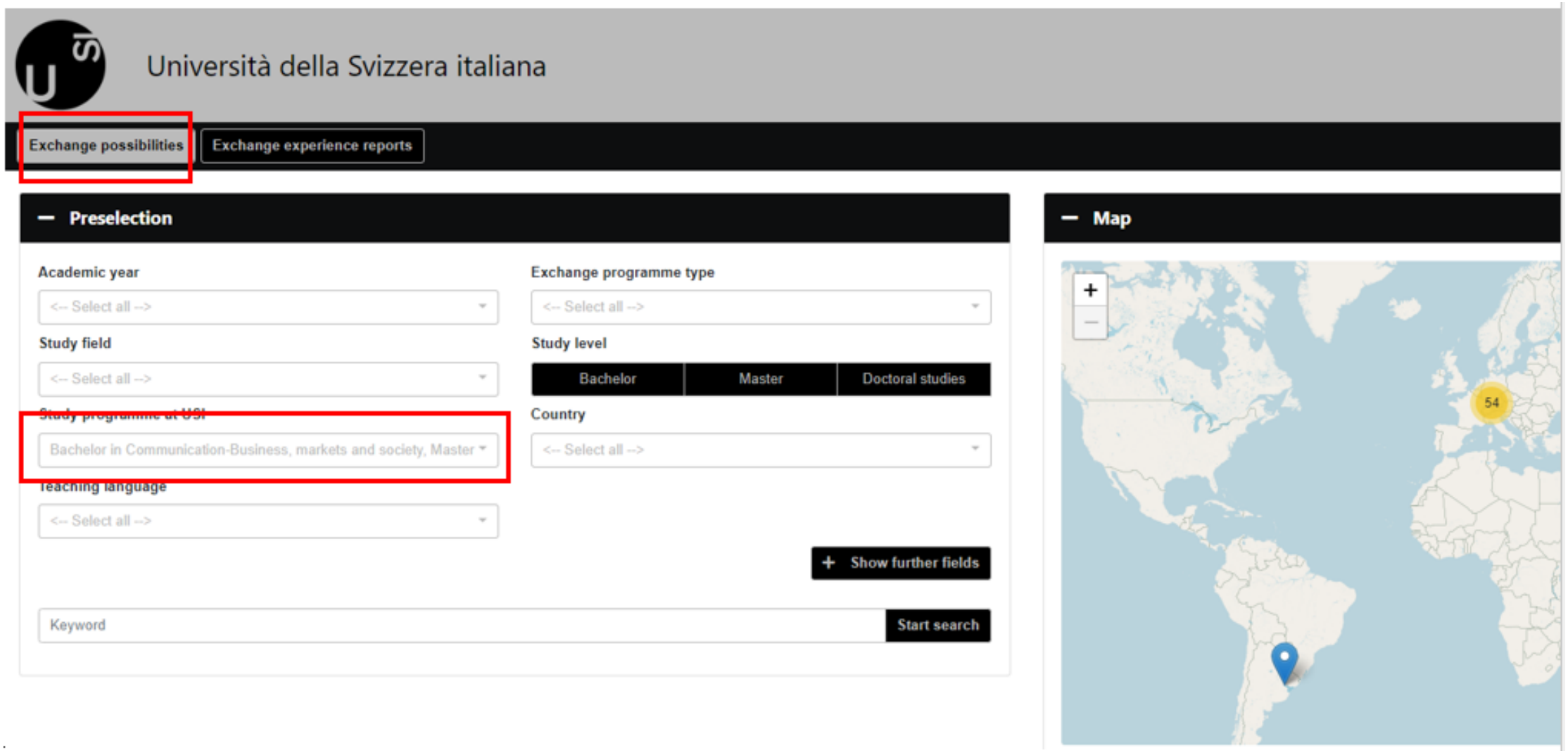
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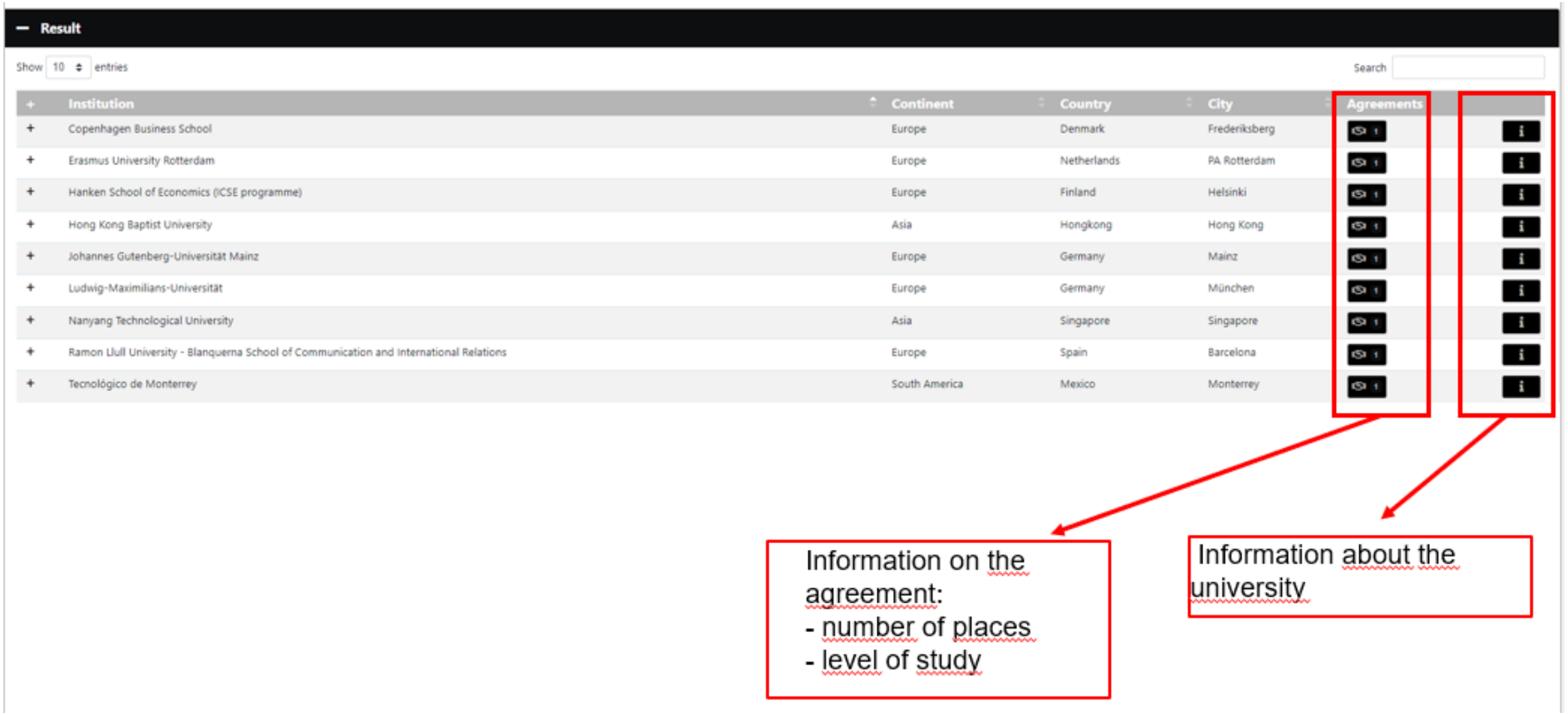
- Can I mix different types of mobility when I choose the destinations? **Yes, you can.**
- Can I take courses both at USI and at the host university? **No, you cannot.**
- May I take exams at USI during my exchange? **No, you cannot**
- Do host universities accept the language certificate issued by USI? **Not all of them (factsheets).**
- Am I eligible for the SEMP scholarship if I do an exchange in my residence country? **No.**
- Am I eligible for the scholarship if I do an exchange in Switzerland? **No.**
- Can I skip the Orientation programmes at the host university, or arrive there after the beginning of classes? **No, many universities have mandatory orientation programmes for incoming students.**
- What happens if I fail an exam at the host university? **You may catch it up at the next exam session, should the host university offer this possibility or you compensate it with a course at USI once you are back.**

- Is there a minimum or maximum number of ECTS that I can obtain during my mobility period? **In general, the workload should correspond to a full semester (30 ECTS). However, students are free to take as many ECTS as their study plan requires. Please keep in mind, that certain universities require a minimum number of ECTS, for example:**
  - **University of St. Gallen: minimum 16 ECTS**
  - **ETH Zürich: minimum 20 ECTS**
  - **EPF Lausanne: minimum 20 ECTS**

- **This means, that students are required to attend courses and take exams for that minimum workload. Registering to exams for less than the minimum workload is not accepted.**

The responsive portal – navigation tips




Result
Show 10 entries
Search
Institution
Continent
Country
City
Agreements
Copenhagen Business School
Europe
Denmark
Frederiksberg
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Europe
Netherlands
PA Rotterdam
Hanken School of Economics (ICSE programme)
Europe
Finland
Helsinki
Hong Kong Baptist University
Asia
Hongkong
Hong Kong
Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
Europe
Germany
Mainz
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität
Europe
Germany
München
Nanyang Technological University
Asia
Singapore
Singapore
Ramon Llull University - Blanquerna School of Communication and International Relations
Europe
Spain
Barcelona
Tecnológico de Monterrey
South America
Mexico
Monterrey
Information on the agreement:
- number of places
- level of study
Information about the university

Bilateral Agreement data

Type of person	**Student**
Type of application	**Both**
Name of program	**SEMP (SMS)**
Erasmus code	**DK KOBENHA05**
Subject code	**0311 - Economics**
Total number	**4**
First cycle/Bachelor/Undergraduate	**4**
Second cycle/Master/Postgraduate	**4**
Third cycle/Phd/Doctoral	**0**

Info on the agreement:

Number of semester places BUT intended per academic year
- 4 places x 1 semester OR
- 2 places x 1 academic year OR
- 1 place x 1 academic year + 2 places per semester

Level
- 4 BSc OR
- 4 MSc OR
- 2 BSc e 2 MSc OR....

Further information

Important information about the agreement	**The total number of places includes both faculties (Faculty of Communication, Culture and Society and Faculty of Economics)**
Course Catalogue	Course catalogue undergraduate Course catalogue graduate
Description of the University	**Copenhagen Business School is Denmark's largest educational and research institution within business administration and economics in a wide sense. CBS has 20,000 full-time and part-time business students. CBS holds the prestigious 'triple crown' accreditation: AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. The university is committed to providing business-related education programmes and continuing education for the public and, in particular, the private sector. Programmes are based on a strong and internationally renowned research base which CBS works consistently to strengthen. CBS is committed to communicating knowledge and new ideas to tomorrow's business leaders and society in general. Its main contribution in this field is research and research-based education, and investment in research and high academic standards is therefore crucial to CBS' contribution to society.**
Homepage website	Homepage website
Incoming students website section	Incoming students website section
Academic calendar	**Please see factsheet**
Additional comments	**Exam dates vary so students should not book their return flights until exact exam dates are published.**
Orientation event/welcome	**Mandatory intro program. Late August / late January**
Additional comments	**Bachelor COM: particularly suitable for the specialization "Business, Market and Society".**
Language requirements	https://www.cbs.dk/files/cbs.dk/english_proficiency_faq.pdf
Accommodation information	https://www.cbs.dk/en/international-opportunities/international-students/guestexchange-student/accommodation
Life in the host city/country	https://www.visitcopenhagen.com/

Documents

Documents	• Factsheet

Example of factsheet

ACADEMIC YEAR
25 September 2023 - 30 June 2024

Winter Semester
25 September 2023 - 16 February 2024

Orientation Week
25 September - 01 October 2023

Classes
from 02 October 2023

Exam period
Mid January - Mid February 2024

Summer Semester
12 February - 30 June 2024

Orientation Week
12 February - 18 February 2024

Classes
from 19 February

Exam period
End May - 30 June 2024



COURSES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

FSV UK has 5 institutes offering courses for Exchange students in English:

Institute of **Political Studies**
Institute of International Studies
institute of **Sociological Studies**
Institute of Economic Studies
Institute of **Communication Studies and Journalism**



Our faculty offers over 200 courses per semester.

How to search for courses available for Exchange students?

Students can visit **only courses available for Incoming Students**.
The instructions are described on our website here.
In the search engine, students are required to choose the Faculty of Social Sciences,

Class: Courses for incoming students
Semester: Winter/Summer/Both

How to read our course codes? Is the course of Bachelor or Master level?

Every course has a unique code, e.g. JEB111, where the third letter states the level of the course.

B - bachelor level,
M - master level,
D - doctoral level

RULES

1. Students can register for courses of max 36 ETCS per semester.

The minimum for bachelor-level students is 20 ECTS
The minimum for master-level students is 15 ECTS

2. More than 51% of the registered courses MUST be from the hosting faculty.
3. Student can visit only 1 sports course and it must be in the Learning Agreement.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

Nominations accepted by online nomination form.
Nominations sent by email won't be proceeded.

DEADLINES

WINTER SEMESTER		SUMMER SEMESTER	
NOMINATION	APPLICATION	NOMINATION	APPLICATION
until 15 April	until 15 May	until 15 September	until 15 October

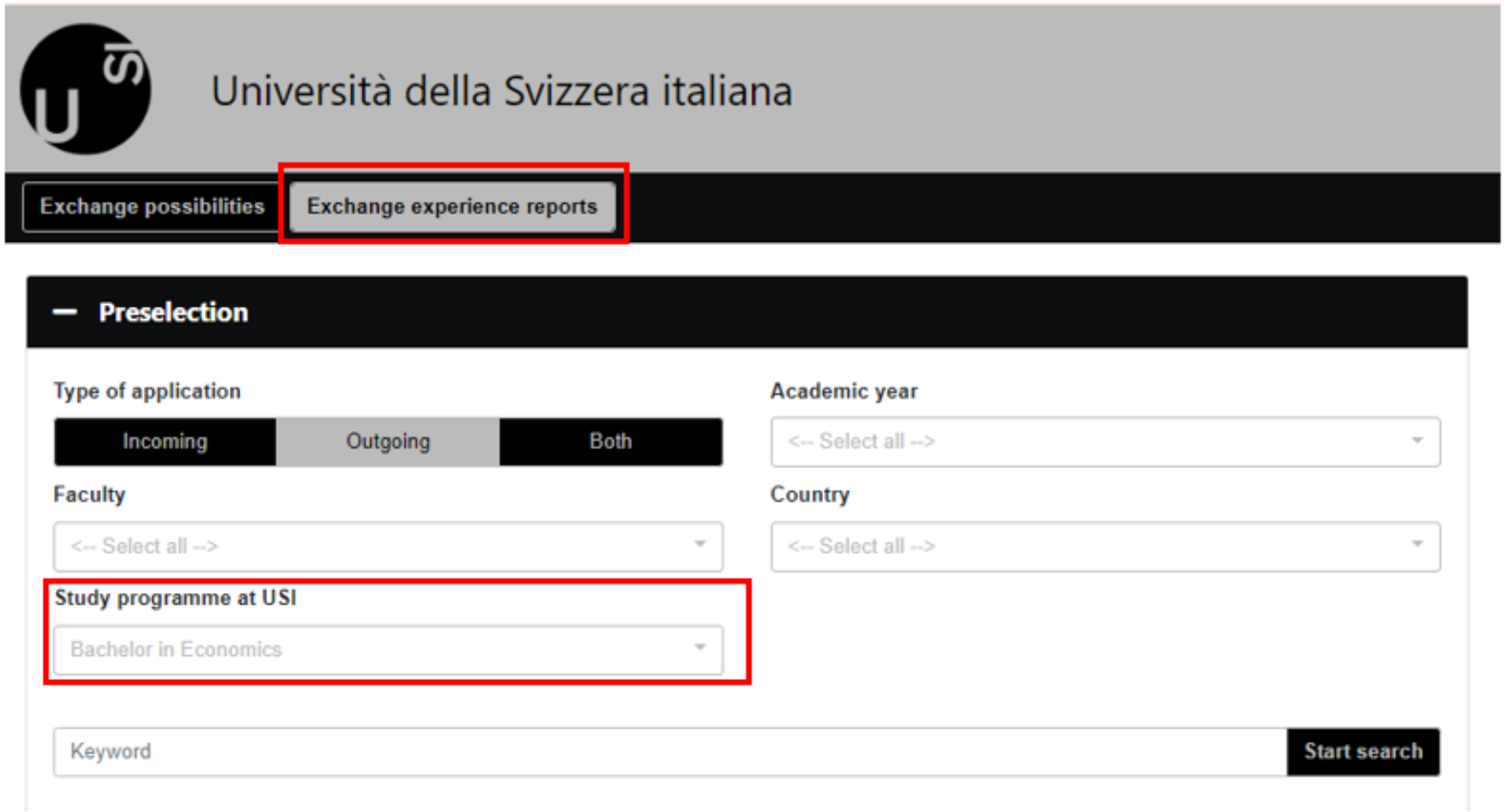
Application instructions will be e-mailed to all nominated students along with the online application link.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Nominated students will fill in the Online Application form here.
Following documents **must be sent to documents.erasmus@fsv.cuni.cz**

- Application form + Learning Agreement (LA) - signed and stamped by home university coordinator/OLA
- Latest version of Transcript of Grades
- English Level (B2 or higher) Confirmation from home university or Official Certificate (TOEFL, IELTS)

Exchange reports from former students: where to find them



I rapporti contengono informazioni utili sulle procedure di iscrizione, sulla vita nel paese/città di destinazioni (costi, alloggio, attività per studenti di scambio), come pure una descrizione e un commento personale sui corsi seguiti. **È la voce degli studenti e delle studentesse che hanno fatto questa esperienza prima di voi!**