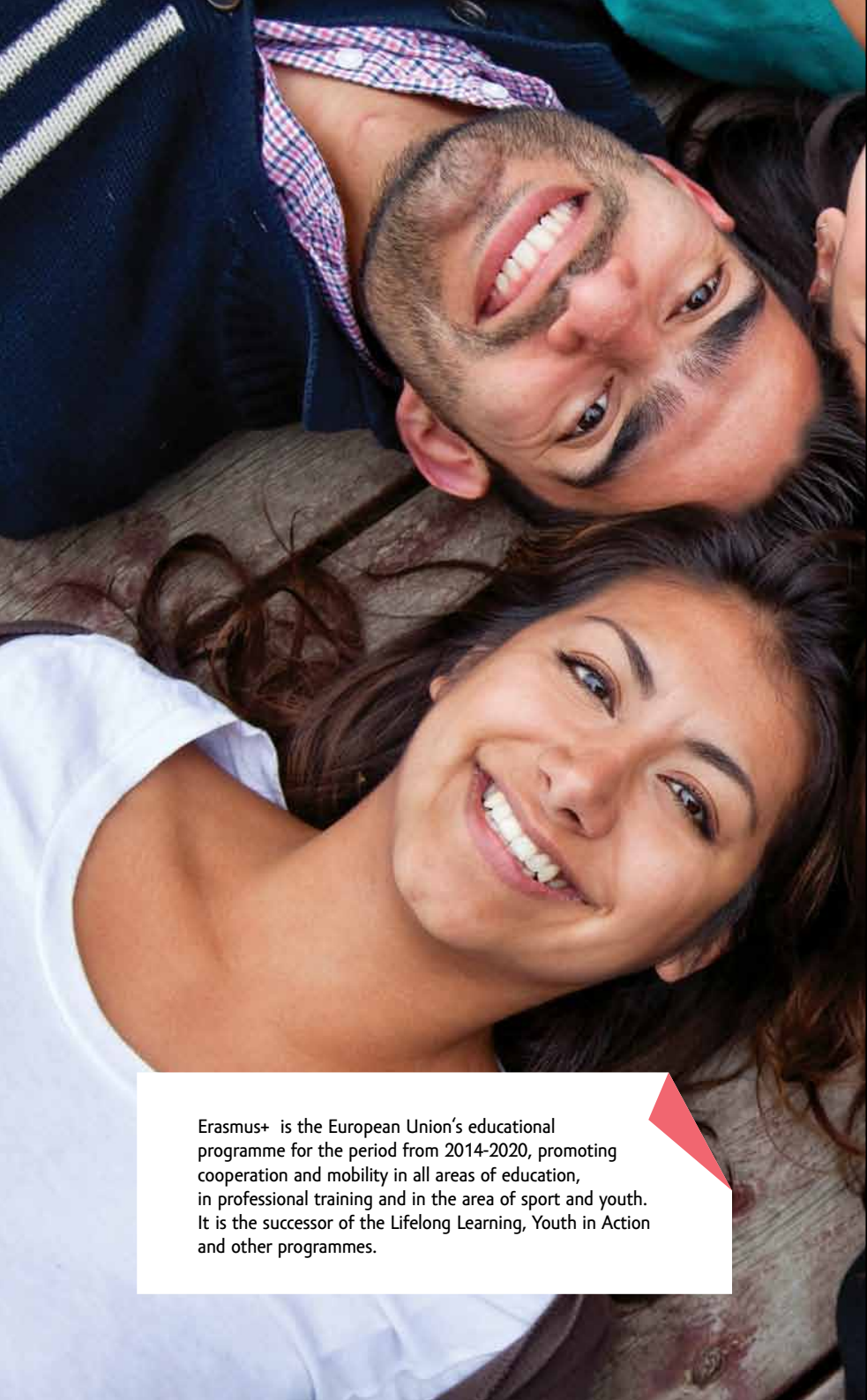


DZS – Centre for International Cooperation in Education

**for students, teachers, academics
and other experts working in education,
volunteers and youth workers travelling
to the Czech Republic**





Erasmus+ is the European Union's educational programme for the period from 2014-2020, promoting cooperation and mobility in all areas of education, in professional training and in the area of sport and youth. It is the successor of the Lifelong Learning, Youth in Action and other programmes.

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The **Centre for International Cooperation in Education (DZS – Dům zahraniční spolupráce)** provides information concerning support for anyone interested in education in the Czech Republic, i.e. for foreign students, teachers at all levels and fields of education, professionals working in adult and youth education, academics and others involved in the area of education. DZS also helps to administer scholarship stays in the Czech Republic for foreign students, academics and university lecturers, and provides support for international cooperation projects.

What education programmes administered by DZS are specifically designed for foreigners interested in studying in the Czech Republic?

- ▶ **Erasmus+** – the programme is open to organisations involved in the areas of education, training, youth and sport. Individuals themselves cannot submit applications; they have to contact their school or organisation, which can then apply for the grant on their behalf. The grant application is always submitted by the coordinating organisation to the national agency in its country. The programme is open to all 28 EU member states, to candidate countries as well as to selected European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries. The way is also open to states currently preparing for starting the EU accession talks, and other partner countries. For each activity it is specified which countries may participate.

Examples of activities:

- ▶ a **young person** may be sent to the Czech Republic as a volunteer, youth worker or as a participant of a youth exchange,
- ▶ an **university or tertiary professional school student** may acquire a grant for a study stay or traineeship in the Czech Republic,

- ▶ a **student** or **graduate** of a faculty of education may acquire a grant for an internship at a school in the Czech Republic,
 - ▶ a **teacher at a basic, a secondary school or a higher education institution** may acquire a grant for a teaching assignment or training in the Czech Republic. Non-teaching staff of higher education institutions may also attend training courses in the Czech Republic,
 - ▶ a **pupil** and a **teacher in vocational education** may acquire a grant for a traineeship in an institution in the Czech Republic.
- ▶ **Study of foreigners in the Czech Republic (The Study Department of DZS)** – involved in the implementation of the programme *“Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports Scholarships to Support Studies for Foreign Nationals at Public Institutions of Higher Education in the Czech Republic”*. The DZS Study Department focuses on:
- ▶ scholarships awarded within the framework of foreign development assistance. These scholarships are designed to cover the standard length of study in accredited higher education study programmes held at public institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic and in the one-year long language and preparatory training programme,
 - ▶ scholarships awarded pursuant to bilateral intergovernmental or departmental agreements by which the Czech Republic is bound. These scholarships are designed for candidates who wish to accomplish a short-term study or research stay at public institutions of higher education in the Czech Republic,
 - ▶ other tasks related to the implementation of the aforementioned scholarship programme or the implementation of Summer Schools of Slavonic Studies.

- ▶ **Study in the Czech Republic** – an initiative implemented by DZS, which promotes Czech higher education. The website www.studyin.cz provides foreign students with information about the range of university studies available in the Czech Republic.
- Activities implemented as part of the Study in the Czech Republic programme include:**
- ▶ website www.studyin.cz,
 - ▶ Facebook fan page www.facebook.com/studyincz,
 - ▶ attendance at higher education fairs,
 - ▶ mediation of offers of cooperation,
 - ▶ preparation and distribution of information materials,
 - ▶ cooperation with Czech embassies and Czech Centres abroad,
 - ▶ information service for universities.
- ▶ **AKTION Austria – Czech Republic** – a programme for funding bilateral cooperation in education and research at tertiary level. Following types of activities are offered for applicants of eligible higher education institutions in Austria:
- ▶ **semester study stay scholarships** for the **preparation of diploma theses and dissertations** and for **traineeships** in the German as a foreign language/second language (DaF/DaZ) field of study at one of the higher education institutions in the Czech Republic,
 - ▶ scholarships for attending **summer courses of Czech language**,
 - ▶ **short-term research scholarships for academics**,
 - ▶ **one-month research scholarships for university lecturers**,
 - ▶ **six-month scholarships for post-doctoral scholars** for preparation of habilitation,
 - ▶ funding of **educational or scientific cooperation projects** with partner public higher education institutions in the Czech Republic.



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- ▶ **CEEPUS** – a Central European exchange university programme focusing on regional cooperation within the university networks and offering students and lecturers of eligible universities the chance to complete **semester and short-term stays** at public universities and private universities with the o. p. s. status in the Czech Republic.
- ▶ **Programme to support the Czech cultural heritage abroad** helps to improve awareness of the Czech cultural heritage, primarily by sending lecturers in the Czech language to universities in foreign countries and sending teachers to compatriot communities abroad and providing studies to compatriots in the Czech Republic.
- ▶ **Teachers of European schools** teach the children of staff of EU institutions, embassies and other representation offices in Brussels, Luxembourg and Munich.

Other options

- ▶ **Eurydice** provides information about European education systems and the education policies of the individual countries.
- ▶ **Euroguidance** provides advisors and other interested parties with information and support in the development of career counselling.
- ▶ **Eurodesk** provides young people and youth workers with easy and fast access to European information relating to studies, work abroad, travel and volunteering.
- ▶ **Academic Information Agency** – mediates contacts between foreign English language teachers and primary and secondary schools in the Czech Republic for the purposes of teaching English.

- ▶ You can find more information about all these programmes on the DZS website www.dzs.cz.

For information on the Erasmus+ programme please go to www.naerasmusplus.cz.
Erasmus+ is on Facebook
www.facebook.com/NAERASMUSPLUSCZ.

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