Declaration, green travel in the Erasmus+ programme

**Principles of green travel**

The Erasmus+ programme supports the transition to low-emissions means of transport with the aim of minimising direct emissions related to mobility periods, primarily by reducing flying. By supporting green travel, the programme also aims to support sustainability education and the development of sustainability skills.

Green travel refers to travel where the journey or most of it is carried out using low-emissions means of transport. **Accepted low-emissions means of transport are trains, buses, bicycles and carpooling**. A ship/ferry is not a green means of transport, but a part of a journey can be traveled by ship/ferry as long as the majority of the journey is made using low-emissions means of transport.

**Definition of green travel**

The participant is entitled to the green travel grant when they use low-emissions means of transport:

1. for their entire return trip,
2. for the majority of their return trip (meaning that the kilometres travelled using low-emissions means of transport exceed the kilometres traveled by ship/flying/driving alone).

Please make sure that the kilometres travelled using low-emissions means of transport exceed the kilometres traveled by other means of transport. You can determine and compare the kilometres travelled using different means of transport using Google Maps, for example.

**Green travel grant**

Travelling by land using low-emissions means of transport often takes more time than flying to the destination. In addition to this, the related travel costs may be higher. That is why the Erasmus+ programme’s green travel grant is higher than the usual travel grant. In addition to the higher amount of travel grant, individual support is paid to the participant for each actual day of travel, up to a maximum of six (6) days.

**All sections of the form must be filled in.** In the case of group mobility, the person responsible for the group fills in and signs the form and adds the list of participants as an appendix to the declaration.

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| **Details of green travel** | |
| **Organisation:** | Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK) |
| **Project number[[1]](#footnote-2):** |  |
| **Person responsible for the group[[2]](#footnote-3):** |  |
| **Participant:[[3]](#footnote-4)** |  |

**Travel plan:**

Add rows to the table as necessary.

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| **Date:** | **Route (from where to where)** | **Means of transport**  **(train, bus, carpooling, ship, flight, driving alone…)** | **Length of the journey (km)** |
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| Number of days travelled using low-emissions means of transport:[[4]](#footnote-5) |  |
| Total length of the return trip in kilometres (km): |  |
| Length of the journey made using low-emissions means of transport (km): |  |

The signed declaration is:

* **The participant’s declaration of using green means of transport**
  + The participant must keep the receipts of their travel and present them to the sending party to prove green travel.
* **The organisation's receipt for verifying green travel**
  + The organisation must keep the signed declaration (electronic copy) for a possible inspection by the National Agency.

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| ***I, the undersigned, hereby agree to comply with the terms of green travel,*** | |
| ***Date:*** | dd/mm/yyyy |
| ***Place:*** |  |
| ***Signature:*** |  |

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| ***On behalf of the organisation,*** | |
| ***Date:*** | dd/mm/yyyy |
| ***Place:*** |  |
| ***Signature:*** |  |

1. Filled in by a representative of the organisation [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Only applies to group mobility [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. In the case of group mobility, add a list of participants as an appendix to the declaration [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Support can be granted for a maximum of six (6) days of travel. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)