Subject: Extract from the University Travel Rules – International Travel Permits

From: Academic Mobility Policy Unit

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**To:** Faculty Travel Coordinators, Finance Units **Category:** Reference – Travel Governance Policy

This document summarizes the current university policy concerning **international travel permits** under the University Travel Governance Framework, effective since 2015.

## **Permit Authorization Structure**

According to Section 3.2 of the policy:

- 1. **All international travel** undertaken by university employees must be pre-approved through the travel permit system before arrangements are finalized.
- 2. Approval follows a two-tier model:
  - Supervisor Approval: Mandatory for all travel.
  - o **Director Approval:** Required *only* in the following cases:
    - Estimated costs exceed €5,000
    - Travel duration exceeds 7 calendar days
    - Travel overlaps with periods of faculty closure or statutory holidays
    - Travel involves external representation (e.g., consular meetings, interuniversity negotiations)
- 3. Permit approvals are recorded in the centralized mobility database and time-stamped at each approval stage.

## **Declaration Requirements**

The policy further outlines that **post-travel declarations** are to be:

- Submitted within 30 calendar days of trip end
- Reviewed by the same supervisor who approved the original permit
- Verified by the Finance Office for budget compliance

## **Notes**

- No other roles (e.g., pre-approvers, controllers) are formally involved in permit authorization.
- Directors may delegate approval power but are accountable for oversights in their faculty's international mobility program.

Any updates to this policy will be announced by the Vice-Rector for Administration.

For questions, please consult the full governance framework or contact travelpolicy@university.edu.