

Erasmus & BREXIT

Below is a statement issued by the Department of Education and Skills on 14th November 2019, in response to queries they had received from some HEIs about Erasmus mobility activities with the UK in the spring semester 2020 (in view of the ongoing BREXIT issue).

- (a) Any student whose mobility to or from the UK begins prior to 1 February 2020 will be covered for the duration of their entire Erasmus exchange.
- (b) In a No Deal Brexit, the European Union has prepared a draft Regulation to ensure that such funding will continue, which will come into effect if a No Deal exit happens.
- (c) If the UK exits on 31 January with a deal, then the UK will remain subject to all EU laws and rules during the Transition period up to at least end-2020 and possibly for a further 1 or 2 years depending on whether the transition period is extended. This means that all students on mobilities to or from the UK will be covered during those periods.
- (d) For mobilities beginning after 31 January 2020 to the UK – if the UK exits in a No Deal scenario on 31 January, then these mobilities will not be eligible under Erasmus.
- (e) If the UK exits on 31 January with the current Deal, then mobilities to the UK in Semester 2 2019/20 academic year will still be fully eligible under Erasmus. Mobilities for academic year 2020/21 will be eligible for funding once they begin during the transition period. It is hoped to negotiate the future relationship by the end of transition and this should include the future arrangements for Erasmus mobilities.