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Erasmus + - an instrument for global outreach?

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Reference for Global Activities of the EU: 2013 Communication „European HE in the World“

Key priorities for HEI and Member States 1: Promote international mobility

- Develop comprehensive internationalisation strategies
- Set up 2-way mobility schemes for staff and students with non-EU countries
- Support fair and formal recognition for competences gained abroad

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Key priorities for HEI and Member States 2: Internationalisation at Home and Digital Learning

- Develop international curricula for mobile and non-mobile students
- Increase opportunities for students, researchers and staff to develop their language skills
- Promote online learning, expand use of ICTs and OER for new modes of delivery

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Key priorities for HEI and Member States 3: Strategic cooperation and capacity building

- Set up international strategic partnerships, also with business involvement, for cross-border innovation
- Remove obstacles to Joint Degree and Double Degree programmes, improve provisions for QA and recognition
- Ensure coherence between internationalisation strategies and EU development cooperation strategies (societal responsibility)

The Erasmus+ Contribution: General lines

- Key Action 1 Credit mobility: Support for mobility inside and outside Europe for up to 135.000 learners and staff (and through Marie Skłodowska-Curie/Horizon 2020 for up to 15.000 non-EU researchers to start or pursue their career)
- Key Action 1 Degree Mobility: Support international HEI consortia to develop Joint Masters degrees, high-level scholarships for 60.000 graduates
- Key Action 2 Capacity Building: Support strategic partnerships for cooperation and innovation: around 1000 capacity-building partnerships between EU and non-EU HEIs, also knowledge alliances
- Complement national information and promotion efforts regarding study and funding opportunities (HE portals, fairs)

The Erasmus+ Contribution to global cooperation: a closer look

- Difficult! Partner country activities will be funded from the EU external funding lines
- At launch of E+: no clarity about this part of the funding, therefore call had to be postponed (autumn 2014)
- Details on international dimension of E+ will be presented tomorrow at a meeting with the NAs
- Total sum: close to 1.7 billion for 2014-2020, from several EU external funding sources (development cooperation etc.)
- International mobility will be handled decentrally by National Agencies who may have to define national priorities for funding
- Joint Masters and Strategic Partnerships handled centrally by EACEA

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Key messages from Communication:

- Promote international mobility of students and staff ✓
- Promote “internationalisation at home”, digital learning, language training ?
- Strengthen strategic cooperation, capacity building ✓

...but some questions remain!

Questions 1:

- Geographical scope: candidate countries, neighbourhood countries, Russia, Middle East, Latin America, Asia, Central Asia, South Africa, ACP, North America... almost the entire world: 1.7 billion Euro for 7 years – sufficient?
- EU puts strong focus on neighbourhood countries (special mobility component), but will other areas be adequately included, e.g. Africa?
- How will priorities in EU-countries be defined? By NAs, HEIs?
- How will the priorities in EU- countries and in partner countries be matched, and how will funds be attributed accordingly?

Questions 2:

- What happens to the existing partnerships (from ALFA etc.)?
- Strategic partnerships scarce and knowledge alliances even scarcer, no activities in partner countries allowed – global impact/outreach?
- Will the decentralisation of many decisions (e.g. on strategic partnerships) weaken the European nature and global outlook of the programme?
- How will “comprehensive internationalisation strategies” be supported through E+?
- How will digital learning be promoted?
- „Ensure coherence between internationalisation strategies and EU development cooperation strategies“ – how?

**... plenty of food for thought
and discussions.**

**Thanks very much
for your attention!**