

## 1 April 18 – 31 March 19 TF Report - Student Mobility Task Force

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### Meetings 1 Apr 18 – 31 March 19 (dates and locations & any virtual meetings)

**September 2018:** Interim TF meeting at EAIE conference Genève to set the agenda for the Autumn meeting in Coimbra

**November 2018:** TF meeting in Coimbra (after SC meeting)

**27-28 February 2019:** TF meeting in Istanbul (after Joint SC & TF meeting)

### Narrative report of activity

#### UN Young Researchers grant, call of 2018:

- 15 students were selected for Young Researcher's Grant 2018. Two of them rejected for personal reasons therefore 13 students (12 PhD and 1 Master) confirmed and received the scholarships during the period from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

#### UN Young Researchers grant, call of 2019:

- Application forms and guidelines for UN Young Researcher's Grant adapted to the GDPR and updated for the new call of 2019:
  - Increased the number of Young Researcher's Grants from 10 to 15.
  - Updated requirements to the applicant
  - The financial agreement is updated according to the payment rules and deadlines at Bologna University.
  - "Privacy Notice for participation" added to the application guidelines
- Concerning all communications that are sent out as single universities, data protection is covered by the universities' individual GDPR.
- The applications for the 2019 will be assessed during the TF meeting in Istanbul, February 26-27.

#### Statistics:

Student mobility data for 2017-2018 have been collected. The overview is complete. Data from Belfast and Budapest is missing.

#### Promotion tour:

Only offered on request.

#### **UN website TF pages:**

Updated:

- New members and picture.
- The results of the next YRG call will be published
- MAUI/AEN/REARI new members to be included
- The results of the Survey on Intercultural Preparation for outgoing students to be published.

#### **Survey on Intercultural Preparation for Outgoing Students:**

Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Anika) has been exploring options to start intercultural preparation activities for their outgoing students. The TF decided 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 and to share the good practices, we designed and sent out a short survey.

The evaluation of the survey will be available on the UN member area.

Due to lack of capacity, Ruhr-Universität Bochum has not been able to offer intercultural preparation activities for outgoing students yet. However, we have designed an international certificate for RUB students which will most probably be launched this summer. In order to complete the certificate, students will have to participate in a university workshop on intercultural competences. This workshop has already been offered to international regular students as well as to refugee students at RUB, but will also be open to domestic students in the future.

As the survey shows, lack of capacity is the main reason why the majority of UN member institutions do offer little intercultural preparation activities (or none at all). As it turns out, most universities rather offer activities focusing on administrative and organizational aspects of a student stay abroad.

As part of quality management, Ruhr-Universität Bochum has been optimizing existing advertising activities and testing new measures to reach more students in order to make them aware of both the possibilities to go abroad and applicable funding opportunities.

Increasing student mobility is another critical aspect of our work in international higher education. Further on intercultural preparation for outgoing students stays high on the agenda.

#### **Financial report**

	Cost €
Coimbra meeting	€2890.26
Istanbul meeting	€2.542,96
Young Researcher's Grant (13 scholarships)	€13.000

**Total Expenditure - 18.854,02 €**

1 Apr 18 – 31 March 19 activities mapped against the Strategic Plan:

Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)	Task Force Activities/Achievements 1 Apr 17 – 31 March 18
Foster internationalisation of education	<p><b>Survey intercultural preparation is completed. The results are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sampled universities: Utrecht Network member institutions, 32 universities in 27 countries</li> <li>- Respondent universities: 22 in 19 countries</li> <li>- 55 % do provide intercultural preparation specifically for outgoing students, 45 % do not.</li> <li>- 67 % do not offer intercultural preparation because they do not have capacities available.</li> <li>- Usually students do not receive credits for their participation (69%).</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up activities intercultural preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange materials as well as examples of best practice will be uploaded in members area of UN website</li> </ul>
Open up to new forms of cooperation	
Respond actively to European HE policies	
Collaborate effectively within the Network	<p><b>Statistics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Yearly collection of student mobility data for visualisation of trends and comparison of institution’s mobility performance within the network, show (possible) trends in growth and in/outbound balance</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up activities intercultural preparation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Exchange materials as well as examples of best practice in members area of UN website</li> <li>– Publish and share collected material on UN intranet</li> </ul> <p><b>REARI-RJ:</b> adjusted promotional approach REARI-RJ exchange towards UN members that offer Portuguese language and culture. Define and improve ways of promoting outgoing student mobility</p>
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	<p><b>Young Researchers Grant:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- annual call, updated information on the website</li> <li>- selection of the students in 2019</li> </ul>
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	