

# Erasmus+ Study Exchange - Biology -

Study year 2023/24

Possibilities – Procedure – Organisation

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# GET OUT ?!

Get to know other countries and customs!

Study subjects not offered in Göttingen.

Fill transition term (between Bachelor/Master or Master/PhD).

Recognition at master's application in Göttingen (Biology).

I want to study abroad!

For personal growth and social competence.

Upgrade the CV!

# Wide range at others universities...

Gene Structure and Function

Terrestrial Arctic Biology

Tumor Cell Biology

Marine Ecology

Immunology

Fish Ecology

*Human Physiology*

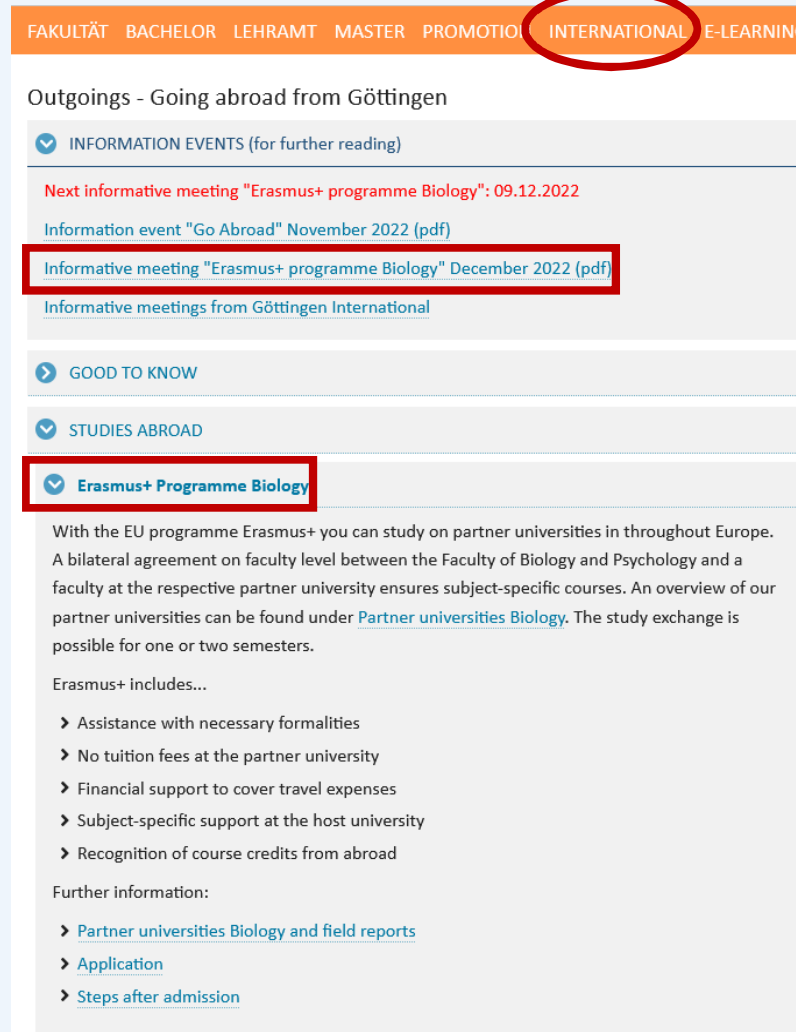
Wildlife Management

Toxicology and Public Health



# Where can I find information?

[biologie.uni-goettingen.de/studyabroad](https://biologie.uni-goettingen.de/studyabroad) --> Outgoings



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## Outgoings - Going abroad from Göttingen

✓ INFORMATION EVENTS (for further reading)

Next informative meeting "Erasmus+ programme Biology": 09.12.2022

Information event "Go Abroad" November 2022 (pdf)

**Informative meeting "Erasmus+ programme Biology" December 2022 (pdf)**

Informative meetings from Göttingen International

➤ GOOD TO KNOW

✓ STUDIES ABROAD

**✓ Erasmus+ Programme Biology**

With the EU programme Erasmus+ you can study on partner universities in throughout Europe. A bilateral agreement on faculty level between the Faculty of Biology and Psychology and a faculty at the respective partner university ensures subject-specific courses. An overview of our partner universities can be found under [Partner universities Biology](#). The study exchange is possible for one or two semesters.

Erasmus+ includes...

- Assistance with necessary formalities
- No tuition fees at the partner university
- Financial support to cover travel expenses
- Subject-specific support at the host university
- Recognition of course credits from abroad

Further information:

- [Partner universities Biology and field reports](#)
- [Application](#)
- [Steps after admission](#)

# Erasmus+: general information

- Universities in Europe -> subject-specific (biology only)
- 1 or 2 semesters (depending on contract)
- Lecture, seminars, laboratory practical's (depending on host university)
- Organizational (and financial support)
  - no tuition fees at host university
  - Erasmus+ scholarship (possibly not for all applicants)
- Accommodation search partly through partner university
- Leave of absence ("Urlaubssemester")
  - not recommended
- Recognition of academic achievements



# Erasmus+ mobility: when

➤ earliest in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester

➤ recommended:

Bachelor

5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> semester

(< 8<sup>th</sup> semester)

Master

3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> semester

(< 6<sup>th</sup> semester)

➤ depends on your individual study plan

# Erasmus+ mobility: how often

Erasmus+ SMS (Study) & Erasmus+ SMP (Internship)

-> applies per study cycle (Bachelor and Master)

- maximum funding of 12 months per study cycle  
12 months in Bachelor + 12 months in Master
- 12 months per cycle can be divided
  - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS & 3 months Erasmus+ SMP
  - 10 months Erasmus+ SMS & 2 months Erasmus+ SMP
  - 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university A & 5 months Erasmus+ SMS university B

# Important: Language

Learn the language of instruction & the country

- common languages: ZESS ([www.zess.uni-goettingen.de](http://www.zess.uni-goettingen.de))
- rare languages: seminars of the Faculty of Humanities
- community college ([www.vhs-goettingen.de](http://www.vhs-goettingen.de))
- Foyer international (<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/2554.html>)



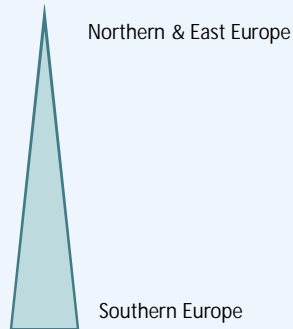
# Erasmus+ partner institutions of Biology

- Aarhus
- Åbo (Turku)
- Barcelona
- Bern
- Bilbao
- Wroclaw
- Budweis
- Ghent
- Goteborg
- Grenoble
- Groningen
- Helsinki
- Kalmar
- Krakow
- La Réunion
- León
- Leuven
- Leiden
- Lund
- Madrid
- Murcia
- Oulu
- Poznan
- Prague
- Rennes
- Rome
- Rotterdam
- Rouen
- Salamanca
- Tallinn
- Turku
- Umeå
- Valencia
- Vienna
- Warsaw
- Zurich



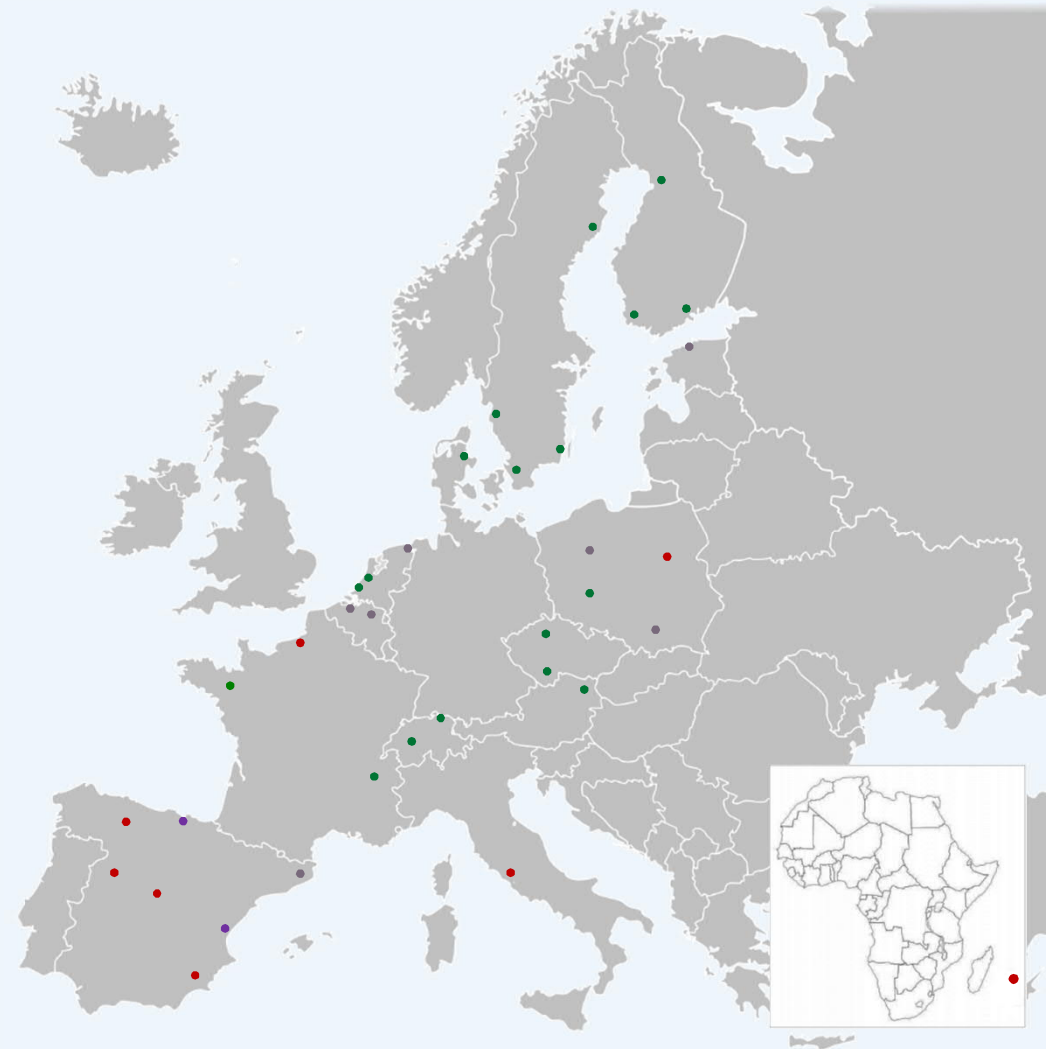
# Erasmus+ partner Biology – courses in English

Basic knowledge of the local language required



Good knowledge of the local language required

- Bachelor and Master courses in English
- only Master courses in English
- only Bachelor courses in English
- Bachelor and Master courses in local language



Check the course catalogue yourself!

# Application procedure - Biology

Students

Check Erasmus+ universities,  
term, language, courses  
consult programme  
coordinator if necessary

December

January

February

March

April

May

Biology International

# Conditions for application

## Study year 23/24

-> autumn term 23/24 and/or spring term 24

- Enrolled at the University of Göttingen
  - application and mobility term
- Application term and mobility term -> same study programme
  - e.g. students in their 1./2. semester apply for the 3./4. semester
  - no application from Bachelor to Master studies
- at least 50 % biological courses must be taken
  - otherwise apply via other faculty (applies to teaching and Biochemistry)
- language requirements must be fulfilled

# Planning - Language requirements

Inform yourself about partner university's language of instruction

-> 50 % of the courses must be taken in the designated language

- Language of instruction English

-> min. level B1 at application

- Language of instruction Spanish or French

-> min. level B1 at application

- all other languages of instruction

-> min. level A2 at application

**proof necessary**  
**Deadline: 31.1.**  
**(31.7. spring term)**

# Planning - Term dates

term date at host university  $\neq$  term dates at Uni Göttingen


- Problem: examination period does overlap with study start
- check semester dates first

Examination abroad possible:

- goal: write exam at host university at the same day and time
- Contact lecturer -> approval necessary
- Find supervisor for examination at host university
- for further information/help contact us

# Planning - study plan

- Courses at partner university
  - Content & Credits /work load
  - Structure (block, whole semester)
  - form of examination & examination period
  - website of the [partner universities](#)
  - field reports
- Study programme at home
  - mandatory courses?
  - winter or summer term ?
  - overlap with examination period in Göttingen ?
  - sufficient time for final thesis ?
- An extension of your study time is tolerable?
- Can you finance the Erasmus study abroad?



make semester plans in advance

Discuss your study plan with your study coordinator!

# Planning - Recognition

Is it necessary/important for me?

Which courses/ course combinations?

## Bachelor

Recognition as:

- Compulsory modules: 😞
- Key competence: 😊
- Optional compulsory module: ?/😊

## Master

Recognition as

- Core module: 😞
- Key competence (without grading): 😊
- Profile module (without grading): ?/😊



contact your programme coordinator  
before your stay abroad

[Office of Studies](#)



# Application procedure - Biology

Students

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Apply -  
Biology  
Göttingen  
until 31.1.

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Biology International

# Application

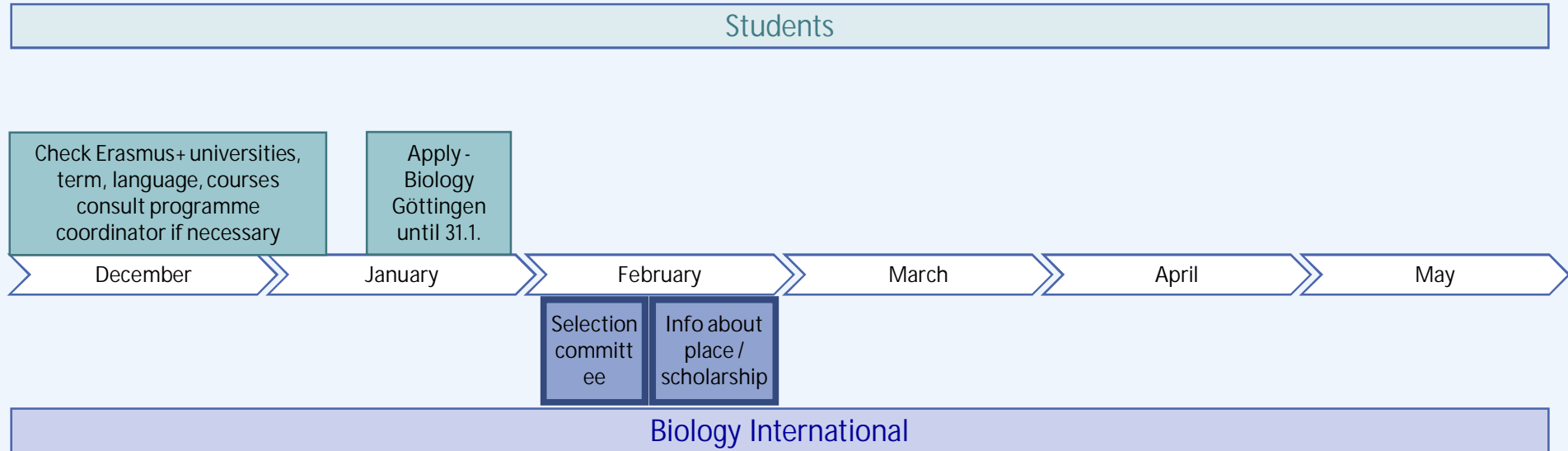
<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/194325.html>

- read the Call (“ Ausschreibungstext ”)
- inform about required documents and required information
  - Time of mobility: start & end date of term (incl. examination period)
- have all documents ready
- MoveOn Portal
  - choose from Erasmus+ Key Action131 23/24 or SEMP 23/24 (Switzerland)
  - choose Biology Universities only (not Psychology)
- **Deadline: 31.1.**
  - only complete applications will be considered
  - first comes first serves does not apply

# G.E.P. or ERASMUS

- Got a G.E.P.- study place offer -> draw back Erasmus application
- G.E.P. vs. Erasmus? -> inform us

# Application procedure - Biology



# Selection criteria

- Personal Motivation (20 %)
  - Language proficiency (language of instruction, local language)
- Professional Motivation (40 %)
- Academic performance (overall grade, study progress) (30 %)
  - Transcript of records including ranking place!
- Financing plan (10 %)
  - cost of travel and living in the destination country
  - your efforts to finance the Erasmus stay abroad (financing plan, sources (Auslands-BAföG), no proof of fortune!)

→ ranking list

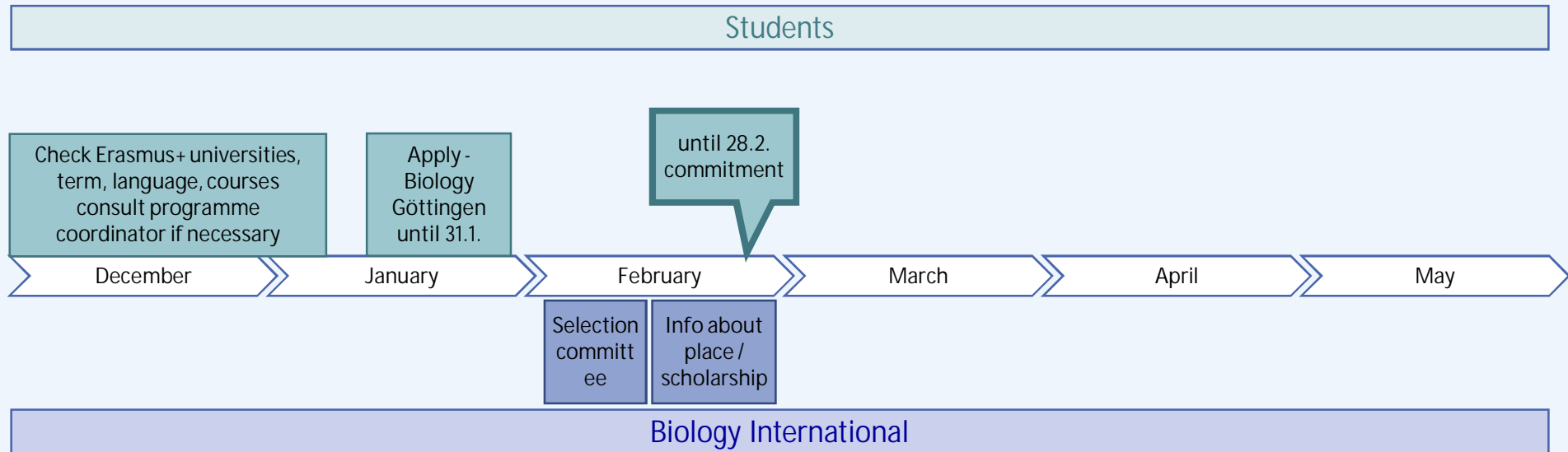
Our place offer:

# Information via e-mail

25.02.23

*Internet access urgently  
required mid Feb - mid March!*

# Application procedure - Biology



# Your place commitment:

# Inform us via e-mail

# 28.02.23

*Internet access urgently  
required mid Feb - mid March!*



## Erasmus+ place - Funding

Place offer  
for a particular university

≠

Scholarship

# Funding: Erasmus scholarship

## Who gets a scholarship

- best applicants receive a scholarship directly -> preliminary quota (7 – 8 students)  
-> **have your own financing plan!**

## If more money is available

- depending on funding allocation by DAAD
- either lottery or all nominated receive a scholarship or
- Information about scholarship note before mid June

# Funding: Erasmus+ scholarship

## Funding

- one semester abroad: min. 3 – max. 5 months
- two semesters abroad: min. 3 – max. 8 months

## Scholarship

- three different country groups
- top up's (social and green mobility)

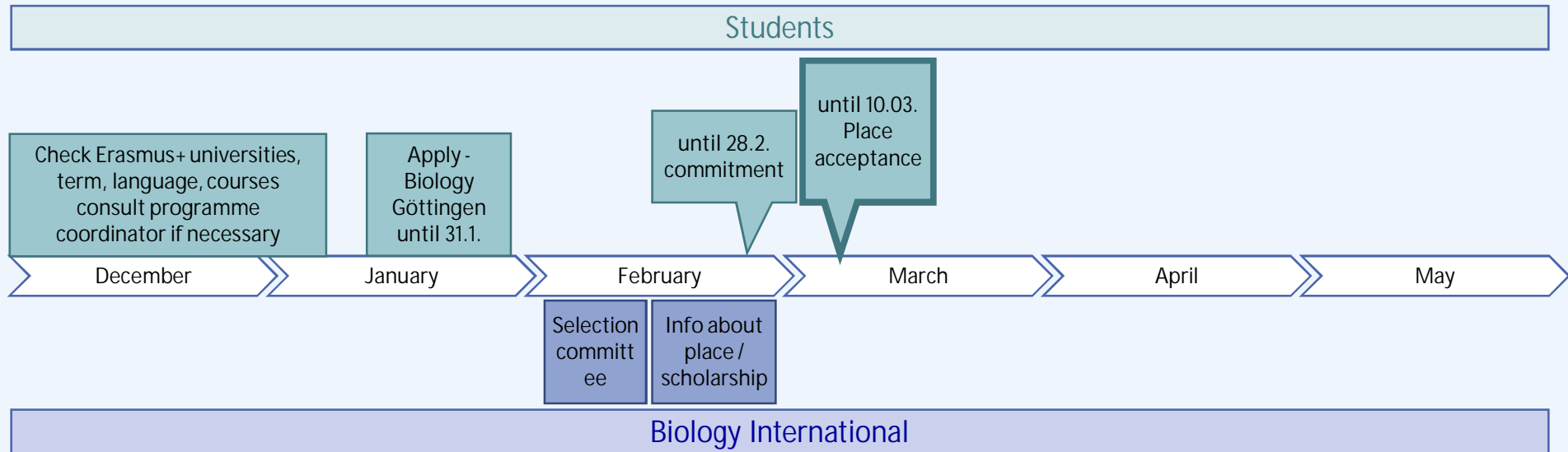
Information:  
[GI website](#)



## Payment

- > in two rates (depends on administrative requirements)
- 80 % during the stay abroad
- 20 % at the end
- paperwork/formalities completed in time -> informational event by GI (June/Nov)
- at least 10 credits successfully completed at the partner university

# Application procedure - Biology



# Erasmus+ place – Your definite acceptance

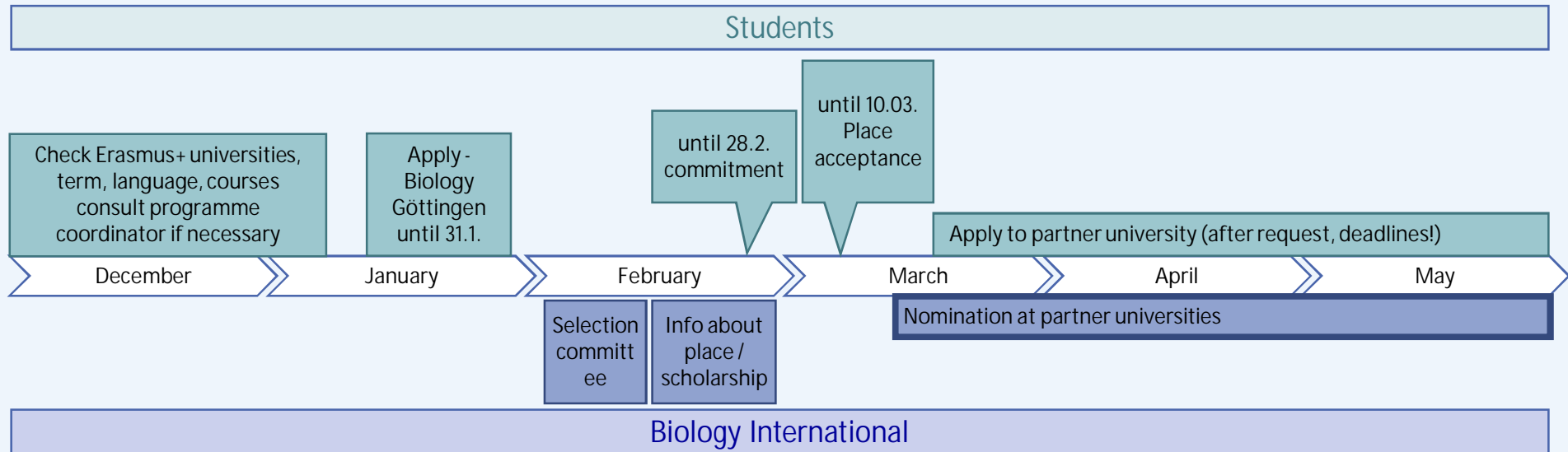
until  
10.03.23  
(via MoveOn)

*Internet access urgently  
required mid Feb - mid March!*

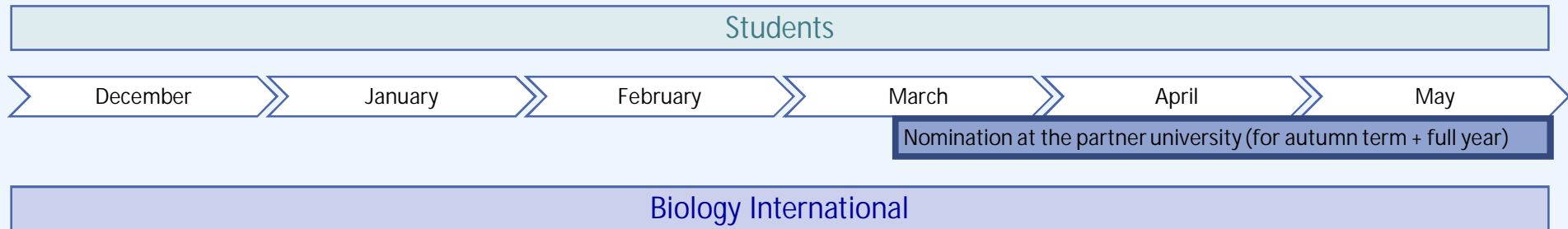
→ Information will provided by us via e-mail

- no reaction: out
- inform us, if you face problems

# Application procedure - Biology



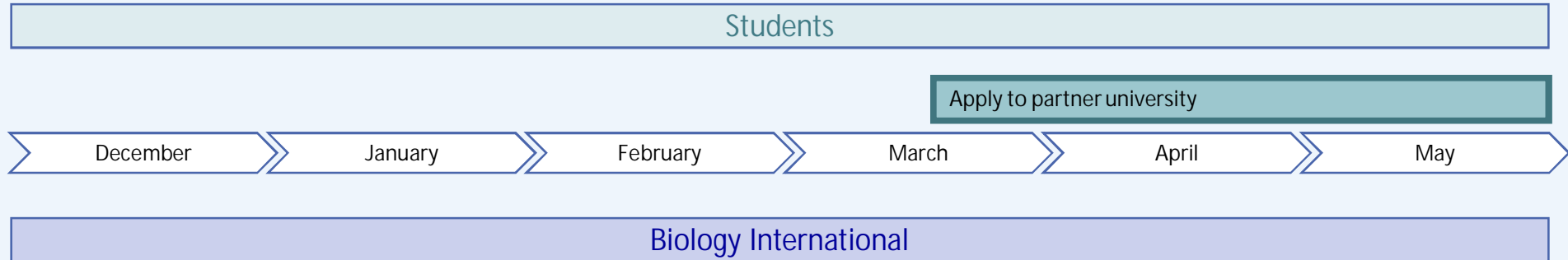
# From applicant to outgoing student



## 1. Nomination at partner university

- by me (International Office Biology)
  - depends on deadline of partner university
    - for autumn term / full year (March – June)
    - for spring term (September)
- You will get informed by us via e-mail

# From applicant to outgoing student



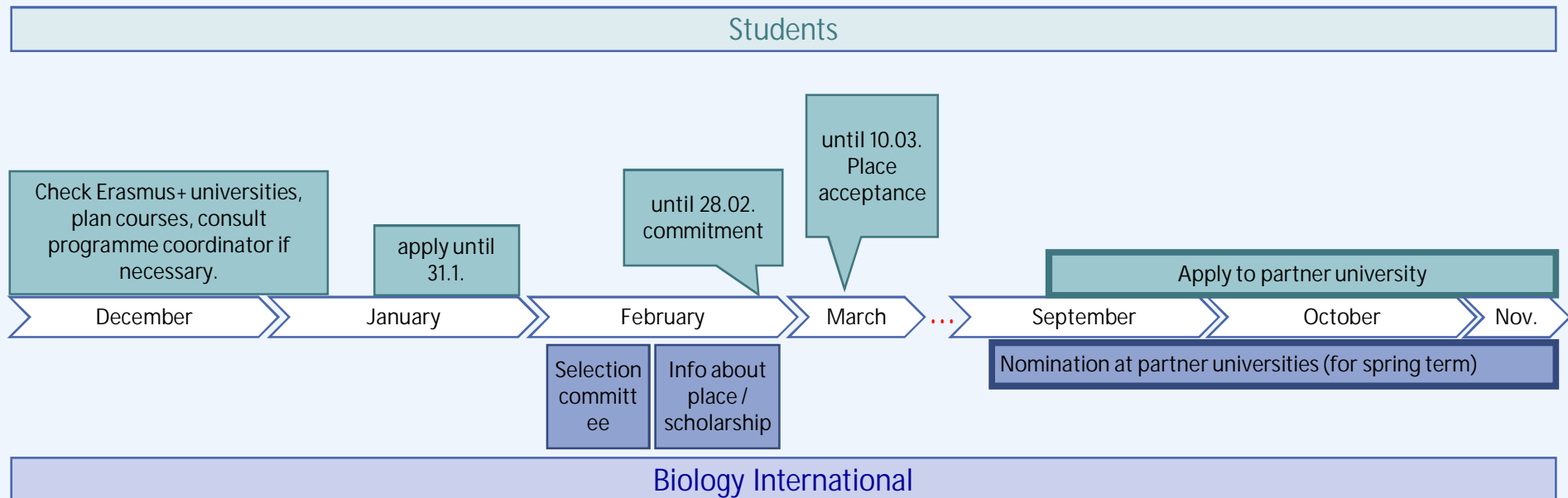
## 2. Application to partner university

- by you (the Erasmus outgoing student)
- Inform yourself about application procedure and required documents
- depends on deadline of partner university
  - for autumn term (March – June)
  - for spring term (September - Oct)

**In case of cancellation by the host university: Inform us immediately!**



# Nomination/Application for spring term



- same procedure -> in the period September - October
- you will receive information by e-mail

# Application: Learning Agreement (LA)

- Choice of courses
  - only courses of the partner faculty
  - Bachelor: as far as possible courses of the Bachelor programme
  - Master: as far as possible courses of the Master programme
  - respect prerequisites of the course(s)
- Credits (guideline: approx. 30 C per term)

→ “Online Learning Agreement” (Dashboard)

# Online Learning Agreement



“Dashboard”

- e-mail from us with information
- enter contact details of host\* and partner university
- needs 3 signatures
  - 1 - student
  - 2 - home university (Anke Schürer)
  - 3 - partner university
- save and upload as PDF (-> MoveON)
- until the mandatory information event of Göttingen International

\* Anke Schürer

# "Paperwork"

- before the stay
- after arrival/during stay abroad
- after the stay

Checklist from Göttingen  
International



# During the mobility - changes

- Changes of course plan can occur
- use O-LA part “During the Mobility”
- Latest until 4 weeks after start of the courses

# Good to know: role of Göttingen International

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/647426.html>

## The International Office

- provides the „Call“ and gives general instructions for procedure
- provides guidelines/checklists
- manages Erasmus+ scholarships (Sandra Schreiber)
- Information event for Outgoings (mandatory!)
  - stay abroad in autumn term -> June
  - stay abroad in spring term -> November
  - contract signing Grant Agreement
  - Learning Agreement ready with all signatures

# Cancellation of your study abroad

Cancellation by you after the definite acceptance

- you must give reasons
- lower priority for future applications for studies abroad
  - applies to Erasmus+, but also Global Exchange Program !

First plan – then apply!!

As soon as the formalities are completed...



# Preparation - Study plan at home

Term before mobility:

- plan your exams
  - start your specialisation/final thesis on time!
  - leave of absence: yes / no?
    - not recommended
    - contra: no examination authorization for examinations & no modules or key competencies can be taken
    - pro: semester does not count as subject semester & reduced semester fee
- Application at the University (Office of Student Affairs)
- [www.uni-goettingen.de/de/52008.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/52008.html)

# Preparation - What else ...

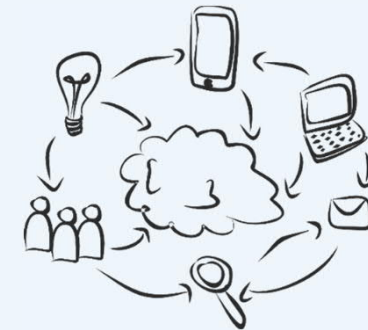
- Travel planning
- Auslands-BAföG: independent of national BAFöG!
- Room rental (temporary)
  - e.g. via [Welcome Center der Uni Göttingen](#)
  - e.g. renting to an Erasmus+ incoming
  - you chose the subtenant!
  - ask the landlord beforehand!



# Roadmap

## 1. Inform yourself about the partner universities

- Websites of the Faculty
- Göttingen International (interactive world map)



## 2. Check the language requirements

- B1 (English, French, Spanish) in language of instruction of the partner university is mandatory
- take language courses/obtain certificates

## 3. Prepare/clarify study plan

## 4. Application via MoveOn portal

- 31.01. for the following academic year

# Contact - Questions

Anke Schürer & Vivien Zöllner  
Departmental Coordinator

## Advisory service

Personal (make appointment)

Online

E-mail (short questions)

[erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:erasbio@biologie.uni-goettingen.de)



Have fun organising  
your semester abroad!