

ERASMUS DAYS 2026

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Erasmus Staff Mobility for Training

From **Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University of Fez, Morocco** to **University of Palermo, Italy**

“As part of the COMMO VIII project, and following my contacts with the University of Palermo, I had the opportunity to undertake a staff mobility for teaching purposes from 15 to 19 June 2026. This mobility was carried out as a lecturer and researcher from Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University of Fez, Morocco, at the University of Palermo, Italy.

This experience represents an important milestone in my academic and professional career. It enabled me to strengthen the links between my home university and the University of Palermo, while promoting academic, pedagogical, and scientific exchanges with Italian colleagues. The various meetings, discussions, and activities carried out during this mobility allowed me to discover new teaching approaches, share my own experience, and identify new opportunities for collaboration in the fields of education and research.

This mobility also gave me a better understanding of the importance of the Euro-Mediterranean area as a space for dialogue, exchange, and cooperation. Interactions with lecturers, researchers, and members of the academic community in Palermo allowed me to gain a deeper insight into the Italian academic environment and strengthened my conviction that international mobility is an essential means of promoting mutual understanding, knowledge sharing, and the development of long-term academic collaborations.

One of the most memorable aspects of this experience was the exchange with Prof. Pietro Romano and the members of the L.E.PR.E. High Voltage Laboratory. Discussions about our scientific and teaching experiences allowed me to discover new perspectives in the fields of research and education. They also showed me that, despite differences between our university systems and cultures, we share common objectives: transmitting knowledge, advancing research, encouraging innovation, and contributing to the education and development of future generations.

This experience therefore strengthened my view of the university as an open and international environment, where cultural differences represent a genuine source of enrichment, dialogue, and cooperation.

Through this mobility, I also developed several skills, particularly in intercultural communication, collaborative work, and adaptation to an international academic environment. I was able to broaden my scientific and pedagogical perspectives and gain a greater appreciation of the importance of sharing experiences and knowledge between universities on both shores of the Mediterranean.

In my view, programmes such as Erasmus+ and projects such as COMMO VIII play an essential role in strengthening cooperation between European and Mediterranean universities. They not only facilitate the mobility of lecturers, researchers, and students, but also promote knowledge sharing, the development of academic networks, and the establishment of sustainable scientific collaborations. They also contribute to strengthening dialogue between Mediterranean societies by promoting mutual understanding, respect for cultural diversity, and relationships based on trust and cooperation.

I would like to express my sincere and warm thanks to Prof. Pietro Romano, Full Professor and Head of the L.E.PR.E. High Voltage Laboratory at the University of Palermo, for his warm welcome, availability, guidance, and the quality of the scientific and pedagogical exchanges throughout my

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This experience in Palermo will remain an important and unforgettable milestone in my academic and professional career. It is a strong source of motivation for me to continue and develop scientific and pedagogical collaborations between Morocco and Europe and to contribute, in my own way, to strengthening Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.”