

**BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME  
ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME**

**CALL FOR ERASMUS+ OUTGOING SHORT STUDENT MOBILITIES  
BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME  
Guarding Aquatic Ecosystems against Invasive Alien species using eDNA  
academic year 2025/26**

In the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme – KA131 Learning Mobility of Individuals, and on the basis of the results and the funds awarded under the project **Erasmus 2025-1-I102-KA-131-HED-000306528**, a call for **students' selection** is published to assign contributions to take part into the **BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMME** named *Guarding Aquatic Ecosystems against Invasive Alien species using eDNA* hereafter referred to as “BIP”.

This BIP is an intensive training programme focused on the surveillance of aquatic invasive species using environmental DNA (eDNA). Organised as a summer school, it combines lectures, hands-on sessions, and applied case studies to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of eDNA-based monitoring, from sampling design and laboratory workflows to bioinformatics analysis, data validation, and integration into management and policy frameworks.

The programme brings together experts from across Europe and emphasizes practical skills, interdisciplinary approaches, and real-world applications.

### **1. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Applicants must fulfil the following compulsory criteria:

- To be duly enrolled at the University of Pavia for the entire duration of the mobility in the **master/Phd degrees** of the **Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences**;
- To possess a proficiency in English language of at least a **B1 level** of CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Students will be required to communicate and discuss fluently in English, take part in group activities and in general to treat any topic with ease.

### **2. DETAILS ABOUT THE MOBILITY**

The mobility part of the BIP **Guarding Aquatic Ecosystems against Invasive Alien species using eDNA** will take place onsite at Nord University, Bodø, Norway, **from the 29<sup>th</sup> of June to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2026**. Additionally, an introductory **online session** will take place on the **25<sup>th</sup> of June**, and a closing online session will take place on the **7<sup>th</sup> of July**. Attendance to all the online and in person sessions is mandatory for all successful applicants.

**The University of Nord** will provide the students with a certificate of attendance including the total number of hours attended together with the topics treated and the number of ECTS obtained (3).

### **3. MOBILITY GRANTS**

3.1 The mobility grant includes:



- an **individual support** of 79,00€ per student for each day of mobility in presence aiming at covering accommodation and meals costs. 2 (two) days of travelling, immediately before and after the beginning and finishing date of the course can be added to the days of mobility in presence;
- a **travel support** as follows:

Kilometres	Green Travel	Non-Green Travel
Between 10 and 99 KM	56	28
Between 100 and 499 KM	285	211
Between 500 and 1999 KM	417	309
Between 2000 and 2999 KM	535	395
Between 3000 and 3999 KM	785	580
Between 4000 and 7999 KM	1188	1188
8000 KM or more	1735	1735

The kilometres are calculated using the [Erasmus Distance Calculator](#). By green travel it is meant travel that uses low-emissions means of transport for the main part of the travel, such as bus, train, bike or car-pooling. Proof of green travel is mandatory (tickets, etc.).

3.2 The exact amount of the Erasmus Grant will be explained to the selected students in the Grant Agreements they will be required to sign.

3.3 Mobility grants will be paid by the University of Pavia as follows:

- The **individual support** will be paid **before the beginning of the mobility in presence**;
- The **travel support** will be paid **after the beginning of the mobility in presence**, provided that the participant has attended the Blended Intensive programme for its entire duration (**physical + virtual**) and s/he is able to provide travel documents (e.g. boarding passes) and the certificate of attendance.

3.4 The mobility grant is a fixed amount of money that cannot be incremented under any circumstances.

3.5 The University of Pavia will provide its outgoing students with insurance covering accidents, civil liability and other guarantees in accordance with its internal procedures.

#### 4. ONLINE APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

The applicant is required to complete the online application form at the following link by the **16/04/26** at 12:00 CET - noon.

### [Application Form](#)

Incomplete applications will not be taken into consideration

## 5. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The selection will be made by a joint Committee established within the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences headed by the Professor in charge of the BIP for the University of Pavia (Prof. **Agnese Marchini**).

The following criteria will be taken into consideration:

- A motivation letter;
- For master students: number of credits achieved and average score;
- For PhD students: recommendation letter from PhD supervisor;
- Relevance with study program.

In case of equal evaluation between two candidates, the Evaluation Commission reserves the right to give priority to those applications which add to the diversity of the study programme in terms of gender balance, year of study, and variety of mobility experience.

The Committee reserves the right to check the validity of declarations and supporting documents. False statements may lead to exclusion from the selection process and the award of the scholarship. Each applicant will be notified about selection results and the grant in due time, via the email address provided in the application.

**Selected applicants must then officially accept the awarded grant by answering via email.**

## 6. PERSONAL DATA TREATMENT

Personal data submitted by the applicants will be used solely for application and selection procedures and institutional aims, and will be treated in accordance with the European General Data Protection Regulation no. 2016/679 art. 13.

## 7. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE AND INFORMATION

Responsible for the administrative procedure, pursuant to Law 7 August 1990, n. 241 as amended by Law n. 15/2005 is Ms. Michela Cobelli, Head of the International Mobility Unit.

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