

Student Mobility: Perspectives from the European experience

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How does mobility happen?

Universities develop strategies and actions for internationalising:

- Participation in regional and international networks
- International education (transnational education)
- Joint degrees with foreign institutions
- Interagency agreements (general and specific agreements)
- Joint research with foreign groups
- Teaching of local languages and culture
- Actions for development cooperation
- Internationalization of the curriculum

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How does mobility happen?

- **Internationalisation** as the development and implementation of policies and programs for integrating the international, intercultural and global purposes and functions of higher education
 - Regional: cultural integration
 - World: increasing quality, productivity and regional competitiveness
- **Globalisation** as an exchange of technology, economy, people, knowledge, values and ideas between countries

African mobility experiences

African mobility

a)- Please make a short description of African mobility

- *Africa -- Africa*
- *Africa → Europe*
- *Europe → Africa*

b)- Is mobility an institutional and governmental priority? Why?

c)- Are there policies which recognise the importance of mobility at your institution and at your country? Why?

Mobility experiences

1. Difficulties caused by different types of management:

- a) Economic
- b) Academic coordination
- c) Organisation
- d) Academic recognition

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African mobility experiences

.... 1. Mobility difficulties

1.a)- What kind of mobility difficulties does your institution face?

2.b) What causes these difficulties?

Mobility experiences

2. How does mobility work at European Universities with Latin-America? *(+ examples LA-Eu)*

a) What do programs offer?

b) Which kind of mobility is it?

- Individual
- Bilateral
- Network mobility

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Mobility experiences

.... 2. How does mobility work at European universities with Latin-America? *(+ examples LA-Eu)*

c) Which are the selection procedures?

- Undergraduate, graduate and PhD students
- Internships
- Professors
- Researchers
- Managers and coordinators

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African mobility experiences

...2. How does mobility work at African universities?

2.a)- What programs and structures do your institutions offer for student mobility?

2.b)- How are applying students selected?

Mobility experiences

3. Mobility organisation and management in Europe

a) How are programs organised and managed?

(+ examples LA-Eu)

- A centralised office
- National hub
- Institutional coordination

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Mobility experiences

.... 3. Mobility organisation and management in Europe

- b) How can students participate? *(+ examples LA-Eu)*
- Call and selection entities
 - How are students received?
 - How do individual students select institution, tutor and scholarship?
 - Network of graduate and PhD's research areas
 - Network or bilateral agreement for professor exchange

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African mobility experiences

.... 3. How does your country organise and manage mobility?

3.a)- How are mobility programs organised and managed at your university?

3.b)- How can students participate?

Mobility experiences

4. European mobility: Programs and participants monitoring and evaluation

a) Internal monitoring and evaluation of programs

- Monitoring activities
- Partial monitoring
- Programs without monitoring or evaluation

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Mobility experiences

....4. European mobility: Programs and participants monitoring and evaluation

b) External evaluation of programs

- Limited application term
- Programs without external evaluation or sustainability and impact monitoring.

c) Students participating in mobility

- Undergraduate: activities and impact monitoring
- Graduate and PhD's: monitoring and link with home university

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African mobility experiences

...4. How does your institution monitor and evaluate mobility programs and their participants?

4.a)- Which are the internal and external program evaluation and monitoring proceedings?

4.b)- How are evaluated and monitor students participating in mobility?

Latin-American mobility experiences

5. Particular case: Latin-America

a) Limited economic resources affect mobility

- Students do not participate in mobility
- Students are discriminated
- Are there European financial aid programs?
 - There are no policies to take into account the socio economic level of the applicant
- The participation of women is very limited

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African mobility experiences

.... 5. Particular case: Africa

5.a)- How do limited resources affect mobility at your institution?

5.b)- How limited is participation of women in academic mobility? Do they have incentives?

Latin-American mobility experiences

6. Recognition of studies

a) Methodology

- By subject
- By credits or teaching hours
- By conversion tables
- Per semester

b) Experience in Europe: ECTS

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African mobility experiences

.... 6. How does your institution recognise the students results?

6.a)- How are international students results submitted? Is this methodology efficient for study recognition at their country?

6.b)- How does your institution recognise the results of students participating in mobility?

6.c)- Are ECTS relevant for your institution's study recognition? Why?

Latin-American mobility experiences

7. Best practices:

Erasmus, promoter of the European Higher Education

- a) Why Erasmus?
- b) How does exchange happen?
- c) Tools to the development of the program.
- d) Steps to apply.
- e) Impacts.
- f) Bologna process.

African mobility experiences

7.a)- Please, share with us African best practices in mobility. How does your university take advantage of these programs?

7.b)- Are there mobility programs for European students? How does your university take advantage of these programs?