

Swiss-European Mobility Programme SEMP

All officially accredited Swiss higher education institutions that have been awarded a Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) under the European Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP) or have applied successfully for the Quality Certificate (SEMP Charter) within the framework of the Swiss Programme for Erasmus+ are eligible to apply. The charters provide the qualitative framework for the SEMP. The European partner institutions must in principle have a valid European Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), and the partner institutions worldwide must agree to the general SEMP obligations and quality principles.

With the Charter, a higher education institution undertakes to have regard to the quality standards and duties. The obligations that a higher education institution enters into with a Charter are as follows:

General obligations and quality principles¹

- Implement mobility measures within the framework of interinstitutional agreements
- Ensure unreserved and transparent accreditation of activities (ECTS or equivalent) that have been agreed in the binding Learning Agreements
- Conclude Learning Agreements and Declarations of Honour, and Grant Agreements respectively, before the mobility period
- Do not charge any fees for teaching sessions, matriculation, examination or access to laboratory and library facilities for incoming participants
- Publish and update lecture, course or module timetable in good time
- Prepare mobility measures and support acquisition of language skills
- Provide support for obtaining visas
- Assist with flat searches and integration of incoming participants
- Assist with taking out insurance policies (in particular for traineeships)
- Guarantee equal academic treatment
- Fully respect the principles of non-discrimination, transparency and inclusion
- Offer general support for mobile higher education institution staff/mobile students and an appropriate range of advisory and mentoring resources
- Recognise all achievements listed in the Learning Agreement
- Issue transcripts of records or other official records of courses, credits and grades for incoming participants and their home universities in good time at the end of the mobility period
- Describe the accreditation procedure
- Promote and accredit mobility measures of higher education institution staff
- Promote mobility activities
- Raise students' and higher education institution staff's awareness about environmentally conscious travel options

¹ This list is not exhaustive.