

Experiences of the University of Graz with Erasmus Mundus and other mobility programs

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FACTS – University of Graz

70 field of study

74 Departments

2.5000 Academics (14% international)

1000 Administrativ staff

27000 students (10% international)

2.800 graduates per year

Diploma Programs

Secondary School Teacher

Accrediation Programs

Bachelor Programs

Master Programs

Doctoral Programs

Mobility programs of the University of Graz

For Students:

Erasmus

Joint Study

ISEP, AEN, MAUI, SEN, UN

CEEPUS

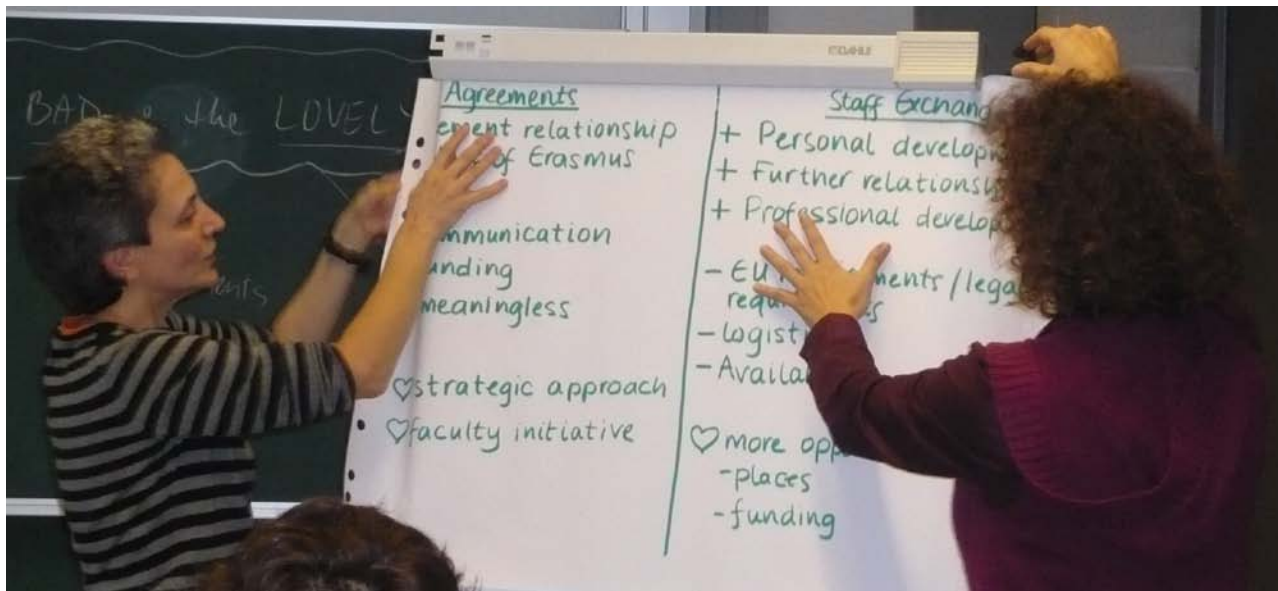
Research stipends for bachelor and master theses

Financial support for self organized short-term mobility

Summer schools

For Staff (academic and non academic)

- Erasmus Teaching Mobility
- Staff Training (STT)
- Internships
- Bilateral Agreements



Students and Staff

EMECW: Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Windows

The University of Graz is coordinating the EMECW project
JOINEUSSE- Western Balkan



And is partner in 6 other EMECW projects

Lot 2: FFEEBB – Egypt

Lot 14: CONNEC- China

Lot 16: EADIC- ARgentina

Lot 17: Monesia – Brasil, Uruguay, Paraguay

Lot 18: BAPE- Bolivia, ARgentina, Peru

Lot 19b: Animo, iChevere! – Chile, Cuba, Equador,
Venezuela

Mobility

670 outgoing and 640 incoming students

500 partners worldwide

300 partner universities in Europe

27 university wide agreements

On the basis of at least 3 areas of co-operation in at least 2 faculties

Member of the Utrecht Network and the Coimbra Group

Why do we engage in the Erasmus Mundus program?

good possibility to **enhance the mobility** at the University of Graz (in- and outgoing)

with Non EU-countries through

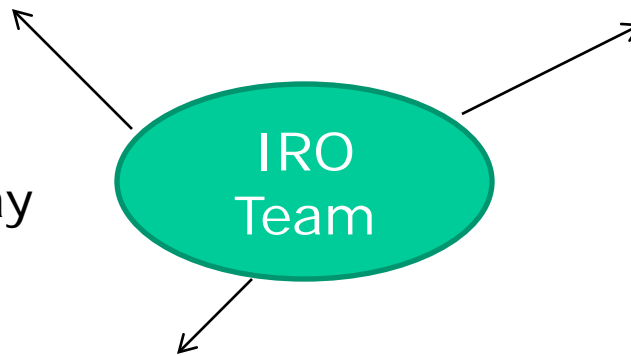
financial support



Erasmus Mundus team at the University *Office of International Relations*

Contact person for staff and post- doctorates:

Selection of the applications, looking for hosts and liaisons, organisation of the stay



Contact person for students:

Selection of the students' application and organisation of their stay

JoinEU-SEE project management team:

application writing and submission, coordination of all project activities, communication to the project partners, budget management, reporting, promotion activities, providing online application & selection tools

First difficulties we have met

a.) Staff and students

Very short time between published selection results and begin of mobility (in some cases only one month)

b.) Students

- For degree seeking students: each University has its own rules for registration/admission
- language obstacles (lack of English taught lectures and courses)
- difficulties in judging which persons belong to which target group (students, doctorats and staff, target group 3 in JoinEuSee)

Challenges (still)

Time factor

Selection procedure

Visa applications

Admission to master and doctorate degree programs

Lack of english taught lessons

Staff mobility – it is often difficult to find hosting units
(especially for non-academic staff)

Internall questions

- Concerning the status of staff during their mobility
 - a.) Do they get both their salary and their scholarship
 - b.) What is their tax situation?
 - c.) How does their employment situation influence their eligibility for a scholarship

Sustainability

-Problem of sustainability:

Uncertainty of prolonging the program

-Problem of brain drain

Nationalities of f.e. Western balkan countries regularly registered at a EU-University must not apply for a grant at a Western Balkan University

Thank you for your
attention!

