

### **Erasmus Policy Statement – Overall Strategy**

The impact of the Erasmus programme on UIC Barcelona has been considerable in terms of the current 2014-20 programme, because the Erasmus brand has helped to grow and consolidate internationalisation in many aspects, especially mobility. During the current period (2014-2020), Erasmus+ staff mobility has tripled. In addition, the overall mobility of students, on both Erasmus and other programmes (bilateral, double degrees, etc.) has almost doubled in this six-year period: from 196 IN we have risen to 307, and from 73 OUT to 151.

With regard to the new Erasmus Programme, we hope to continue growing in all these variables, as well as achieving a higher percentage of students engaged in outgoing mobility, given that this is very much lower than incoming student numbers. We also hope that the new “blended” mobility will help to give an international experience to those students who find it more challenging to travel (for economic or personal reasons).

In terms of the KA2 projects, we have found that the impact translates to direct learning for the research or project group taking part in the project, and that this is also transferred to their faculties (in terms of best practices, new working methodologies that increase productivity and innovation, etc.).

In terms of quantitative and qualitative targets:

- In terms of student mobility: given that we have far more incoming students than outgoing ones, our target is to increase the number of outgoing students. Our strategic plan envisaged growth of 60% between 2015 and 2022. This growth has already been achieved, so in the coming months we will discuss what quantitative target to set ourselves. We are also adding complementary quality surveys and focus groups to the surveys held at the end of Erasmus+ programmes in all our actions in order to continue improving quality.
- In terms of staff mobility, there is sufficient internal demand to continue growing, but this will depend on whether or not we receive more funds from the SEPIE.

- In terms of mobility support services, the International Relations team has grown significantly over the course of the current Erasmus+ programme (going from four to six staff plus two or three interns). The working hours of the academic mobility coordinators have also increased, who are now required to do less teaching due to the increase in mobility and, in some cases, also receive support from the faculty secretariat. In the next Erasmus+ Programme we hope to be able to reinforce the structure in the faculties and implement software to replace the Relint 3.0 management software and adapt smoothly to Erasmus Without Papers.

- In terms of KA2 and KA3 projects, our objectives will be to have an international network of partners, mutual learning with an emphasis on the UIC's best practices (a positive regional impact in entrepreneurship, employability, teacher training, active ageing, cross-cutting skills and skills for health professionals) and to increase sustainability awareness. As indicators, we have defined the following: a) number of projects submitted (especially in KA202 – knowledge alliances; KA203 – sector skills alliances; and KA204 – developing skills and competences); b) at an internal level in the university, increasing the specialisation of the Research, Innovation and Knowledge Transfer Office in international projects.

- In terms of new projects, we would like to have at least one double degree for those qualifications that do not yet have this option. Students are most interested in an English-speaking destination with good job opportunities, so we hope that the United Kingdom will continue to be a participant in the Erasmus Programme.

Given that we are on the point of starting to review our Strategic Plan, and hence our Internationalisation Goal, we do not yet have a defined and agreed timeline in place for all these initiatives. UIC Barcelona's Strategic Plan also includes actions



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