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Erasmus+ - Main challenges for participation

What are the main challenges (difficulties) at your institution for participation in Erasmus+ programme on the whole? How they might be overcome?



Aim: Motivate outgoing student's mobility

- Provide foreign language courses for free or at a reduced price for outgoing students beginning at their enrolment the first year at university
- Provide workgroups/webinars/online courses on intercultural communication and international education for free or at reduced prices for outgoing students
- Offer ECTS for the courses on the previous point
- Create a multimedia tool which enables to build a bridge for the exchange of information between former and new students
- Organise welcome back sessions or round tables to prospective exchange students in which returned students can share experiences
- Arrange a special funding system to support the mobility to more expensive destinations
- Create short programmes with ECTS recognition
- Create mobility windows for student's mobility especially in areas like Medicine
- Increase the offer of courses in English



Aim: Avoid unbalance

- Analyse student's mobility flows in order to identify key partners
- Taking into consideration the previous analysis, decide which partners should be reinforced, kept or terminated in order to establish a balanced student's exchange scheme



Aim: Increase the number of courses offered in English

- Create English for academic purposes courses for the teaching staff
- Create a scheme of recognition to be used for teacher's career progression
- Make teachers aware of the benefits of teaching in English



Aim: Improve HE's participation on the International Credit Mobility programme

- Extend the funding period or allow shorter mobilities
- Simplify the reporting systems. Create a standard charter for credits/hours recognition of courses
- Change the grants paying system to a monthly one
- Accelerate the issue of the transcript of records



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Aim: Overcome bureaucratic issues in projects applications

- Establish fixed unit costs
- Extend projects application deadlines
- Simplify the application procedure
- Homogenize procedures at the different National Agencies