

Erasmus+ ICM best practices

A point of view of a Programme country

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Erasmus Mundus Action 2 2007-2018



- UTU was partner in 12 projects
- UTU coordinated 8 projects
 - Russia and Eastern Neighbourhood countries
- Total EMA2-project budget coordinated by UTU:
30 412 825 EUR
- Total EMA2 mobilities coordinated by UTU: **1 772**

Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility in Turku

- UTU focused mainly on teacher and staff mobility, some student mobility and internships as well.
- Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility in UTU since 2015 and we have received the biggest funding three times in Finland.
- Funding for all projects:
1 400 310 €
- In total:
65 partners
25 countries
- Mobilities in total in all projects
403



Partners in ICM Projects

- Albania
- Argentina
- Belarus
- Brazil
- Cambodia
- Canada
- Egypt
- **Georgia**
- India
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Japan
- Laos
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Namibia
- New Zealand
- **Peru**
- **Russia**
- **Serbia**
- Singapore
- Thailand
- **Ukraine**
- Vietnam

Composing the proposal

- In November a survey is made for academics on what kind of cooperation they have and what kind of mobility they are looking for
- Those same four questions are asked as in the final grant proposal. This survey is in English so it will also be sent to the partners.
- A team of three people are writing the application.
- The cooperation can be old or new.
- Sometimes staff and teacher mobilities are agreed already on this phase.

Experiences

- Erasmus+ Staff Exchange weeks are a good way to meet several partners.
- There is a clear difference if partner is already familiar with some EU Programme or not.
- Before the last report (for the project 2016-2018) we made a questionnaire for partners in order to have their opinion and experience heard and shared.
- The exchange of the administrative staff is challenging due to different organisational structure and/or language barriers.
- Sustainable cooperation by emphasising mobilities on doctorate and staff levels

The reasons why some funding could not be used:

- Schedule challenges (different academic calendars)
- Visa/Residence Permit issues
- Communication issues
- The planned Mobility was too short
- Contact person was changed, Professor retired etc.
- Financial reasons
- Often the same persons (staff) are active and mobile, this possibility should be equally advertised to all.

Implementation

- STA/STT mobility at UTU is a clear process:
- The grantee is looking for a host from UTU.
- The host will take care of the Letter of Invitation, reserve accommodation and plan the daily work plan together with a grantee.
- International Office takes care of the scholarship administration and Erasmus+ related documents.
- The grant is paid in cash upon arrival in order to avoid banking fees.
- Inter-institutional Agreements are made until the end of the Programme (2021) and, if necessary, an Annex will be made, which states the new quota.
- Student mobility is integrated with all incoming/outgoing student mobility processes.

Thank you for your attention!

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