



Erasmus+ Programme
Inter-institutional agreement
Key Action 1
Mobility of higher education students and staff

between EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme
and third countries not associated to the Programme

The institutions¹ named below agree to cooperate for the exchange of students and/or staff in the context of the Erasmus+ programme. This agreement is valid for the **Erasmus+ call year 2024 in:**

- **KA171** Higher education mobility supported by external policy funds

The institutions commit to sound and transparent management of funds allocated to them through Erasmus+ and to respect the quality requirements of the Programme, outlined in the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education² and in this agreement.

The institutions agree on exchanging their mobility-related data according to the principles of GDPR³ and in line with the technical standards of the European Student Card Initiative⁴, when this becomes available for international mobility involving third countries not associated to the Programme.

Sending institutions located in EU/EEA countries have to ensure compliance with the provisions of art. 46 GDPR for all participants' personal data exchanged in the context of their mobility with institutions from non-EU/EEA countries without an adequacy decision, on the condition that enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies for data subjects are available in the respective third country. The participants should be informed in a transparent manner about the level of protection of their personal data, if this is different from the one where the sending institution is located.

¹ Inter-institutional agreements can be bilateral or multilateral in the case of mobility consortia:

- Bilateral agreements are for cooperation between one higher education institution located in an EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme
- Multilateral agreements are for cooperation between a mobility consortium of higher education institutions located in one single EU Member State or third country associated to the Programme and another institution located in a third country not associated to the Programme.

² https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/higher-education-charter_en

³ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/law-topic/data-protection/reform/rules-business-and-organisations/principles-gdpr_en

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/education/education-in-the-eu/european-student-card-initiative_en

1. Information about the higher education institutions

Name of the institution (and department where relevant)	Erasmus code or city ⁵	Contact details ⁶ (email, phone)	Websites
<p>Central University of Haryana OID: E10326346</p> <p>School of Engineering and Technology (Department of Applied Sciences and Humanities) & School of Basic Sciences (Department of Chemistry; Department of Physics & Astrophysics)</p>	Mahendergarh India-123029	<p>Head of the University Prof. Suneel Kumar Registrar Central University of Haryana, India +91-9463054791 Email: registrar@cuh.ac.in</p> <p>Department of Applied Sciences and Humanities: Dr. Anshu, Assistant Professor of Physics, Central University of Haryana, Mahendergarh, Haryana, India anshuphysics@cuh.ac.in +91-9413542121</p>	<p>General: http://www.cuh.ac.in</p> <p>Faculty/School: https://www.cuh.ac.in/soet.aspx</p> <p>Faculty/Staff: https://www.cuh.ac.in/department.aspx?departmentid=6085&subid=3 https://www.cuh.ac.in/department.aspx?departmentid=3077</p>
<p>Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice OID: E10209027</p> <p>Faculty of Science - Institute of Chemistry - Department of Inorganic Chemistry</p>	SK KOSICE02	<p>International Relations Office <i>Erasmus+ institutional coordinator:</i> Mgr. Mária Vasiľová, PhD. +421 55 234 1159 maria.vasilova@upjs.sk zahrodd@upjs.sk</p> <p><i>Contact person:</i> Mgr. Veronika Petruňová +421 55 234 1679 veronika.petrunova@upjs.sk zahrodd@upjs.sk</p> <p><i>Address:</i> International Relations and Internationalisation Office (IRO), Šrobárova 2, 04180 Košice, Slovakia</p> <p>Department of Inorganic Chemistry: doc. RNDr. Miroslav Almáši PhD. miroslav.almasi@upjs.sk +42155 234 2366</p>	<p>General: https://www.upjs.sk/en/</p> <p>Faculty/faculties: https://www.upjs.sk/prirodovedecka-fakulta/en/</p> <p>Course catalogue, academic calendar: https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/calendar-catalogue/</p> <p>KA171: https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p>

⁵ Higher education institutions (HEIs) from EU Member States or third countries associated to the Programme should indicate their Erasmus code; HEIs from third countries not associated to the Programme should mention the city where they are located.

⁶ Contact details to reach the senior officer in charge of this agreement and of its possible updates.

2. Mobility numbers per PROJECT DURATION

The partners agree to update the mobility data, whenever possible, by no later than the end of January in the preceding academic year formally via an amendment of the inter-institutional agreement. *In case of later updates in the mobility data, the partners can also agree to accept informal communication means (e.g. exchanges of emails as written proof).*

Number of staff and student mobility periods

FROM [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	Field of education [ISCED] ⁷ (optional)	Field of education - clarification (optional)	Number of mobility periods	
				Staff Mobility for Teaching [Total number of staff, Total number of days]	Staff Mobility for Training [Total number of staff, Total number of days]
Mahendergarh	SK KOSICE02	0531 / 0533	Chemistry /Physics	-	2 staff each for 16 days of activity (and 2 days of travel)
SK KOSICE02	Mahendergarh	0533	Chemistry	-	2 staff each for 12 days of activity (and 2 days of travel)

FROM [Erasmus code or city of the sending institution]	TO [Erasmus code or city of the receiving institution]	Field of education [ISCED] ⁸ (optional)	Field of education - clarification (optional)	Level of education [EQF] (optional)	Number of mobility periods	
					Student Mobility for Studies [Total number of students, Total number of months]	Student Mobility for Traineeships [Total number of students, Total number of months]
Mahendergarh	SK KOSICE02	0531 / 0533	Chemistry / Physics	PhD.	-	2 students each for 2 months

Optional additional information

e.g. blended mobility, etc. – N/A

⁷ <https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf>

⁸ <https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/286ebac6-aa7c-4ada-a42b-ff2cf3a442bf/ISCED-F%202013%20-%20Detailed%20field%20descriptions.pdf>

3. Recommended language skills

The sending institution, following agreement with the receiving institution, is responsible for providing support to its nominated candidates so that they can have the recommended language skills⁹ at the start of the mobility period (see also section 5 "Preparation and Support").

Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Field of education (Optional)	Language of instruction 1	Language of instruction 2	Recommended level	
				Student Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages: B1]	Staff Mobility [Minimum recommended level in at least one of the languages for teaching]
SK KOSICE02		English		B2	B2
Mahendergarh		English		N/A	B2

For more details on the language of instruction recommendations, see the course catalogue of each institution. The links to the course catalogue are provided in the first section.

4. Partnership arrangements: fees and organisational support funds

In accordance with the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education, partners commit to charge no additional fees to students:

- In connection with the organisation or administration of their Erasmus+ credit mobility period at their institution. Any violation to this rule by the partners shall be brought to the attention of the National Agency and may lead to the termination of the participation in the project linked to this inter-institutional agreement, if no corrective measures are taken.
- For tuition, registration, examinations or access to laboratory and library facilities. Nevertheless, they may be charged small fees on the same basis as local students for costs such as insurance, student unions and the use of miscellaneous material.

5. Outreach and Selection of participants: calendar, application procedure and requirements

- Normally, the sending institution selects participants, and nominates them to be accepted or rejected by the receiving institution. Some institutions may prefer to set joint procedures, including for example joint selection panels to ensure consistent selection of participants.
- The sending and the receiving institution should have a common understanding regarding selection of participants and should have set a basic timeline and identified the colleagues responsible for the nomination of students and staff.

⁹ For an easier and consistent understanding of language requirements, it is recommended to use the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

<http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/resources/european-language-levels-cefr>

- Partners commit to doing outreach to participants with fewer opportunities to encourage their participation in the Programme and, where needed, agree on a common strategy to meet indicative inclusion targets.
- Partners commit to running selection procedures for mobility activities that are fair, transparent and documented, ensuring equal opportunities to participants eligible for mobility. The calls for applications must be public and an appeal procedure must be in place. Institutions shall take the necessary measures to prevent any conflict of interest with regard to persons who may be invited to take part in the selection bodies or selection process. Selection criteria and procedures must be clearly communicated in the call for applications.
- Under no circumstances, shall applicants and selected participants incur any costs during application and selection procedures.
- In the case of student mobility, partners will ensure that other elements beyond academic merit are taken into account to ensure participation of students with fewer opportunities.
- A student can go on mobility several times, up to a maximum of 12 months per study cycle (excluding time covered by virtual components during a blended mobility). Prior experience under Erasmus+ mobility for higher education students (KA103, KA131, KA107, KA171) and as scholarship holders of Erasmus Mundus Master Courses and Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees is taken into account for the maximum of 12 months. However, participation in Erasmus Mundus Master Courses and Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees as self-financing participants is not taken into account.
- After the selection of participants, the partner institution is obliged to send to the International Relations and Internationalisation Office of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice a scanned copy of the record of the selection procedure.

Nomination and application procedure - deadlines		
Applications/information on nominated students and staff must reach the receiving institution by:		
Receiving institution [Erasmus code or city]	Term duration	Deadline¹⁰
SK KOSICE02	1st (Winter) Term: from 2nd half of September to mid- February	<p><u>Students:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p>This Inter-institutional agreement is signed within The project is valid from 01.08.2024 until 31.07.2027 and therefore, all mobilities within this project must be completed by 31.07.2027. However, the planned periods of</p>

¹⁰ Please specify the deadline for each term and, if necessary, adapt to a trimester system.

		<p>participants' mobilities have to be arranged with the receiving institution in advance with respect to the academic calendar.</p>
	<p>2nd (Summer) Term: approx. from mid-February to end of June</p>	<p><u>Students:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p>The project is valid from 01.08.2024 until 31.07.2027 and therefore, all mobilities within this project must be completed by 31.07.2027. However, the planned periods of participants' mobilities have to be arranged with the receiving institution in advance with respect to the academic calendar.</p>
Mahendergarh	<p>1st (Winter) Term: from 1st half of August to mid-January</p>	<p><u>Students:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p>This Inter-institutional agreement is signed within The project is valid from 01.08.2024 until 31.07.2027 and therefore, all mobilities within this project must be completed by 31.07.2027. However, the planned periods of participants' mobilities have to be arranged with the receiving institution in advance with respect to the academic calendar.</p>
	<p>2nd (Summer) Term: approx. from 1st February to Mid July.</p>	<p><u>Students:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> based on the individual agreement between institutions</p> <p>The project is valid from 01.08.2024 until 31.07.2027 and therefore, all mobilities within this project must be completed by 31.07.2027. However, the planned periods of participants' mobilities have to be arranged with the receiving institution in advance with respect to the academic calendar.</p>

The receiving institution will send its decision within 5 weeks and no later than 5 weeks. The partners commit to have a fair, transparent, coherent and documented application and selection procedure outlined in their respective websites and regularly updated, together with the contact details of the relevant department:

Nomination and application procedure – contact details

Receiving Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email)	Website for information
SK KOSICE02	veronika.petrunova@upjs.sk / zahrodd@upjs.sk +421 55 234 1679	https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/
Mahendergarh	anshuphysics@cuh.ac.in registrar@cuh.ac.in	http://www.cuh.ac.in https://www.cuh.ac.in/department.aspx?departmentid=6085&subid=3

Academic and additional requirements

This table should contain a non-exhaustive list of academic and additional requirements. For KA171 partners are invited to agree on the specific inclusion measures.

Requirement	Details	Website for information (optional)
Academic requirements	<p><i>Staff mobilities from SK KOSICE02 to Mahendergarh:</i></p> <p>- pre-acceptance letter from the Central University of Haryana, relevance of specialization of the staff member (preference: porous materials), if more staff members apply, a preference is given to a staff member(s) who initiated a cooperation</p> <p><i>Staff mobilities from Mahendergarh to SK KOSICE02:</i></p> <p>pre-acceptance letter from the UPJS, relevance of specialization of the staff member (preference: Physical Chemistry), if more staff members apply, a preference is given to a staff member(s) who initiated a cooperation</p> <p><i>Student mobilities from Mahendergarh to SK KOSICE02:</i></p> <p>pre-acceptance letter from the UPJS, relevance of specialization of the PhD student (preference: Physical Chemistry), if more students apply, a preference is given to the PhD student of staff member(s) who initiated a cooperation.</p>	
CV	<p><i>Staff mobilities from SK KOSICE02 to Mahendergarh:</i></p> <p>not required</p> <p><i>Staff mobilities from Mahendergarh to SK</i></p>	

	<p><i>KOSICE02:</i> not required</p> <p><i>Student mobilities from Mahendergarh to SK</i> Not required</p>	
Motivation letter	<p><i>Staff mobilities from SK KOSICE02 to Mahendergarh:</i> not required</p> <p><i>Staff mobilities from Mahendergarh to SK KOSICE02:</i> not required</p> <p><i>Student mobilities from Mahendergarh to SK KOSICE02:</i> Not required</p>	
For KA171: Inclusion measures ¹¹	<p><i>For KA171:</i> Targeted categories of participants with fewer opportunities (see Erasmus+ Programme Guide) To further enhance the inclusion dimension of KA171, partners are encouraged to discuss indicative targets during selection process.</p>	<p>SK KOSICE02: https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p>
Other		

6. Preparation and support

The higher education institution(s) in an EU Member State or associated third country commit(s) to:

- Ensure that students are aware of their rights and obligations as defined in the [Erasmus+ Student Charter](#)¹².
- Arrange travels or provide a pre-financing of the grant to **reduce the costs that participants need to cover upfront**, to the extent possible.

All involved higher education institutions commit to the following preparation and support measures. Information and assistance can be provided by the contact points and information sources in the table below:

- The receiving institution will guide incoming mobile participants in finding **accommodation**, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education. It is considered best practice to use the individual grant to pay for the deposit of dormitories.

¹¹ You may find the implementation guidelines of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Inclusion and Diversity Strategy here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/implementation-guidelines-erasmus-and-european-solidarity-corps-inclusion-and-diversity_en

¹² The Erasmus+ Student Charter is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/documents/applicants/student-charter_en

- Ensure that outgoing mobile participants are well prepared for their activities abroad, including blended mobility, by undertaking activities to achieve the necessary level of **linguistic proficiency** and develop their **intercultural competences**.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining **visas**, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and, if needed, use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full.
- Provide assistance related to obtaining **insurance**, when required, for incoming and outgoing mobile participants, according to the requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education and use project funds in the most inclusive way to cover related costs partially or in full. The receiving institution will inform mobile participants of cases in which insurance cover is not automatically provided.
- The receiving institution will inform about the existence of relevant infrastructure and provide support to incoming **participants with fewer opportunities**.
- Provide **appropriate mentoring and support arrangements** for mobile participants, including for those pursuing blended mobility, as well as **integrate incoming mobile participants** into the wider student community and in the Institution's everyday life.
- Provide participants with their **grant as soon as possible upon arrival**, including if necessary a first payment using cash, check or similar to avoid delays linked to opening a bank account.
- The institutions commit to encourage participants to act as **ambassadors of the Erasmus+ Programme** and share their mobility experience, e.g. by providing information about the existence of Erasmus+ alumni networks, inviting former participants in promotion activities, etc.

Preparatory & support measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	SK KOSICE02	veronika.petrunova@upjs.sk / zahrodd@upjs.sk +421 55 234 1679	https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/onepoint/
Language Support			
Visa			https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/onepoint/
Insurance			The incoming participants have to ensure an insurance covering the entire duration of the mobility including the days of travel. An incoming participant has to send a copy of the insurance to the International Relations and Internationalisation Office of SK KOSICE02 before the start of the mobility

			<p>for the whole duration of the mobility including the days of travel. For staff: an insurance of medical expenses is compulsory. For students for traineeships: an insurance of medical expenses, accident insurance and liability insurance are compulsory. The participant is recommended to also take out other types of insurance policies, as they may deem fit.</p> <p>https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p> <p>https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/onepoint/</p>
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities			<p>We offer assistance to welcome students and staff with fewer opportunities or disabilities. However, the International Relations and Internationalisation Office of SK KOSICE02 must be informed about it during the application procedure since the options we offer them and their acceptance are conditioned by state and university regulations and possibilities. Students and staff with fewer opportunities can apply for an additional financial support in addition to a standard individual support and travel support (top-up or/and special grant depending on the situation) to cover the extra costs related to their situation. However, the International Relations and Internationalisation Office of SK KOSICE02 must be informed about it during the application procedure in order to verify the eligibility/the right of the staff member/the student to this additional financial support and to proceed with further administrative steps in time.</p> <p>https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p>
Mentoring			<p>https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p>
Grant payments			<p>https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p>
Alumni information			<p>https://www.upjs.sk/en/information/international-relations/erasmus/ka171/</p>

Preparatory & support measures	Institution [Erasmus code or city]	Contact details (email, phone)	Website for information & arrangements
Accommodation	Mahendargarh	registrar@cuh.ac.in	http://www.cuh.ac.in

Language Support		registrar@cuh.ac.in	http://www.cuh.ac.in
Visa		registrar@cuh.ac.in	http://www.cuh.ac.in
Insurance		registrar@cuh.ac.in	The incoming participants have to ensure an insurance covering the entire duration of the mobility including the days of travel. For staff, an insurance of medical expenses is compulsory. The participant is recommended to also take out other types of insurance policies, as they may deem fit.
Inclusion of participants with fewer opportunities		registrar@cuh.ac.in	Our university has basic infrastructure for attending students and staff with reduced mobility. http://www.cuh.ac.in
Mentoring		registrar@cuh.ac.in anshuphysics@cuh.ac.in	http://www.cuh.ac.in
Grant payments		N/A	N/A
Alumni information		registrar@cuh.ac.in	http://www.cuh.ac.in

7. Recognition

Institutions commit to:

- Ensure recognition for activities satisfactorily completed. *[Please specify the recognition tools that will be used, e.g. [the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System.](#)]*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SK KOSICE02: European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) • N/A

- Ensure that student and staff mobility for education or training purposes is based on a learning agreement for students and a mobility agreement for staff validated in advance between the sending and receiving institutions or non-academic organisations and the mobile participants.
- Accept all activities indicated in the learning agreement, or according to the learning outcomes of the modules completed abroad, as automatically counting towards the degree, provided these have been satisfactorily completed by the mobile student.
- Partners commit to taking measures to ensure recognition of student and staff mobility upon their return, including:
 - o Providing incoming mobile students and their sending institutions with free-of-charge transcripts. The documents must be in English or in the language of the sending institution and containing a full, accurate and timely record of the achievements at the end of the mobility period.
 - o A Transcript of Records will be issued by the receiving institution no later than 5 weeks after the assessment period has finished at the receiving

HEI. [it should normally not exceed five weeks according to the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education guidelines]

- o Providing students on traineeships and staff with a certificate for the activities completed. It is recommended to issue a certificate towards the end of the mobility period.

8. Grading systems of the institutions

It is recommended that receiving institutions provide the statistical distribution of grades or make the information available through [EGRACONS](#) according to the descriptions in the [ECTS users' guide](#)¹³. The table will facilitate the interpretation of each grade awarded to students and will facilitate the credit transfer by the sending institution.

Institution [Erasmus code or city]	EGRACONS [If applicable]	Website for information
SK KOSICE02		<p>Grading system is described in: a/ for 1st, 2nd and combined 2nd degree of study: (Article 13) https://intranet.upjs.sk/op/op.Public.php?documentid=5829</p> <p>The following grading scale shall be employed at the University for the assessment of the study results: a) A – excellent (excellent results) (numerical value 1), b) B – very good (above-average results) (1.5), c) C – good (average results) (2), d) D – satisfactory (acceptable results) (2.5), e) E – sufficient (results meet the minimum criteria) (3), f) FX –failed (further work is required) (4), g) X – non-graded (did not pass, did not meet the required minimum criteria) (4).</p> <p>The course shall be deemed successfully completed if the student has obtained the rating from A to E or passed it</p> <p>b/ for 3rd degree of study: https://www.upjs.sk/app/uploads/2022/11/phd-study-regulations-upjs-2019.pdf</p> <p>The statistical distribution of grades is available separately for each course in the course information letter (Course Catalogue)</p>
Mahendergarh		https://www.cuh.ac.in/CUH-Ordinances.aspx

¹³ The ECTS user's guide is available here: https://ec.europa.eu/education/resources-and-tools/document-library/ects-users-guide_en


9. Any other information regarding the terms of the agreement (optional)

This Inter-institutional agreement is signed within the 2024 call for proposals for Erasmus+ KA171. The project is valid from 01.08.2024 until 31.07.2027 and therefore, all mobilities within this project must be completed by 31.07.2027. However, the planned periods of participants' mobilities have to be arranged with the receiving institution in advance with respect to the academic calendar.

10. Termination of the agreement

It is up to the involved institutions to agree on the procedure for modifying or terminating the inter-institutional agreement. However, in the event of unilateral termination, a notice of at least one academic year should be given. This means that a unilateral decision to discontinue the exchanges notified to the other party by 1 September 20XX will only take effect as of 1 September 20XX+1. The termination clauses must include the following disclaimer: "Neither the European Commission nor the National Agencies can be held responsible in case of a conflict."

SIGNATURES OF THE INSTITUTIONS (legal representatives)

Institution [Erasmus code or name and city]	Name, function	Date	Signature ¹⁴
SK KOSICE02	Mgr. Mária Vasil'ová, PhD. Erasmus+ institutional coordinator	22.04.2026	 Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika Košice Šrobárova 2, 041 80 Košice -20-
Central University of Haryana Mahendergarh	Head of the University Prof. Suneel Kumar Registrar Central University of Haryana, India +91-9463054791 Email: registrar@cuh.ac.in		 कुलसचिव /Registrar हरियाणा केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय Central University of Haryana महेन्द्रगढ़, हरियाणा- 123029 Mahendergarh, Haryana- 123029

* Only the central authority at the institution can officially apply for ICM and sign documents related to the application and the beneficiary grant agreement, not the individual faculties or departments. This legal representative is typically the rector of that institution.

The signature of official documents can be delegated to another representative (such as the dean of a faculty) in exceptional cases and on the condition that the signature by duly delegated deans also commits other services of the institution, such as the admissions office, international office, student support functions, where necessary to the fully implementing and respecting the inter-institutional agreement and learning/mobility agreements.

The European Commission has not set any rules concerning the use of electronic signatures. National Agencies may accept scanned signatures in accordance with national legislation.

¹⁴ Scanned copies of signatures or digital signatures may be accepted depending on the national legislation