

2013 Task Force Reports

Task Force Student Mobility

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1) Task Force Meetings

The TF Student Mobility met twice in 2013. The first meeting was held in March in Helsinki. Updates and preparations were made on the research mobility scheme. Our second meeting was held in Strasbourg in November 2013 as part of the first promotion tour. Main task was the selection of the grantees of the research mobility scheme and the information sessions for students and staff.

2) Research Mobility Scheme

Follow up on the 2012 round: One student (Brno) cancelled, one (Graz) postponed to 2014. The cancelled grant was carried over into 2013.

2013 round: This was the second round of the newly introduced mobility scheme. A total of 19 first choice applications were received, with a total of 25 UN members involved. All applications were eligible. The TF had a total of 10 +1 scholarships available, so it was decided to ask for an additional 8 grants from the SC. The SC accepted the proposal and 19 scholarships could be allocated. One student (Malta) was denied the scholarship due to a breach of rules. The situation

was unclear for the student and his home university, so amendments for the next round will need to be made to avoid such a misunderstanding again.

3) Statistics

Collection of the statistics has become significantly easier since the data collected has been simplified.

4) Paper on the evaluation of agreements

The paper on agreements was first presented to the SC and the whole UN in spring 2013. During the AGM all members were asked to forward amendments to the TF Student Mobility. Only one feedback was received and the paper adjusted accordingly. With the new ERASMUS+ finally getting started the use of this paper might have to be re-thought.

5) Examples for best practice within student mobility

The TF selected the following topics of Best Practice for both incoming and outgoing

- crisis handling and safety,
- language requirements,
- quality assurance in exchange

Gerald Zimmermann will send a message to the UN and ask for feedback on these topics. If there is enough feedback, a best practice guide will be drawn up. If not, we'll leave it at that.

6) Promotion tour

Strasbourg kindly offered to host the TF and act as a test university for the promotion tour. Sessions for both students and academic advisors (multipliers) were held. Unfortunately, only a small number of students (<10) and staff (<5) attended. Still, interest was very good. The TF needs to revise the mode of presentations though. Firstly, only a handful of fun facts, which were supposed to be used to promote universities in an innovative way, were received. Trine will send out another reminder to the whole UN. Secondly, presenting all universities is too time consuming and not in the interest of the promotion tour. In the future the TF will focus on promoting universities with fewer incomings than outgoings as well as involving former outgoings as ambassadors. Also the mode of presentation will switch from Powerpoint to Prezi.

7) Update on Homepage

The TF assigned one member to act as contact person for the TF Promotion and Profiling and any updates necessary on the homepage.

8) Budget

The TF received extra funding for the promotion tour and the research mobility scheme. Due to individual members not being able to attend meetings in Helsinki and Strasbourg, quite a bit of money was saved. The TF would like to carry that money over into 2014 (see financial requests).

2013 Budget - €9,173 (Task Force) & €1,000 (Promotion Tour)

Expenditure

Helsinki meeting - €2,841
Antwerp Workshop prep meeting - €1,013
Strasbourg meeting - €3,134
Total expenditure - €6,988

Unspent balance - €3,185