

Erasmus Information Sheet on “Green” Travel Studies and Traineeships short-term

“Green” travel is being rewarded financially in the latest generation of the Erasmus Programme (2021–2027). You can have up to 6 additional travel days subsidized with the daily rate of your Erasmus grant (79,- € or 56,- €) and get a higher funding of your travel support based on the distance to your destination. For the calculation we use the [Erasmus Distance-Calculator](#). Starting point is Bonn.

Please see the comparison:

Travel distance in km	Standard travel support in €	Travel support for green travel in €
10 bis 99	28,-	56,-
100 bis 499	211,-	285,-
500 bis 1.999	309,-	417,-
2.000 bis 2.999	395,-	535,-
3.000 bis 3.999	580,-	785,-
4.000 bis 7.999	1.188,-	1.188,-
8.000 oder mehr	1.735,-	1735,-

What is a travel day?

Travel days are days **outside your funded mobility period** and are **additionally required** for travelling to and from your destination. If you are already or still working at the host institution on the day of arrival or departure, these days are part of the funded period and cannot be added to the funding.

What counts as “green” travel?

Your travel is considered to be “green” if you use “green” means of transport (such as trains, buses and carsharing) for over 50% of the total distance you travel (outward and return journeys added together). The legs of your journey taken by plane, motorbike, ferry or car (if traveling alone) are considered “non-green.”

Update your Mobility-Online account no later than one month before you travel

We will need details of your travel in order to issue your Erasmus Grant Agreement. You should therefore provide these as soon as we have unlocked the step “*Means of Travel*” for you or when your travel plans have solidified at the latest.

All participants are required to enter relevant information in their account regardless of whether or not they are planning any “green” travel. Either way, you will need to indicate the means of transport that you expect to take for the longest distance on your journey.

1. “Green” travel: yes/no

If you are planning a predominantly “green” journey, please check “Yes” for “Green Travel” in your Mobility-Online account, else check “No”.

Only make the enquiry once you are sure what type of journey you have booked and by what means of transport, as afterwards you are not able to change it again.

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2. Selection of means of transport

Please select from the dropdown menu the means of transport that you will be taking for the longest distance overall. Unfortunately, you cannot make multiple selections.

“Green” travel: yes

You can choose bus, carsharing (two or more people in the car), bicycle, train or “other sustainable means of transport.”

“Green” travel: no

You can choose car/motorcycle, plane or ferry.

3. Calculating required travel days

Please enter the number of travel days you require that fall outside your funded mobility period. As an Erasmus short-term mobility participant, you will receive funding for travel days as required. However, according to the Erasmus programme, the number of eligible travel days is limited:

- a. Travelling by “non-green” means of transport: **maximum 2 travel days**
- b. Travelling by “green” means of transport: **maximum 6 travel days** (plus higher travel allowance)

However, we would like to ask you to only ever claim travel days if you really have a need for funding so that we can fund as many applicants as possible from our Erasmus budget. We will also randomly check the travel dates on your receipts.

Therefore, please provide realistic information. For example, if you state that you need 6 days to travel to and from Paris by train, we will ask you to explain your travel plans in detail before we grant you funding.*

4. Proof of “green” travel and travel days

After you have entered how you are travelling in your Mobility-Online account, you can download a “Declaration of Honour” from your account. By signing the declaration, you confirm how many days you need to travel and, if applicable, that you plan to travel more than 50% of the total journey by ‘green’ means of transport. Please upload the signed declaration directly to your account. We will not be able to issue the Grant Agreement for your stay or pay you any money before this has been done.

You do not have to submit the proof of travel (tickets or, if travelling with a carpool, fuel receipts, photos if applicable) directly to us or upload them to your account.

However, you must keep the proof of travel for 5 years! The Erasmus National Agency will ask us to randomly request evidence from you.

If you are unable to provide any, your funding for the travel days will be cancelled.

Competition “Green on the road”: prizes worth €1,000

In addition to your contribution to climate protection, the additional financial support and the certainly more exciting travel experience, you also have the chance to win a prize for “green” travel.

* If you have exceptionally high travel costs despite early planning, you can also apply for a grant for particularly expensive travel. To do so, you must be able to prove that the travel allowance covers less than 70% of your travel costs and provide sound reasons as to why you were unable to organize a less expensive trip. All applications must be sent by email to a.bredendiek@uni-bonn.de before the start of the stay abroad and must include receipts for the costs incurred (e.g. invoices) as an email attachment.

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What do you have to do?

Write a report or make a video, audio, blog, a photo collage with explanations or what else you can think of as a creative contribution if you had an extraordinary or particularly eventful trip. Make people want to travel "green", give them tips.

Specifications: maximum 3 pages of pure text, photos in addition; audio/video maximum length 90 seconds.

At a later date, we will provide you with a Sciebo link for uploading your contribution. The deadline for submission is expected to be 30/09/2025.

Ideally, of course, you should travel completely "green" on the outward and return journey, but this is not a prerequisite for participation. You are eligible to participate as soon as you meet the conditions for receiving the extra funding

for “green” travel days. In addition, a journey by ship/ ferry is also considered "green" for the competition.

Tips for your journey and more:

➤ **New Interrail Pass for Erasmus+**

There is now a new **Interrail Pass** especially for Erasmus participants, which is particularly attractive for semester stays as it includes 4 or 6 travel days within six months.

For a good €200, you can use 4 travel days flexibly within six months. Whether you travel to your destination and back on one day and then use 2 more days for other trips during your stay or whether you make stopovers on the outward and/or return journey, for example, is entirely up to you. For €300 you can "use" 6 travel days flexibly.

The more stopovers you make on the outward and/or return journey, the higher the additional Erasmus funding.

Useful websites for international travel include [Trainline Trenhotel](#) and [Trainline Night Trains](#). On the website <https://nachtzugkarte.de/> you will find an overview map of the night train lines in Europe (alternatively [The train travel guide by the "Man in Seat 61"](#)). The [erasmusbytrain](#) initiative also provides tips for your specific travel planning and is also campaigning for a free Erasmus+ ticket.

➤ **Green Erasmus Portal**

Find specific information on the [Green Erasmus Portal](#) about how you can act sustainably before, during, and after your Erasmus+ stay. You will find tips on what to pack and how to equip yourself sustainably while abroad.

You can also take the Green Erasmus+ Quiz and play simulation games to learn how to make your everyday life as an Erasmus+ student more environmentally friendly.

➤ **Inspiration on sustainability**

What can I do to be more sustainable during my Erasmus+ semester?

You will find responses from students to this question on the blog "studieren weltweit": [Sustainability dossier](#) (in German)

Finally, we would like to encourage you to make sustainable decisions during your stay abroad, e.g. regarding your daily consumption or mobility within the city.

In the brochure "[Climate-friendly travel](#)" from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), you will find tips and you will find suggestions and links, especially for your life in Germany. However, many of these can also be applied to your stay abroad.

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Want to get involved in climate action together with other young people in Europe? Then take a look at Generation Climate Europe.

Do you have any suggestions on how we can better highlight the possibilities of a climate-friendly semester abroad in the future? Get in touch with us (a.bredendiek@uni-bonn.de)!

We are also very happy to receive reports on your sustainable journey, regardless of the competition.