

Call for Applications – Erasmus+ KA171

The University of Dubrovnik (UNIDU) and Universidade Santa Cecília (Unisanta) hereby announce that the Call for Applications for the Spring Semester (February – June 2027), within the 2026/2027 academic year, under the Erasmus+ KA171 Programme, is open.

1. Programme Overview

Erasmus+ KA171 is a project that includes academic cooperation and mobility activities between the **University of Dubrovnik (UNIDU)** and **Universidade Santa Cecília (Unisanta)**. The project is jointly coordinated by **Professor Dr. Helen Sadauskas Henrique (Unisanta)** and **Professor Dr. Branko Glamuzina (University of Dubrovnik)** and was selected under the **2025 Erasmus+ Call**.

This project provides funding to enable the **mobility of ONE Master's students** from Universidade Santa Cecília (Unisanta) to the University of Dubrovnik, within the field of **Applied Marine Ecology and Mariculture**.

IMPORTANT:

Erasmus+ KA171 between Unisanta and UNIDU consists of a **4.5-month international and multilingual Master-level mobility experience in Applied Marine Ecology and Mariculture**.

The selected student must arrange and pay in advance for airfare, travel insurance, and accommodation for the mobility period. Under the Erasmus+ KA171 Programme, the student will receive a lump-sum travel grant and a scholarship, rather than reimbursement of individual expenses. These funds may be used at the student's discretion to cover accommodation, food, and other mobility-related costs, in accordance with the Programme's rules and the host institution's procedures.

Applicants are strongly advised to carefully read the **Requirements** section and prepare their application according to the instructions provided below.

2. Requirements

Candidates must:

- Be **currently enrolled in a Master's programme at Unisanta** (PPG-Ecology, PPG-Auditing, or PPG-CTA).
- Demonstrate **English language proficiency at a minimum B2 level** of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), in both spoken and written English.
- Show a **personal interest in sustainable development, climate change, and aquaculture** (to be demonstrated in the Personal Statement).
- Hold a **passport valid for at least two (2) years** from the start of the mobility period.

Please note: Language certificates are **not required** at the application stage. However, shortlisted candidates will have their English proficiency assessed during a **online interview**.

Incomplete applications will **not** be considered.

3. Application Deadline

The deadline for submission of applications for the **Spring Semesters** is **30 October 2026**

4. Application Procedure

4.1 Required Documents (PDF format only)

Applicants must submit the following documents in **PDF format**:

1. Copy of passport (valid for at least 2 years).
2. Proof of place of residence.
3. Copy of diploma(s) and other award certificate(s), and the Diploma Supplement (if available).
4. Copy of the Transcript of Records.
5. **Two (2) reference letters**, on official headed paper, duly signed (preferably one academic and one professional, or from two different institutions).
6. Curriculum Vitae in **Europass format only** (non-compliance with the format will be considered during evaluation) (Attachment 1).
7. **Personal Statement**, completed in English (Attachment 2).
8. A letter from the academic advisor at Unisanta **authorising a 4.5-months exchange** and confirming that it will **not delay the completion of the Master's programme**.

All documents must be sent by email to helen@unisanta.br, with a copy to branko.glamuzina@unidu.hr

5. Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Academic merit.
- Motivation and relevance of the applicant's profile to aquaculture and sustainability.
- English language proficiency (assessed during the interview).
- Consideration of inclusion and diversity criteria, in line with Erasmus+ principles.

6. Financial Support

Student selected under the **Erasmus+ Programme – KA171 (Student Mobility for Studies – HE-LM-SMS)** will receive financial support in accordance with Erasmus+ rules and the approved project budget.

6.1 Individual Support (Living Allowance)

€ 800 per month for **4.5 months**, corresponding to a total amount of:

€ 3,600 (three thousand six hundred euros)

This allowance contributes to living expenses such as accommodation, food, local transportation, and daily costs.

6.2 Travel Grant

A one-off travel grant of **€ 1735,00 (one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five dollars euros)**

6.3 Final Provisions

Grant payments and schedules will be defined by the host institution in accordance with Erasmus+ KA171 regulations. The grant is a contribution to mobility costs and may not cover all expenses related to the stay abroad.

7. Students with Fewer Opportunities

In line with the **Erasmus+ Programme – Inclusion and Diversity Strategy**, this call promotes equitable access to international mobility.

Students with fewer opportunities are those who face barriers that may limit or prevent participation in international mobility, including but not limited to:

Obligatory categories:

1) Economic Barriers

Low income, a low standard of living, poverty, long-term unemployment, homelessness, or financial dependence on social welfare.

Required proof: Official confirmation that the student receives support from the social welfare system.

2) Migrant, Refugee, or Asylum Seeker Status

Required proof: Decision granting asylum or subsidiary protection: residence permit.

Proof of identity: passport for an asylum seeker, a special passport for a foreigner, another identification document.

3) Disabilities or Health-related Barriers

This includes physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder someone's full and effective participation in society on the same footing as others. Health problems: Barriers may result from health issues including severe illnesses, chronic diseases, or any other physical or mental health-related situation that prevents from participating in the programme.

Required proof: Family doctor's or specialist doctor confirmation on disability (in original, not older than 6 months) and if applicable copy of confirmation from the competent institution/state body from which the percentage of disability is visible.

Optional top-up category:

4) Students traveling to another country for the purpose of obtaining a visa

Students who face additional costs (e.g. travel and accommodation costs in another country) when obtaining visas for coming to the Republic of Croatia.

Proof: verification of the need for travel on MFEA's website (Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs): <https://mvvp.gov.hr/embassies-andconsulates/244596> including proof of incurred travel or accommodation costs (travel tickets and/or proof of paid accommodation).

Important note: Priority in the allocation of the top-up grant will be given to students falling under the first three categories. Only if funds remain available, students who incur additional costs related to obtaining a visa to travel to the Republic of Croatia may be considered under this category.

7.1 Assessment and Documentation

The assessment of *fewer opportunities* status will be carried out by the **sending institution**, based on supporting documentation provided by the applicant, in accordance with Erasmus+ rules and national guidelines.

7.2 Additional Financial Support

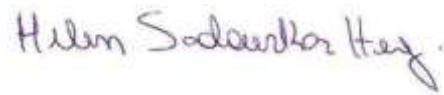
Students officially classified as having *fewer opportunities* are entitled to an additional top-up of **€ 250 per month**.

8. Timeline:

- Start of applications: from the date of publication of this call
- Application deadline: October 30, 2026
- Document review and interview period: November 03, 2026
- Announcement of results: November 06, 2026
- Start of the exchange program: February 2027 (Spring).



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