

## Task Force Student Mobility – Work Plan 2015

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### Main goals

Mobility is one of the characteristics of the Utrecht Network. Therefore it's important to establish a profile covering the main issues of mobility.

The TF Student Mobility makes it their responsibility

- To keep a general overview over the student mobility flows within the network
- To modify and optimize existing mobility schemes and develop new schemes to the demands within student mobility (e.g. develop short term programs, research grants)
- To facilitate more flexibility within the network (e.g. agreements between universities, that might be open to all fields of study in one direction and limited in the other to facilitate both universities limitations/needs)
- To define ways of promoting outgoing mobility
- To address mobility issues and obstacles and suggest solutions (e.g. social and academic integration)

Funding scheme for activities (apart from Task Force meetings)

- Scholarship scheme : 10x1000€ (total of 10000€) for up to 10 students. If the scheme remains as successful maybe more scholarships could be allocated.

### Proposed actions

A chart with a five year overview of balances will be prepared until January 31st 2015 and added to the **statistics**.

The members of the Task Force will meet for the first time in **March 2015** in **Graz** to prepare for the fourth call and adjust procedures of the research mobility grant where necessary. By March we should also have feedback from Bergen on how useful the promotion tour was for them. We will draw up a short list of future candidates for the promotion tour and prepare some questions

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to be communicated to the host in advance regarding their needs etc. If possible, the next destination for the promotion tour will be decided upon at the March meeting to commence communication with the host university as soon as possible.

Quite a few UN members still haven't reacted to our request for **fun fact sheets**. Existing fun facts will be edited for publication on the website (SC approval pending) and for one of the next Newsletter editions.

A questionnaire with some basic questions regarding **open agreements** has been sent out. Results will be summarized and presented at the AGM.

The **fall meeting** will again be split into 2 main parts. First, the **selection** of the fourth round candidates of the **Research Mobility Scheme** and secondly, **the promotion tour** at the hosting university. Depending on the feedback and evaluation of the past two promotion tours adjustments will be made. Most likely future promotion tours will consist of two parts: a general presentation and discussions with specific individual groups determined beforehand (coordinators, students, central office etc.)

Based on an introduction to the topic of **Experience with Intercultural Development/Learning/Competences** at an EAIE Academy Seminar by our Utrecht member, the idea was born to exploit this topic by either creating a new initiative, developing a staff training or maybe even a workshop for one of the future AGMs.

**Financial requests** for the TF and the research scheme have been handed in.

Should AEN/MAUI coordinators wish to join a TF meeting, as was proposed in 2014, additional requests for funding will be made to the SC.

Some UN universities were actually approached by **MAUI** to host a **promotion tour in 2015** (Bologna, Ljubljana and Graz). At this point efforts are being made to have the promotion tour coincide with the TF Student Mobility meeting in Graz in March 2015, but this obviously depends on many factors. Should such a joint meeting of MAUI members and TF members work out, the TF will also invite the European MAUI contact person to Graz and then request above mentioned additional funding from the SC.

Summary:

- March meeting in Graz
- 4<sup>th</sup> call of the research mobility scheme in spring 2015
- MAUI promotion tour with support of the TF student mobility, if required (spring 2015)
- Collection and analysis of statistics (in progress)
- Collection of fun facts (in progress)
- Questionnaire on open agreements (waiting for feedback)

- New initiative/workshop on Experience with Intercultural Development/Learning/Competences
- Fall meeting at a location yet to be determined (November)
- UN promotion tour + selection of Research Mobility grantees (November)

Petra Rabitsch, December 2014

Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)	Activities/Achievements 2014	Workplan 2015
Foster internationalisation of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promote young researchers' grant for master students linking education with research. Annual call, information on the website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- continue to promote young researchers' grant for master students linking education with research. Annual call, information on the website.</li> </ul>
Open up to new forms of cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- evaluate young researchers' grant according to erasmus+ guidelines</li> <li>- promote open and semi-open agreements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
Respond actively to European HE policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- feedback on Erasmus+ implementation problems KA1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on demand</li> </ul>
Collaborate effectively within the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- define ways of promoting outgoing students mobility through the annual promotion tour at non TF universities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- define ways of promoting outgoing students mobility through the annual promotion tour at non TF universities</li> <li>- collecting statistics of student mobility from the entire network.</li> </ul>
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Survey on best practice examples (only 3 universities replied. There is obviously no demand for a collection of such examples).</li> <li>- feedback on Erasmus+ to check further possibilities and needs of cooperation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- disseminate accurate statistics to provide member institution with an overview of mobilities between network members.</li> </ul>
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion tour to Bergen: Meeting with the IO staff, students and departmental coordinators.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- joint meeting in Graz with the MAUI delegation and the new UN MAUI contact person. Discussing better ways of promoting the exchange scheme.</li> <li>- Clarifying nomination process for UN-MAUI</li> </ul>