Erasmus+ Key Action 107-
International Credit Mobility

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Experience within Erasmus Mundus (2009-2014)

- Over €31 million of European funding awarded to facilitate student and staff exchanges.
- Coordinators of 6 Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Projects.
- Partners in 12 Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Projects.
- Specialising within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) regions, due to extensive TNE partnerships within those areas.
- Continue opportunity of mobilities through Erasmus+ (KA1 and KA2)
Application Process - Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility

• Recommendations:
  - Do not apply for every single country
  - Go for less usual suspects
  - Target envelopes with bigger budgets
  - Newcomers to ICM– start with staff mobilities
  - 24 month contracts recommended
  - Be precise in the quality questions
Application Process— a perspective from Cardiff Metropolitan University

• Focus was on TNE partnerships and collaboration with partner universities within Erasmus Mundus projects.

• Diversification of country portfolio – new markets.
  - Academic Calendar – trimester/semester?
  - Course mapping?
  - Involvement of academic schools

• Focus on staff and incoming scholars but for the future to increase outgoing student mobilities.
## 2015/2016- Funding Awarded

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<th>Higher Education Institution</th>
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<td>MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY HIGHER EDUCATION CORPORATION</td>
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Implementation of Mobilities

• Inter-Institutional Agreements with Partner Universities.
• Internal Processes and Procedures.
• British Council mobility documents.
• Promotion.
• Student study exchanges – 3 to 10 months.
• Staff Mobilities (teaching/training) - 5 working days (plus 2 travel days).
• Managing ICM Budget
What does the Grant Cover?

• Contribution towards individual support (living costs, accommodation, insurance, etc):

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<th>Student Study Mobility</th>
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<td>Eligible Partner Countries</td>
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<td>Partner Countries</td>
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• **Staff** – eligible for €160 per day for the duration of their mobility for mobilities between Cardiff Met and the HEI within the Partner Country.
What does the Grant Cover?

- Contribution towards travel costs

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<th>Travel Distances</th>
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<td>Between 100 and 499 KM</td>
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<td>Between 4000 and 7999 KM</td>
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<td>8000 KM or more</td>
<td>€1100 per participant</td>
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Obstacles to International Credit Mobility

- Application Stage:
  - Competing against other HEI’s for key markets
  - No guarantee of funding

- Implementation Stage:
  - Matching academic calendars and course mapping
  - Outgoing students: insufficient funding, fear of lack of language skills, no clear understanding that it would assist in their future careers.
Advantages of Exchange Mobilities

• Greater exposure to and engagement with various cultures due to economic globalisation.

Students:

• Academically – higher percentage achieving a First Class (1st) or Upper Second (2:1) in their degree (improved learning performance).
• Unemployment rates among mobile students were lower than those for non mobile students.
• Mobile students were more likely to be engaged in further study, or in work and further study.
Advantages of Exchange Mobilities

- Enhance CV – stand out when applying for a job and increase job prospects.

- Personal development – confidence boost, communication skills, problem solving skills, negotiation skills, adaptability, leadership, teamwork, intercultural awareness, language skills.
Advantages of Exchange Mobilities

**Staff**
- Greater understanding and responsiveness to social, linguistic and cultural diversity.
- Increase support and promote mobility activities to students by sharing their experience.
- Gain a broader understanding of practices, policies and systems in education at partner universities.
- Gain exposure to different teaching environments and style – internationalisation of curriculum.
- Personal development.

**University**
- Retain and expand current collaborations with partners.
- New collaborations with other HEI’s within other projects, research, capacity building, etc.
Future Calls

• 2016 Round 2 – Awaiting confirmation when call is open.

• 2017 Call of Application – continue to focus on TNE partnerships but also diversify portfolio.

• New countries – focus on staff.

• Increase numbers of outgoing mobilities in particular for students.
Conclusions

- Positive link between mobility programmes and academic, career and personal development, in addition to an advantage for employers.
- HEI’s to provide opportunities and encourage students/staff to participate in International Credit Mobility exchanges.
- Understand barriers to participation and attempt to overcome these.
Thank you for listening!