

# Erasmus Information Sheet on “Green” Travel Studies and Traineeships long-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 (16 € – 170 €).

## 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.

**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”.

You should check “Yes” even if you are not yet 100% sure that you will be able to go through with your plans. You will be able to amend your details after your stay if you ultimately did not undertake any “green” travel.

**If you state before you set off that you will not be undertaking any “green” travel, however, you will not be able to change this answer—including after the end of your stay—even if you end up doing so after all.**

### 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.

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## 3. Calculating additional days’ travel

Funding is available for up to six additional days’ travel. The number of days’ travel that you will be allowed to claim for depends on the distance to your host institution. Further details will be provided at a later stage.

## 4. Proof of “green” travel

After you have indicated in Mobility-Online that you are planning “green” travel, you will be able to download a sworn statement from your account. By signing this statement, you confirm your intention to use “green” means of transport for over 50% of your total journey. Upload the signed statement to your account as soon as possible.

You will not need to show us proof of your journey(s) immediately (tickets or, if you are carsharing, gas station receipts, with photos if required) or upload it to your account.

However, you must retain these records of your journey for five years. The provider of our funding will be asking us to request individual pieces of evidence from you by way of spot checks.

If you are then unable to supply any proof, you will be denied your Green Travel top-up.

## 6. Tips for your journey and more:

Useful websites for international travel include [Trainline Trenhotel](#) and [Trainline Night Trains](#). The [erasmusbytrain](#) initiative provides tips for actually planning your journey and also campaigns for a free Erasmus+ ticket. One initial success is the introduction of an [Interrail ticket](#), which is specially tailored to Erasmus students. This allows you to travel for four or six days within 6 months. The ticket is a good choice if you want to explore other places along the way.

However, sustainable travel is just one of the many ways you can reduce your environmental footprint. The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) runs the [studieren weltweit – ERLEBE ES!](#) (“study worldwide – LIVE IT!”) portal, where you can get inspiration from other students’ experiences. The [Green Erasmus](#) project provides tips on achieving great things with modest means.

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