

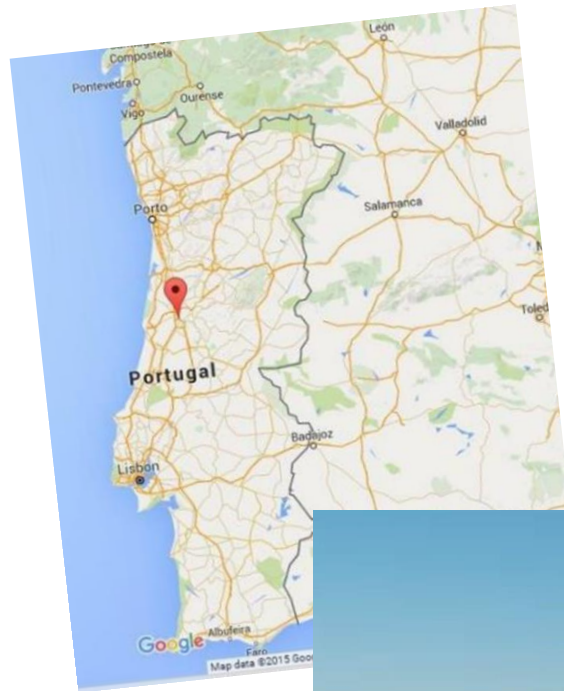
**Promoting Erasmus+ Mobilities in Science, Technology,
Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in Higher Education**

Recognizing Transnational Mobility in the Polytechnic University of Coimbra in STEM Areas

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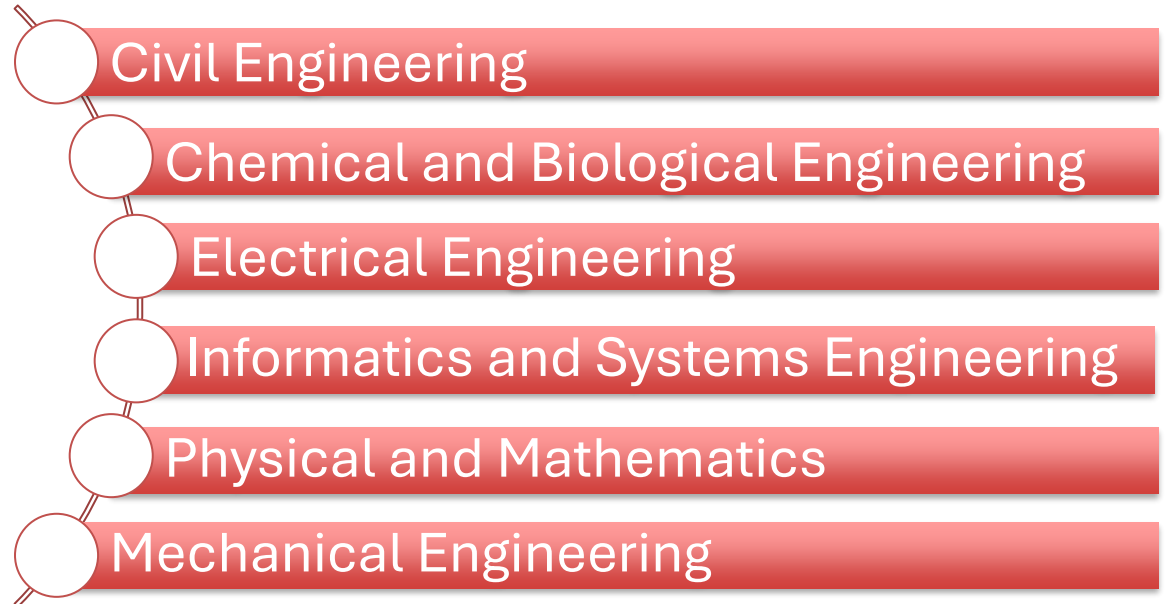
Brief presentation of ISEC/IPC





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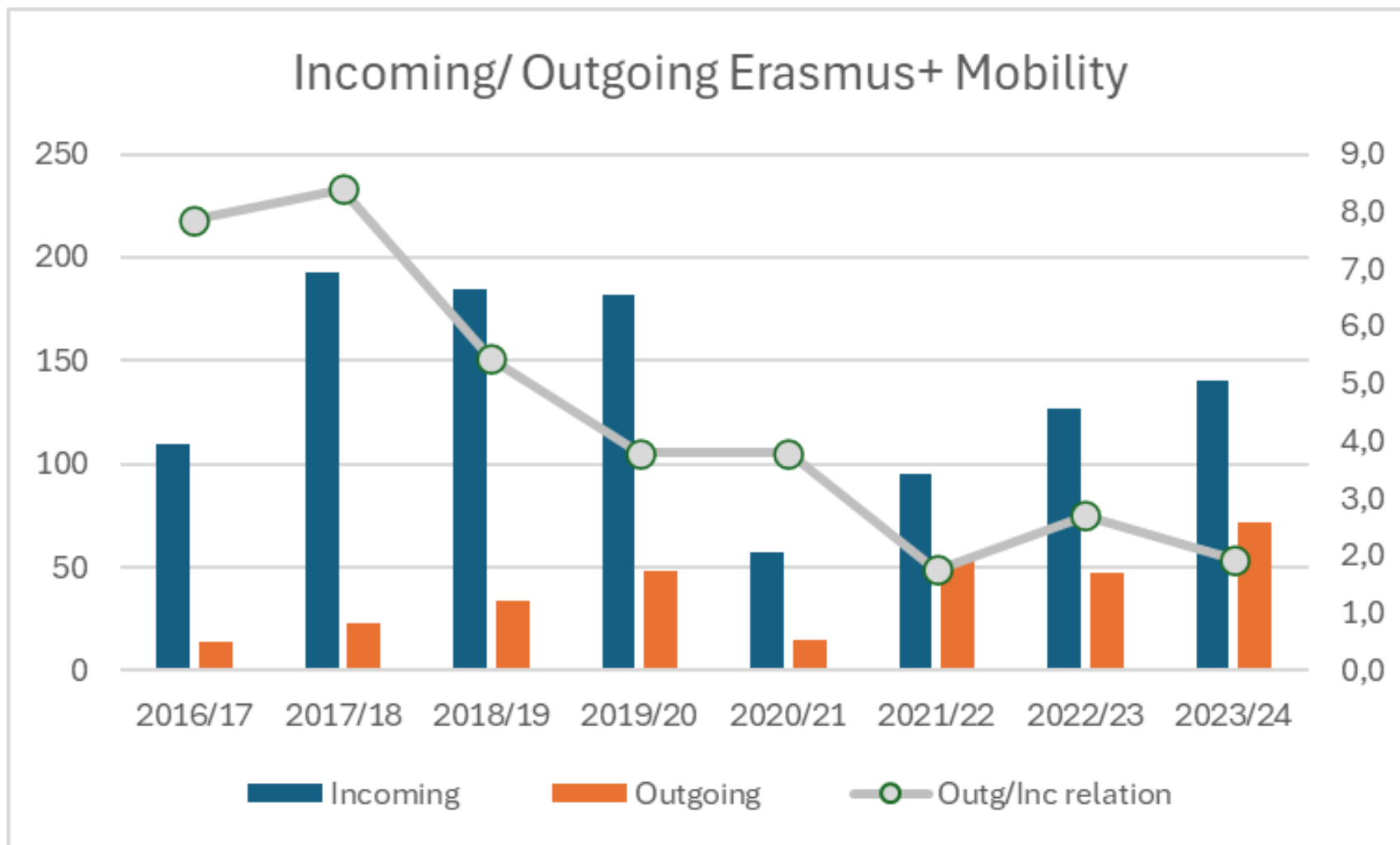


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The Erasmus+ mobilities in ISEC/IPC



Overview of international recognition of credits

- **All credits gained** during the period of study abroad or during the virtual mobility – as agreed in the Learning Agreement and confirmed by the Transcript of Records – should be transferred without delay and **counted towards the student's degree** without any additional work by or assessment of the student;
- The sending HEI undertakes to **ensure full automatic recognition of all credits** achieved during a period of study abroad, including during blended mobility;
- The student is expected **to take educational components of 60 ECTS credits** per full-time academic year;
- The learning outcomes of the whole programme of study abroad should be **compatible with or complementary** to the learning outcomes of the home degree programme for which recognition is to be granted after the study period abroad.

How recognition is implemented at ISEC/IPC

Technical Scientific Council— the institution's scientific body comprising faculty and researchers — **designate Recognition Jury (RJ) for each degree** for this specific purpose

Before the mobility - Establishing the Learning Agreement

Student, Departmental Coordinator (DC) and International Relations Office (IRO), considering the Course Catalogue of receiving High Education Institution (HEI) propose a Learning Agreement to the receiving HEI and to the RJ, that approve it.

How recognition is implemented at ISEC/IPC

After the mobility – Recognition of the ECTS and integration into the ISEC degree programme.

- Receiving HEI sends Transcript of Records to IRO
- IRO and DC verifies it and send to Recognition Jury (RJ)
- RJ validate and do the conversion of grades in the Transcript of Record, using grade distribution tables and assuming, normally, the average comparable grade of overlapping ranges
- The Scientific Council formally approves the recognition of credits
- The Transcript of Record is sent to the Academic Services for publication in the Academic Platform that manages all the academic activity of the student

Problems and challenges of recognition

- Lack of information on the Course Catalogue;
- Lack of information on the Transcript of Records received from the sending HEI, namely by the omission of grades rating scales;
- Difficulties in the recognition process, when the student is not successful in all subjects
- Inflated grades relative to “known” student performance/media;
- Limitation of recognition in some lectures

Conclusion

Effective and automatic recognition of credits obtained during mobility is essential to ensure institutional trust and the continuity of students' academic paths;

Improving transparency, simplifying procedures and strengthen the trust between institutions are crucial to enhance the academic and personal value of international mobility experiences.

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Thanks!

Obrigado!

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