

Student Experience Report

Erasmus+ Study Mobility - University of Zaragoza, Spain

Host university	University of Zaragoza - School of Engineering and Architecture
Degree programme	European Master in Renewable Energy (EUREC)
Mobility period	19 January - 4 June 2026 (5.5 months)

Preparation

I completed my Erasmus+ mobility at the University of Zaragoza as part of the European Master in Renewable Energy (EUREC). Preparation focused mainly on selecting a coherent course package, agreeing the recognition of credits in the Learning Agreement, and coordinating the administrative steps between the University of Oldenburg and the host institution. For a technically specialised mobility, it is especially important to check the module names, ECTS values and intended recognition in advance. Keeping signed copies of the Learning Agreement and all later changes makes the final recognition process considerably easier.

Travel and arrival

My academic stay took place from 19 January 2026 to 4 June 2026. For future participants, I recommend arriving a few days before the start of classes in order to settle in, organise practical matters and become familiar with the city and university facilities. Zaragoza is well connected within Spain, and planning the journey early helps avoid unnecessary stress at the beginning of the semester.

Accommodation

Accommodation should be organised as early as possible. A room with reasonable access to the School of Engineering and Architecture and to the city centre makes daily life much easier. Future students should compare several options, clarify the conditions of the contract carefully and make sure that the location works both for attending classes and for everyday activities.

Study at the host university

The academic part of the stay was highly relevant to my degree programme. I completed 30 ECTS in English-taught courses covering photovoltaic power systems, wind-energy generation and control, smart grids and electric mobility, protection systems in smart grids, power quality, the impact of renewable generation on electric power systems, and optimisation of hybrid renewable-generation systems. This course package provided a coherent technical specialisation in grid integration and distributed generation.

The workload required continuous engagement with technical material, assignments and examinations. The topics complemented each other well: the courses combined renewable-generation technologies with grid operation, protection, power quality and optimisation. The successful completion of the 30 ECTS credits also provides a clear basis for the recognition process at the University of Oldenburg, which had already been outlined in the Learning Agreement.

Everyday life and leisure time

Studying abroad is not limited to the academic programme. Living in a different university environment and interacting with students from different backgrounds is valuable in itself. Keeping a regular routine during the semester, while also leaving time to explore the city and take part in social activities, is a good way to make the most of the mobility period. Zaragoza offers a good setting for combining a demanding engineering programme with day-to-day student life.

Overall experience and conclusion

Overall, the stay at the University of Zaragoza was a valuable part of the EUREC programme. The strongest aspect was the opportunity to study a focused set of renewable-energy and power-system subjects in a different academic setting while obtaining a full semester of credits. The most demanding part was the administrative coordination needed before and after the mobility, especially ensuring that course titles, ECTS values and recognition arrangements were documented consistently.

My main advice to future students is to prepare the Learning Agreement carefully, save every signed document, organise accommodation early and not wait until the end of the stay to clarify recognition questions. It is also worth taking the academic workload seriously from the beginning: the courses are specialised, but they offer a useful perspective on renewable-energy integration, smart grids and modern power systems.

Dos and Don'ts

- Do finalise the Learning Agreement and the recognition plan before the mobility starts.
- Do keep digital copies of the Confirmation of Stay, Transcript of Records and all signed documents.
- Do organise accommodation and practical arrangements early.
- Do communicate promptly with both universities if a course, date or document changes.
- Don't assume that recognition is automatic without submitting the required documents after the stay.
- Don't leave the final Erasmus+ paperwork until the last minute.