

1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 Task Force Report - Student Mobility

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Meetings 1 April 17 – 31 March 18 (dates and locations & any virtual meetings)

14 September 2017: Interim TF meeting at EAIE conference Sevilla to set the agenda for the Autumn meeting in Bologna and meet new TF members (if present)

28-30 November 2017: TF meeting in Bologna (after SC meeting)

14-15 March 2018: TF meeting in Vilnius (after Joint meeting)

Narrative report of activity

UN Young Researchers grant:

- The financial agreement Hull used for the payment of the grants was given to the new secretariat in Bologna for their consideration and approval.
- Due to the new fiscal year, no selection for the YRG has taken place yet. The applications for the Call 2018 will be assessed during the TF meeting in Vilnius, March 14-15.
- On the earlier idea to upgrade communication on the YRG:
In general, we do not need any promotional material [*more than enough applicants per year*]. In particular, there are nine universities who have not applied for the YRG. This was the reason why we thought that further promotional material was needed. Before we create any further documentation, we suggest the following procedure:
 1. Send out next application round
 2. Check if the nine universities have (not) submitted applications.
 3. Ask them why they have not handed any applications before the AGM (tbc at the next TF meeting).

Statistics:

Within the time frame of this report, student mobility data for 2016-2017 have been collected. At the time of writing, the overview is almost but not yet complete. The complete overview should be available at the joint meeting.

Promotion tour:

Since there was no specific candidate for a promotional visit from the Task force (as promoted/invited during the AGM 2017 in Hull), the TF had their Autumn meeting in Bologna for practical reasons. For promotional purposes we did meet prof Desideria Santella from the Faculty of Letters and introduced the Utrecht Network and the UN exchange and grant options to her. From her side she explained to us how the exchange of 3000 outgoing Unibo students is being managed.

UN website TF pages, newsletter:

No specific news during this period. The results of the next YRG call will be published.

We did request a menu item to ShareFiles (good practices, useful guidelines, course syllabi, etc)

MAUI/AEN/REARI-RJ topics:

The Task Force would be looking at opportunities for the Network under *International Credit Mobility, KA107*. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to look at the possibility of supporting Brazilian mobility.

The TF has approached this request from the Steering committee in two ways:

1. Survey on ICM among members to find good/best practices to share >
 - see minutes Bologna meeting;
 - survey still to be circulated
2. Explore possible project proposal KA107 including REARI-RJ >
 - Brazil = DCI Latin America

Obstacles for application under current Erasmus+ programme:

- Students BA/MA > incoming only, so from RJ to UN
- UN has no ECHE, cannot apply
- Application as consortium only possible within one (European) country. Under next Erasmus++ it might be (confirmation?)

Report to SC:

No possibility under current programme. Research this option again close to opening of new programme. At the moment not a problem for the Brazilian students, they seem to receive a grant from the Brazilian/RJ government (correct?).
Conditions see obstacles above.

Other SC requests/topics:

At the 2017 AGM it was agreed, under the Steering Committee report and workplan item, that ‘the idea of *blended mobility* should be further developed in conjunction with the Student Mobility Task Force’.

The TF Student Mobility hereby asks the SC to refer this request to the TF Internationalisation of curricula, since it is considered to be a curriculum/content related topic.

Survey on Intercultural Preparation for Outgoing Students:

Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Anika) is exploring options to start Intercultural preparation activities for their outgoing students and we decided as TF to put this in a broader perspective. To find out how we can improve the preparation of our UN outgoing students for their stay abroad, we have designed and sent out a short survey. The aim is to share the good practices and possibly training material on the TF’s intranet pages. Additionally the interest to organize and/or participate in a staff training activity on this topic will be explored. This action also gives us the possibility to find out if the AGM 2016 workshop on Intercultural competences has resulted in actual courses/student activities at participating universities.

Financial report

Budget	Spend to date (claims made to Secretariat)	Expected total spend
€ 7.000	€ 4.921,045	€ 5.728

Total Expenditure - € 4.921,045

April 17 – 31 March 18 activities mapped against the Strategic Plan:

Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)	Task Force Activities/Achievements 2017-18
Foster internationalisation of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote student mobility options among students and coordinators at member universities and with that aim to increase or extend inter-institutional agreements between members. Survey Intercultural Preparation activities and share good practices and material via UN intranet.
Open up to new forms of cooperation	
Respond actively to European HE policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options to apply for Erasmus+ KA107 funding for the UN-REARI-RJ cooperation. Collect and share good practices of KA107/ICM applications/projects at UN member institutions.
Collaborate effectively within the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect statistics of student mobility from the entire network and adapt them according to decisions made at AGMs. Define and improve ways of promoting outgoing student mobility. Survey Intercultural Preparation activities and share good practices and material via UN intranet.
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disseminate accurate statistics to provide member institution with an overview of mobilities between network members and show (possible) trends in growth and in/outbound balance.
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome AEN, MAUI and REARI-RJ contact persons into task force. Keep track of the start, obstacles and administration of the REARI-RJ cooperation. Explore options to apply for Erasmus+ KA107 funding for the UN-REARI-RJ cooperation.

1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 Task Force Workplan – Student Mobility

Planned meetings 1 April 18 – 31 March 19 (dates and locations if known)

Possibly interim meeting at EAIE conference with TF members present.

2018 Autumn meeting (incl promotional visit upon request) - tbd at AGM, plan B is Coimbra.

2019 Spring meeting - at the location of the joint meeting or at one of the TF's locations.

Planned activity for 1 April 18 – 31 March 19

- Continuation of survey and follow-up activities on Intercultural preparation;
- Select collected material from surveys for publication at TF's intranet pages (topics Intercultural preparation);
- Collect information on degree programmes in Portuguese language & culture taught at UN members, for a more targeted promotion of the REARI-RJ exchange programme;
- Improve the (visibility of) information on the members of the overseas networks by providing direct links on the UN website;
- Next call of the Young researchers grant (ongoing);
- Revise the YRG report questions to get useful quotes for promotional/intranet purposes;
- Check which UN members are un(der)represented in the YRG scheme and possibly adjust promotional approach (*if considered necessary after current Call*);

- Collection and analysis of statistics (ongoing);
- Inspire UN members at AGM to invite the task force for a promotional visit and explore increase or extension of (universitywide) exchange agreements with UN partners; promote the possible visit through the Newsletter/googlegroup.

Budget requested for 1 April 18 – 31 March 19

TF Budget: €7.000
Young Researcher's Grant: €15.000

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Foster internationalisation of education	Survey and follow-up activities Intercultural preparation
Open up to new forms of cooperation	
Respond actively to European HE policies	
Collaborate effectively within the Network	Yearly collection of student mobility data for visualisation of trends and comparison of institution's mobility performance within the network Survey and follow-up activities Intercultural preparation Publish&share collected material on UN intranet Adjust promotional approach REARI-RJ exchange towards UN members with programmes in Portuguese language and culture Offer UN members at AGM and through UN newsletter, to receive the task force for a promotional visit and explore increase or extension of exchange agreements with UN partners
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	Annual call Young researchers grant, information on the website Adjusted approach YRG promotion
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	