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BIP INFO SESSION

CALL for BIPs 2025/2026

Blended Intensive Programmes

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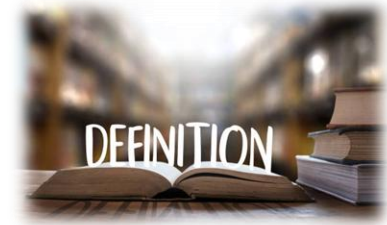
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BIP – DEFINITION

BIP (Blended Intensive Programme) is a short, physical learning, teaching and training programme which allows groups of higher education institutions to jointly develop blended mobility curricula and activities for students, academic and administrative staff.

BIP should foster:

- development of transnational and transdisciplinary curricula;
- innovative ways of learning and teaching;
- online collaboration;
- research-based learning;
- challenge-based approaches that tackle societal challenges.



BIP provides an opportunity to reach out to new groups of students, for example those in study fields where mobility opportunities have been limited or those who lack confidence to go abroad alone.

BIP - GOALS



BIP should be based on conducting short, intensive mobility periods and activities with international partner universities using innovative learning and teaching methods, including online learning.

The intensive program should have an additional benefit compared to existing courses or trainings, e.g. BIPs aiming to:

- form transnational and transdisciplinary teams;
- facilitate the joint processing of global changes (e.g. in connection with SDGs);
- promote flexible mobility offers for students with different backgrounds and fields of study and in all study cycles;
- create more opportunities for blended learning;
- introduce innovative forms of teaching and learning;
- stimulate and support the development of transnational and multidisciplinary courses.

BIP – GENERAL RULES



- **At least 3** universities from 3 programme countries (we strongly recommend at least 4)
- Dedicated to students or staff who go on a training activity;
- The funding source for students is **Erasmus+ KA131** grant, category: SMS – studies and for staff it is STT – staff mobility for training;
- Includes both a **physical activity** (5-30 days) and **virtual part** (no specified duration);
- Minimum number of **ECTS: 3**;
- There are **3 kinds of BIPs to apply: for 10, 15 and 20 participants**
- **10% margine rule** – due to this rule the minimum number of participants for the above BIPs is: 9, 14 and 18;
- Non-EU students and local students are not counted to the minimum 15;
- At least 2 universities send its students to participate in BIP (we recommend all EU GREEN universities to send their students);
- **Green travel** option is available (car pooling, bus, train);
- Before mobility **students prepare their Online Learning Agreementst and staff prepare Staff mobility for training**;
- BIP can be recognized as a part of the study programme or as a Diploma Supplement.



BIPs give
opportunities to
combine

**short physical
mobility with
virtual learning**

for greater impact and
inclusion.



OS – Organisational Support (sharing the BIP slot)



- **OS (Organisational Support)** in the amount of EUR 400 per participant is paid to each university which has been awarded with the BIP slot.
- There are **3 kinds of BIPs**:
 - 10 participants: OS in the amount of EUR 4000
 - 15 participants: OS in the amount of EUR 6000
 - 20 participants: OS in the amount of EUR 8000.
- When an EU GREEN university transfers its BIP slot to another university, it retains project administration and overall coordination, while appointing the receiving university as the Scientific Coordinator.
- The slot-offering university must remain a member of the BIP Core Group.
- Appointing another university as Scientific Coordinator entails sharing the OS (Organisational Support) funds with that university to support BIP implementation and organisation.
- It is advised to share 100% of the OS money with the appointed Scientific Coordinator.

ROLES EXPLANATION

BIP SCIENTIFIC COORDINATOR

- is responsible for preparation of the BIP programme (together with BIP partners);
- is responsible for preparation of the BIP advertisement with all the details regarding recruitment and uploading the advertisement on its university website;
- is responsible for conducting recruitment of the students;
- is responsible for announcement of the recruitment results and further contact with the selected students.

BIP ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

- is responsible for the registration of the BIP in the ERAMSUS+ Beneficiary Module (owner of the „E+ BIP SLOT” and owner of the OS financial support);
- is responsible for controlling the minimum number of BIP applicants registered in Beneficiary Module;
- is responsible for sharing the Organizational Support money with the Scientific coordinator/host University;
- is responsible for reporting BIP in the interim and final report.



ROLES EXPLANATION



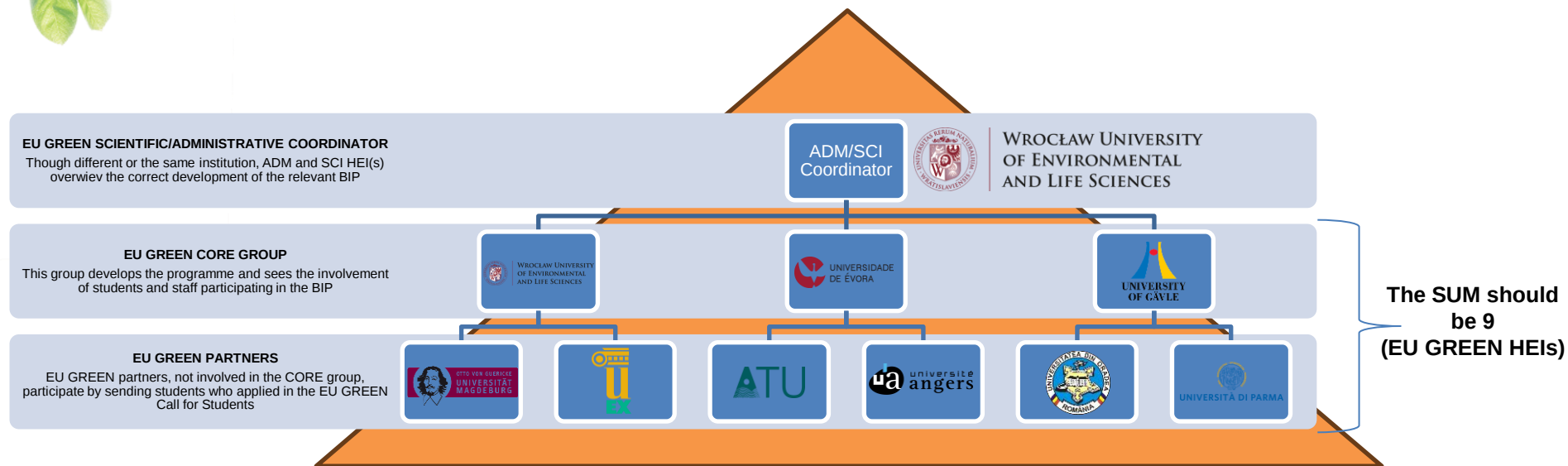
BIP CORE GROUP

- The Core Group is composed of EU GREEN universities acting as active partners, including the Scientific Coordinator, in the development of the programme.
- According to Erasmus+ guidelines, the core group must include a minimum of 3 higher education institutions (HEIs) from 3 different countries.
- Within EU GREEN, the recommendation is to have at least 4 universities in the core group.
- The Core Group, in cooperation with the Scientific Coordinator, defines the contents and details of the BIP.

BIP PARTICIPATING PARTNER

- The BIP Partner Universities are EU GREEN institutions not involved in the Core Group, but participating in the programme by sending students and staff as BIP participants, as well as by providing teaching staff.

BIPs – involvement of all EU GREEN universities (example of the BIP Statistics for Management)





SELECTED BIPs (2023/2024)
One health and sustainability in wildlife: from basic to clinic
Transversal skills for the internationalization of Young Researchers through EU Projects
Food Sustainability
Living, Inquiring and Knowing: a hub of outdoor practices for sustainability (LINK OUTDOOR)
Introduction to Mathematical and Computational Modelling for Sustainability
Statistics for Management
Heritage education and digital humanities
Artificial Intelligence in Health and Sport
Engaging Music Technology
Ecological restoration for ecosystem sustainability
Invasive Alien Species in a European Perspective



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Sustainable Business
Machine Learning for Sustainability
Artificial Intelligence in Health and Sport
Sustainability of GI Supply Chains in Mediterranean countries: theories and tools
Project management toolkit for sustainability
Re-designing and co-making rural architectural commons together with local communities
Thermal Energy Conversion & Storage
English for specific purposes and employability. Access, Diversity and Inclusion
Embracing cultural identities through food
Living, Inquiring and Knowing: outdoor practices for sustainability - link outdoor
Epidemiology Applications for Health and Sustainability
Food Sustainability

SELECTED BIPs (2024/2025)

Introduction to Mathematical and Computational Modelling for Sustainability - Second edition

Invasive Alien Species in a European perspective

"Context Design" applied to the cultural and natural heritage of humanity UNESCO

FOR ACADEMIC STAFF: Biodiversity of Flora in the Alentejo Region

FOR ACADEMIC STAFF: Stopping biodiversity loss by working together in Natura 2000 sites in cross-generation international team and with local communities

Statistics for Management

Entrepreneurship and Innovation for Sustainability

Citizen Science in Action

FOR ADMINISTR. STAFF: Think. Speak. Influence: A Communication Workshop for Mastering Communication Across Cultures and Contexts

Ecological Restoration for Ecosystem Sustainability

1st Call for BIPs

11 selected BIP
applications



2nd Call for BIPs

22 selected BIP
applications

1st Call for BIPs in numbers

OVERALL PARTICIPANTS

413

STUDENTS ATTENDING THE BIPs

256

UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS INVOLVED IN
TEACHING

157

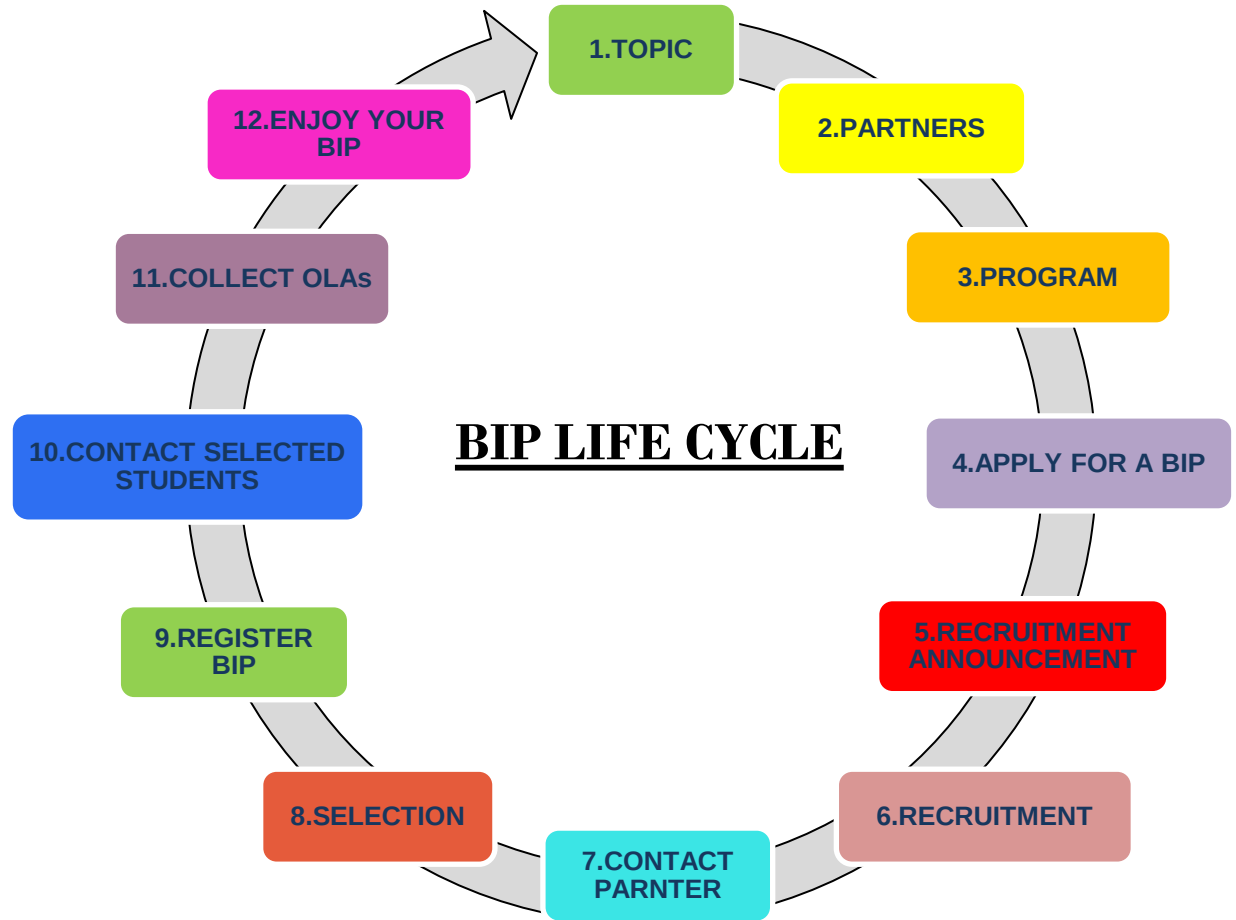
AWARDED ECTS CREDITS

1580



STEP 7 is always before STEP 10

**CONTACT THE SENDING UNIVERSITY
FIRST AND THEN THE APPROVED
STUDENTS**



HOW TO CREATE A BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAM?

1) INVENT A TOPIC OF THE BIP

- The topic must be chosen very carefully and it should be interesting for most of the EU GREEN students. If it is not, there is a high risk that the BIP will finally fall apart because of lack of applications.
- The BIP topic should address one or more thematic areas identified in the six clusters of excellence described in the EU GREEN Research Strategy.

2) INVITE PARTNERS TO THE CORE GROUP (at least 4 universities in the core group, mandatory participation of at least one teaching teacher from the core group)

The core group is responsible for creating a BIP programme. It is advised to ask for support the person responsible for BIPs administration and dissemination. Each EU GREEN university has such one person.

3) CREATE A BIP PROGRAMME

- The scientific coordinator together with partners from the core group create the programme (onsite and online part)
- The modules are chosen here together with the teachers who will be involved by giving lectures.

THE PERFECT BIP PROGRAMME

➤ Should have an added value compared to existing programmes or courses	➤ Should enable the students or staff to gain new perspectives on the topic being studied	➤ Should encourage transdisciplinary and multinational teaching and training
➤ Should promote flexible mobility offers for students with different backgrounds and fields of study and in all study cycles	➤ Should guarantee active classroom participation by providing an appropriate ratio between teaching/training staff and students/learners	➤ Should help develop transversal competencies, in addition to the key competencies in sustainability and learning outcomes on subject-related competencies
➤ Should provide significantly new learning opportunities, skills development, access to information and to state-of-the art research results and other knowledge for the participating teachers and student/learners	➤ Should include challenge-based learning where transnational and transdisciplinary teams work together to tackle challenges for example those linked to the EU GREEN Alliance sustainable development goals or other societal challenges identified by regions, cities or companies	➤ Should allow members of the teaching staff to exchange views on teaching content, new curricula approaches, to test innovative teaching methods that could eventually become part of a newly devised joint course or curriculum in an international classroom environment

THE MANDATORY POINTS IN BIP PROGRAM



- **BIP title**
- **Access requirements: study cycle and field of study of the eligible students, language requirements**
- **Maximum number of admitted students:**

It is not advised to accept more than 60 students, the most popular approach is 3 students per EU GREEN University which gives 27 students in total.

- **Teaching hours in presence mode (and dates)**

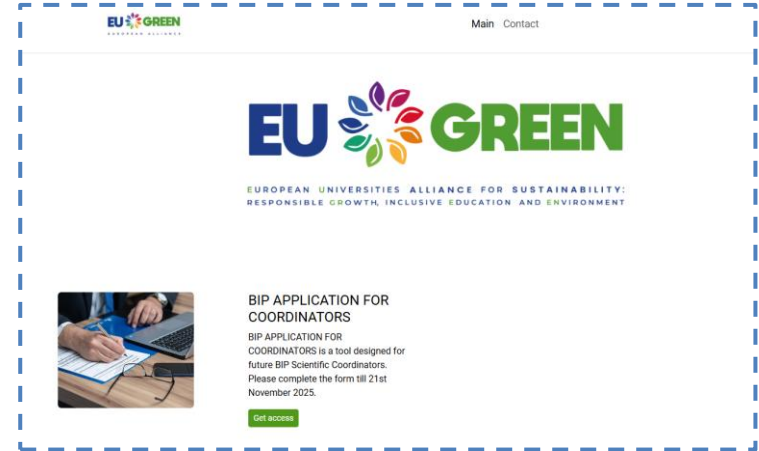
As a soft recommendation, at least 30% of the proposed total number of hours of the BIP can represent activities guided by academics/teaching/training staff, as direct interaction (face-to-face or online) with the participants, the difference being represented by individual work conducted by the students.

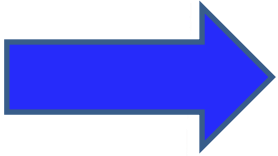
- **Teaching hours in virtual mode (and dates + used platform)**
- **Number of ECTS awarded to participants upon completion (the most popular: 5 ECTS)**
- ECTS credit points must be linked with the total number of hours dedicated by the student to participate in the programme expressed as workload (1 ECTS = 25-30 hours of student workload).
- **Language of instruction**
- **Modules discription**
- **Learning outcomes**
- **Assessment criteria.**

4) APPLY FOR A BIP WITHIN THE CALL FOR BIPs published on the EU GREEN website

STEP BY STEP - BIP APPLICATION FOR COORDINATORS

- Enter the [BIP application platform](#)
- Click green button „Get access”.
- Write your email address and check your email box to find an activation link.
- Enter the activation link and complete the application form.
- Submit the application form.
- When you want to add/change anything you can always come back to your completed form. Just click the activation link once again and you will be redirected to the form and you will see your answers.
- You can also select all the answers and print them out directly from the website.





DEADLINE FOR BIP APPLICATIONS: **21st November 2025**

PUBLICATION OF THE RESULTS (on the alliance website) : **28th November 2025**



5) PREPARE THE RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT which should be available:

- At the EU GREEN website (within call for BIPs)
- At the scientific coordinator university website with the detailed conditions regarding:
 - Mandatory level and field of study (Bachelor, Master or PhD)
 - Language level
 - Earlier attended courses
 - Transcripts of records.



6) CONDUCT THE RECRUITMENT

- The selection of the students has to be managed by the Scientific Coordinator
- It should be completed in about 4 months prior the start date of the BIP.

7) CONTACT EACH SENDING PARTNER and:

- Send the list of students who applied for the given BIP
 - Ask which of these students are eligible to attend the BIP
- „Eligible” in this context means that:
- The student will go with Erasmus+ short mobility scholarship
 - There are no other reasons (raised by the sending university) why the student shouldn't attend the BIP.

8) MAKE THE SELECTION of students:

- At least one academic from each EU GREEN university (part of the BIP core group) must take part in the meeting of the selection committee
- It is advised to create a „waiting list” with the students who met all the required conditions but didn't receive enough recruitment points to participate in the given BIP. Such a list may be really helpful when resignations appear.

9) REGISTER BIP IN THE BENEFICIARY MODULE:

- This role is assigned to the Administrative Coordinator who holds the BIP slot
- All the participating students have to be registered in the Beneficiary Module.



**INFORM STUDENTS ABOUT THE SELECTION
RESULTS AT LEAST**

10 WEEKS PRIOR THE START OF THE BIP
(many of them need time to apply for visa)

10) CONTACT THE SELECTED STUDENTS and the sending partners:

The Scientific Coordinator contact all the selected students with:

- the selection results
- the logistic details of the BIP, such as: the platform used for the online part, accommodation, travel options, the meeting place, food options (it is advised to provide free lunches to the students)

In case when the Scientific Coordinator is not the host of the BIP it is the host university which provides the students with the logistic details.

11) COLLECT OLAs:

- The Scientific Coordinator sends students full info required to complete the OLA (Online Learning Agreement) including details such as: BIP/course code, description of the virtual part, name and email of the responsible person)
- The Scientific Coordinator signs OLAs of all accepted students.

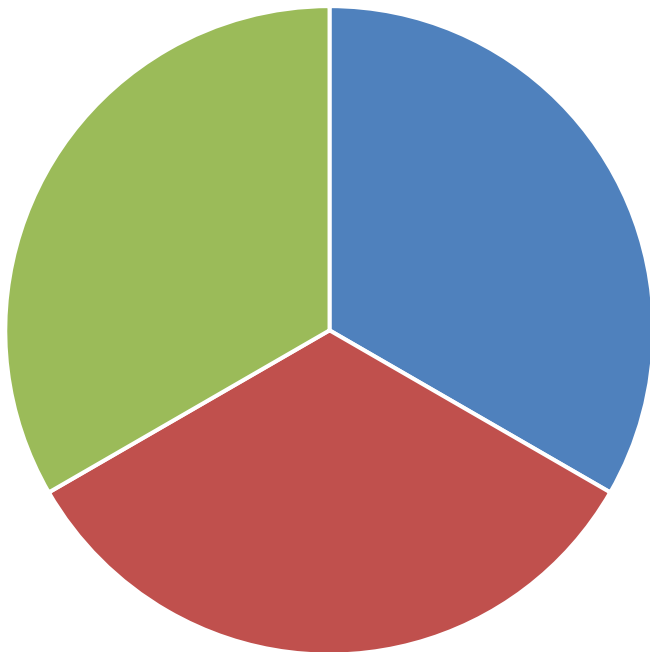


12) ENJOY YOUR BIP 😊

- Prior the start date of the onsite part the Scientific coordinator should choose a group of 3-4 students who will take pictures and prepare input to the BIP report
- Don't forget to provide the students and staff with the Certificates of attendance upon your onsite part of the BIP is completed
- The final Certificates (together with Transcripts of records) should be issued upon the whole BIP is completed.



BIP categories in EU GREEN



- Early BIPs (Jan-April)
- Regular BIPs (May-August)
- Late BIPs (Sept-Dec)

3 RECRUITMENT PERIODS

**WE WILL ORGANIZE 3 RECRUITMENT
PERIODS FOR THE FUTURE BIP PARTICIPANTS
– ONE PER EACH BIP CATEGORY**

BIPs – suggestions and tips

RECRUITMENT



- ✓ We encourage to organise BIPs dedicated also for the 1st cycle students
- ✓ We recommend to give the priority in the selection to the students who have never attended any BIPs before
- ✓ The sending institution which sends a student for more than one BIP should check if the BIPs do not overlap. In such a case the student has to choose only one BIP.



OVERLOADED PROGRAM

- ✓ The lectures and generally the program shouldn't be overloaded: 8 contact hours per day is enough
- ✓ The lectures shouldn't be scheduled for the weekend.



EXAMS

- ✓ Maybe it is better to replace some exams with presentations, reports and a teamwork.

SOCIALIZING/CULTURAL ACTIVITIES



- ✓ Students need some activities (other than lectures) in order to meet in an informal atmosphere
- ✓ These activities should be included in the BIP programme as part of the pluriculturalism.

BIPs – suggestions and tips



FREE TIME

- ✓ for many students participation in BIP is being in the given city (or even a country) for the first time
- ✓ the students need to have some time for the sightseeing.



FREE LUNCHES

- ✓ coordinators of all BIPs should guarantee free lunches for the students.



ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ the host university should provide students with some contacts regarding accommodation
- ✓ the best option is to book rooms in a dormitory which is cheap.



RESIGNATIONS

- ✓ In case of increasing number of resignations and the BIP start date dangerously getting closer ... don't panic but try to reach out to universities which are in a close distance from your country. It is much easier for the student to make up his/her mind and go for a BIP which is held not so far away.



BIPs - responsible staff

If you have any doubts or questions please do not hesitate to contact the *BIP responsible person* at your university:

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