

Action required – for information and discussion

Annual Report 2014 Task Force Student Mobility

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1) Task Force Meetings

The TF Student Mobility met twice in 2014. The first meeting was held in March in Utrecht. Updates and amendments due to Erasmus + as well as preparations were made on the research mobility scheme.

Our second meeting was held in Bergen in November 2014 as part of the second promotion tour. Main task was the selection of the grantees of the research mobility scheme and the information sessions for students and staff. Also, Marleen from Utrecht has introduced the topic of Experience with Intercultural Development/Learning/Competences at an EAIE Academy Seminar. If there is enough interest, this might become a new initiative, a staff training topic, a workshop before the AGM etc.

2) Research Mobility Scheme

2014 round: At this point nominations are still pending. As Petra Rabitsch, as head of the TF was not present at the Bergen meeting, no further information can be provided to the SC at this point regarding application numbers and selected candidates.

3) Statistics

Collection of the statistics has become significantly easier since the data collected has been simplified. Erasmus institutional codes have been included upon request during the AGM 2014.

4) Open Agreements

A questionnaire was created and sent out to all UN member universities on December 3rd 2014.

The questionnaire was kept short and covered 3 basic questions.

A. Can you send students openly? If not, please explain.

B. Can you accept students openly? If not, please explain.

C. If you can accept students openly, are there any restrictions? If yes, please explain.

5) Examples for best practice within student mobility

Only 3 universities ever replied to the TF's request for UN best practice examples. There obviously is no demand for a collection of such examples within the network.

6) Promotion tour

This year's promotion tour was kindly hosted by Bergen, where information sessions for staff and students were held. Bergen even organized a meeting with departmental coordinators. Balance does not seem to be an issue, as Bergen receives money for incoming exchange students. In some fields of study, Bergen would actually like to send out more students, but these can't be accepted by other UN partners due to balance issues (e.g. clinical psychology, Aarhus). Feedback from Bergen on the tour is still pending.

7) Erasmus + implementation problems KA1

The colleagues from Utrecht and Aarhus started a review and summarized the different positions and statements provided by various UN member universities. This summary was forwarded to the UN secretariat on December 4th 2014.

2014 Expenditure

Task Force meeting (Utrecht) - €3,250

Task Force meeting (Bergen) - €2,890

Total Expenditure - €6,140

Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)	Activities/Achievements 2014	Workplan 2015
Foster internationalisation of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - promote young researchers' grant for master students linking education with research. Annual call, information on the website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continue to promote young researchers' grant for master students linking education with research. Annual call, information on the website.
Open up to new forms of cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - evaluate young researchers' grant according to erasmus+ guidelines - promote open and semi-open agreements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to be continued as quite a few universities do/can/will not use open and semi open agreements: modify and optimize the existing mobility schemes.
Respond actively to European HE policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - feedback on Erasmus+ implementation problems KA1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on demand
Collaborate effectively within the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collecting statistics of student mobility from the entire network and adapting them according to the decision made at the AGM 2014 to include Erasmus institutional codes - define ways of promoting outgoing students mobility through the annual promotion tour at non TF universities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - define ways of promoting outgoing students mobility through the annual promotion tour at non TF universities - collecting statistics of student mobility from the entire network.
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey on best practice examples (only 3 universities replied. There is obviously no demand for a collection of such examples). - feedback on Erasmus+ to check further possibilities and needs of cooperation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disseminate accurate statistics to provide member institution with an overview of mobilities between network members.
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion tour to Bergen: Meeting with the IO staff, students and departmental coordinators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - joint meeting in Graz with the MAUI delegation and the new UN MAUI contact person. Discussing better ways of promoting the exchange scheme. - Clarifying nomination process for UN-MAUI