Dear Erasmus+ participant,

We are very excited for you to embark on the powerful, life-changing experience that Erasmus+ represents for almost 1 million students, trainers or volunteers every year.

Existing data show that a whopping 75% of Erasmus+ participants take the plane to travel to and from their exchange destinations. This contributes significantly to the European Union’s already substantial CO2 emissions.

Do you want to make a difference? The good news is that there is plenty you can do to improve the green credentials of your Erasmus+ experience. And here is one.

**Your university, as a member of the** [**Coimbra Group**](https://www.coimbra-group.eu/)**, has joined forces with Eurail, the company behind the iconic** [**Interrail Pass**](https://www.interrail.eu/en/interrail-passes)**, to offer you a unique opportunity to purchase a 10 days within 2 months Interrail mobile Global Pass with a 20% discount** – and use it to travel by train to and/or from your host university, as well as use it to explore the riches that your host Country (and beyond!) has to offer.

The Interrail Pass is the easiest solution to travel by train [across and within different European countries](https://www.interrail.eu/en/plan-your-trip/interrail-railway-map). With one ticket on your smartphone, you can travel both on national and international trains (including [night trains](https://www.interrail.eu/en/plan-your-trip/trains-europe/night-trains)). You have great flexibility as you can decide to start travelling anytime within 11 months from the purchase. From the date of your first travel day, you will have exactly two months to use all your travel days. Whether these are used to reach your host university, to explore your host country while on your exchange or to get back home at the end of your trip, it's up to you! You can take as many trains as you like on each of the 10 travel days, so there's no limit on how much you can [explore](https://www.interrail.eu/en/trip-ideas)!

We are aware that your mobility will probably last longer than two months. That's why we also offer you the possibility of purchasing two Interrail Passes with a 20% discount. In this case, you can also claim a 10% discount code to purchase another interrail Pass for friends and family. With 2 Interrail Passes you can travel to your host country, explore it and return home at the end of your mobility!

**What’s included in your Pass?**

* 10 days of unlimited train travel. You can use your 10 travel days any time within 2 months of your start date. Spread them out or use them back-to-back – it’s up to you;
* Travel on as many trains as you like within and across [33 European countries](https://www.interrail.eu/en/plan-your-trip/trains-europe) on each of your 10 travel days;
* Delivered instantly to your device. No waiting for delivery;
* Buy now, travel up to 11 months later. And no need to choose a start date until you travel;
* Some trains ask you to buy an additional seat reservation before you can jump aboard. Find out when you need to book extra seat reservations and how much they cost [here.](https://www.interrail.eu/en/plan-your-trip/reservations)

**How much does an Interrail Pass cost with this promotion?**

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| 10 days/2 months Interrail mobile Global Pass (20% discount included) | 1st class | 2nd class |
| Youth (< 27 year old) | € 321 *(instead of € 401)* | € 241 *(instead of € 301)* |
| Adult (28+ year old) | € 427 *(instead of € 534)* | € 321 *(instead of € 401)* |

**Who is eligible for this promotion?**

This promotion is available **exclusively to Erasmus+ participants (students and staff) from the following 28 Coimbra Group Universities**:

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| Aarhus University (DK) | Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iaşi (RO) |
| Åbo Akademi University (FI) | Friedrich Schiller University Jena (DE) |
| University of Barcelona (ES) | Jagiellonian University in Kraków (PL) |
| University of Bergen (NO) | Leiden University (NL) |
| University of Bristol (UK) | KU Leuven (BE) |
| University of Coimbra (PT) | Université catholique de Louvain (BE) |
| University of Cologne (DE) | University of Padova (IT) |
| Durham University (UK) | University of Pavia (IT) |
| University of Edinburgh (UK) | University of Poitiers (FR) |
| Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (DE) | University of Siena (IT) |
| University of Granada (ES) | University of Tartu (EE) |
| University of Graz (AT) | University of Turku (FI) |
| University of Groningen (NL) | Vilnius University (LT) |
| Heidelberg University (DE) | Julius-Maximilian-Universität Würzburg (DE) |

When purchasing your Pass, we recommend that you use your University email address.

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| **(!)** Interrail Passes are personal and non-transferable. Eurail asks for your passport or ID number for safety and verification that the Pass you are travelling with is yours. You may be asked to show your passport or ID card when your Pass is being checked by ticket inspectors, so the number on your Pass should match the number on the passport or ID you are carrying. **In case of fraud or unauthorized use of this promotion by non-eligible people, the Coimbra Group has authorized Eurail to immediately deactivate such passes**. |

**How and when can I purchase my Interrail Pass?**

Passes can be purchased online on the dedicated landing page <https://www.interrail.eu/en/coimbra-group> **between August 24th and September 19th**, 2021.

When purchasing your Pass, we recommend that you use your University email address.

**Am I eligible for additional financial aids if I purchase an Interrail Pass?**

You should ask the International Office of your home university. As an example, in the Erasmus+ programme guide for 2021 different financial aids are mentioned if a participant decides for a green mean of transport (e.g. railway) to get to the host country. Among other things, for the average Erasmus+ exchange student **a one-time top-up of €50,00 is offered in case they choose a sustainable means of transport**. **Participants who would like to purchase an Interrail Pass for their travels are eligible for this additional funding, on top of the discount rates offered by Eurail.** More information can be found here: <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en>.

**Still in doubt?**

If you are looking for additional information on the Interrail Pass, please check the Interrail Pass support page: <https://www.interrail.eu/en/support>.

If you have troubles accessing the landing page during the booking window (August 24th through **September 19th**, 2021) please contact b2i@eurail.com.