

UNIVERSITY OF MALAGA AS COORDINATING ORGANIZATION

COMBINED INTENSIVE PROGRAM (BIP) - ERASMUS+ KA131

A BIP (Blended Intensive Programs) is a program in which a group of students and/or staff undertake a short-term physical mobility abroad (5 to 30 days), combined with a compulsory virtual component (before, during or after the physical mobility) that must bring participants together online to work collectively and simultaneously on specific tasks, which are integrated into the BIP and count towards the overall learning outcomes. BIP uses innovative learning and teaching methods, including the use of online cooperation, and may include challenge-based learning. The programme must provide added value compared to existing courses or training offered by participating in higher education institutions. By allowing for new and more flexible mobility formats, they aim to reach all types of students, regardless of their background, field of study or cycle. BIPs must be developed and implemented by at least three higher education institutions (HEIs) accredited with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) from at least three Member States (MS) and third countries associated with the programme (TPAP)* (list of countries and reference to TPNAPs in footnote).

The structure of a BIP must include, in relation to the role of the universities that make up the consortium: a coordinating institution, which is the one that applies for BIP funding for its organization; a host institution, which may be the same institution as the coordinating institution; and sending institutions, which will apply for grants for participants travelling abroad.

Participants will be students enrolled in official higher education studies, mobility for studies (SMS), or staff employed in a higher education institution, mobility for training (STT). The minimum number of Erasmus+ mobile participants in a BIP is 10 (not including teaching or training staff involved in the implementation of the programme, or participants who are not travelling from another country) for the programme to be eligible for funding. The maximum number of participants to be taken into account for organisational support grants is 20. In the case of BIPs for student mobility (SMS), participating institutions must have an Erasmus+ KA131 inter-institutional agreement with the UMA (these may be existing bilateral agreements or multilateral agreements signed for the implementation of the BIP).

The BIP must award at least 3 ECTS credits to students (for the physical + virtual component).

For more information: <http://sepie.es/educacion-superior/convocatoria.html#KA131HED>