

Compulsory virtual preparatory events (in German)

In the run-up to your Erasmus stay (stays from the winter semester **and** from the summer semester), two mandatory information events will be held for you.

- During the first event, we will talk to you about the formal procedures for Erasmus funding (necessary forms, financial support, deadlines, etc.). We are offering two alternative dates in April for this purpose.

- The second event in May will deal with organizational, intercultural and other questions about your stay abroad.

All preparatory events will be held in German. They will be recorded as well.

If you do not have German language skills, you do not need to participate. Most information shared in the events is available [on our website](#). Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!

We will hold the events via Zoom:

1. Formal Procedures for Erasmus-funding

- **Wednesday, April 17: 4:15 – 5:45 p.m.**
or alternatively
- **Friday, April 26: 10:15 – 11:45 a.m.**

Zoom link for both alternative dates:

<https://uni-bonn.zoom-x.de/j/62230099863?pwd=VzV2MHEvZXRJY25yNTZFcjhZenFMZz09>

Meeting-ID: 622 3009 9863

Code: 865710

2. Organizational, intercultural and peer-to-peer matters + “last” questions

- **Tuesday, May 28: 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.**

Zoom-Link:

<https://uni-bonn.zoom-x.de/j/62416765204?pwd=SHRUZzk5ZlZhanK0QlNNWC9RQnBUQT09>

Meeting-ID: 624 1676 5204

Code: 128829

Participation in both events is mandatory! Exception: No German language skills

Exchange/ regional evenings in person and virtually

We also organize 4 preparational regional evenings for you. Participation is not compulsory. However, you will have the opportunity to exchange ideas informally with each other and with former Erasmus students, as well as with Erasmus incomings who may currently be in Bonn from your host country.

The International Club is located in the basement of the International Office at Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, but the entrance is on Argelanderstraße. Unfortunately, the room is not barrier-free.

Due to limited capacity in our International Club (50 people), it is first come first serve. It is therefore worth arriving on time!

- **“Northern Europe“ evening: Thursday, April 25, 7 – 10 p.m.:**
Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom

- **“Central Europe“ evening: Wednesday, May 08, 7 – 10 p.m.**
Belgium, France, Netherlands, Austria, Switzerland

- **“Southern Europe“- evening: Wednesday, May 29, 7 – 10 p.m.**
Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain

- **“Eastern/ Southeastern Europe“- evening: Thursday, June 13, 7 – 10 p.m.**
Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Turkey

In addition, there will be a Zoom meeting for all countries where you can exchange ideas with each other and with students who are currently abroad or have recently returned.

Virtual exchange evening for all countries: Wednesday, June 05: 7-9 p.m.

Zoom-Link:

<https://uni-bonn.zoom-x.de/j/64942149164?pwd=dWNCWXJqTzBQWjBjL3hXWGtndldvdz09>

Meeting-ID: 649 4214 9164

Code: 778311

Further options for peer-to-peer exchange

International Study and Internship Fair: Wednesday, May 15, 12:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Here you have the opportunity to come into contact with former Erasmus students at numerous country stands in the Arkadenhof of the main university building. In addition to an exciting lecture program, there will be numerous other information stands on the topic in the auditorium “Aula”.

Further information: <https://www.uni-bonn.de/messe-supra>

International Club of the International Office

The International Club is a meeting place for German and international students at the University of Bonn. During the lecture period, the club offers exciting and varied events where participants can make new contacts and get to know other cultures. There is also a newsletter, which provides information about current events every two weeks, as well as the International Choir. Further information: www.uni-bonn.de/internationaler-club:

<http://www.uni-bonn.de/internationaler-club>

Study Buddy Program

The program matches newly-arrived international students (Mentees) with a University of Bonn student (Buddy) who helps them as they start their studies and adjust to life in Bonn. The Buddies give tips, advice and assistance that make it easier for their Mentees to become familiar with the University and get settled in Bonn. You may be able to make your first contacts with students from your host university.

Are you interested? <https://www.uni-bonn.de/de/international/campus-international/study-buddy-programm>

Intercultural Trainings:

Intercultural training teaches students theoretical input which they then immediately apply in exercises. This allows participants to reflect on past and future intercultural experiences and use them for their own personal development. The training courses are highly recommended as preparation and/or follow-up and are held alternately in German and English and sometimes with a special focus.

Further information and registration: www.uni-bonn.de/interkulturelle-trainings

Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

The Erasmus Student Network Bonn team consists of volunteers, often former Erasmus students, who welcome international students by organizing various activities and excursions and bringing them into contact with students from Bonn. During the lecture period, ESN also organizes a regulars' table once a week in a Bonn pub. This is also a good opportunity to get to know students from your host country, perhaps even from your host university, before your stay. Further information: <https://bonn.esn-germany.de/>; Instagram: @esn_bonn

Portal „studieren weltweit. Erlebe es!“ (mostly in German)

Here you will find information and testimonials from other students about their stay abroad:

<https://www.studieren-weltweit.de/>

You can find Erasmus experience reports from Bonn students about your host university in our [search portal exchange programs](#).

If you are interested in sharing your own experiences abroad in front of and behind the camera on social media and would like professional support, you can apply to become a "Correspondent". In addition to a free smartphone and a monthly fee, you will learn lots of tips and tricks for video production, photography, Instagram and TikTok in a preparatory workshop: <https://www.studieren-weltweit.de/werde-correspondent-bewirb-dich-jetzt/> (in German only)

Please let us know if you become a "Correspondent".

Erasmus-Reporters (information available in Germany only)

The German Academic Exchange Service project is also aimed at future outgoings like you, who report on their experiences at all stages before, during and after their stay, either via vlogs, blogs or shorter one-off reports. From the exciting preparation to the "having arrived" feeling, you can accompany the students throughout their time and collect useful and valuable tips for yourself.

If you are interested in following current Erasmus+ reporters, you can browse the reports on this [website](#) for valuable tips (only in German, though).

If you would also like to take part in the campaign yourself, you can find information on how to get involved [here](#). Not only future outgoings, but also we would be delighted if you would share your experiences (and let us know about them).

Certificate of Intercultural Competence

Are you already familiar with the Certificate of Intercultural Competence? By participating in it, you can have your stay abroad, as well as all preparatory measures such as language courses, intercultural training, participation in the Study Buddy Program, etc., recognized in a certificate. Your Erasmus stay has already fully covered one component. In addition, your attendance of events (e.g. language courses) at the host university and your commitment as an ambassador or as study buddy for the University of Bonn can also be recognized.

More information about the certificate can be found at: <http://www.uni-bonn.de/zertifikat-interkulturelle-kompetenz>