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Cooperation with non-EU countries: challenges and good practices, mobility and double degrees

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Partnerships

- Cooperation under MoU (Bilateral exchange): more than 200 agreements with universities from 42 countries;
- Erasmus+ programme with Partner countries: more than 100 agreements with universities from 39 countries;
- Double degree programmes: 17 double degree programmes with universities from 7 countries.



Partnerships

Main criteria when selecting new partners:

- Study area compatibility;
- Idea of the future projects.



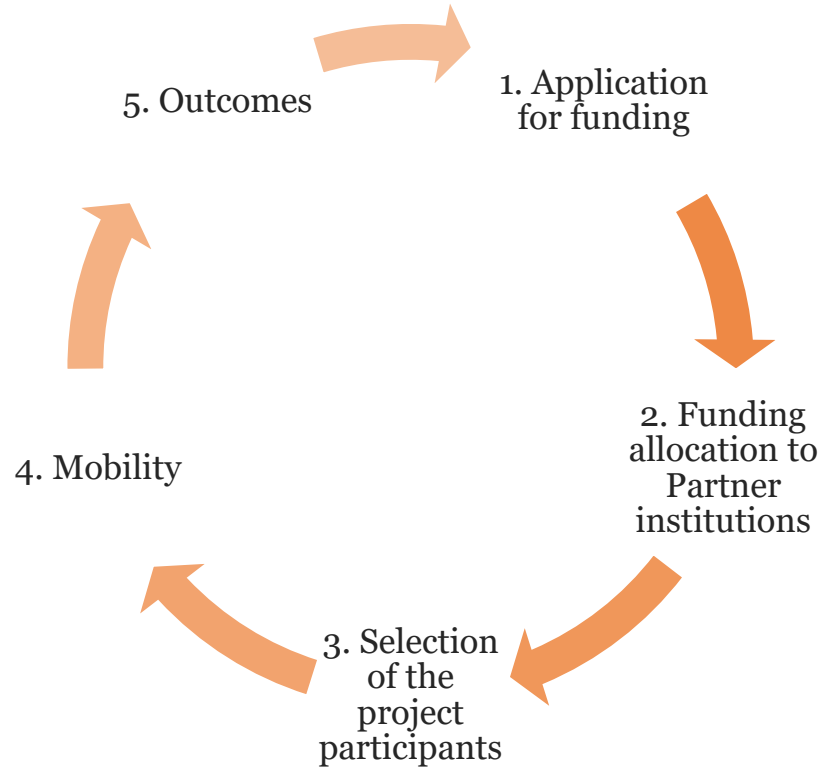
Exchange programmes

- Bilateral exchange – VMU Mobility scholarships for study exchange (since 2009);
- Erasmus+ programme with Partner countries – Erasmus+ scholarships for studies, teaching and training mobilities (since 2015);
- Joint and double degree programmes.



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME WITH PARTNER COUNTRIES

Stages of the project
implementation



1. Application for funding

- Call for proposals is published by European Commission (in November);
- Selection of countries / partners which should be included in the application;
- Information gathered from partner institutions;
- Writing the proposal;
- Proposal submission in February.



2. Funding allocation to partner institutions

- Results announced in June;
- 2-4 grants per country;
- Challenge – how to split 2 grants for 3 universities?



3. Selection of the participants

- Students selection for Erasmus+ studies;
- Academic staff selection for Erasmus+ teaching visits;
- Academic and non-academic staff selection for Erasmus+ training visits.



Students selection for Erasmus+ studies

Application for Erasmus+ studies:

- Selection of the hosting university (up to 3 selections);
- Application form and motivation letter.

Selection criteria:

- compatibility between the plan for studies or research at the Higher Education Institution abroad and the study programme at VMU;
- motivation;
- results of studies or research during the last two semesters;
- good knowledge of the language in which lectures will be taught.



Selection process and final decision

Committee

- 5 members: International Cooperation Department, Studies Department, Student Affairs Department, Student Council
- Recommendations from faculties

Final decision:

- GPA – 50 %;
- Motivation – 50 %.



Staff selection for Erasmus+ teaching and training visits

Application for Erasmus+ teaching and training visits:

- Selection of the hosting university (max. 2 universities);
- Application form including teaching/training visit program.



Committee

Committee for staff teaching visits selection:

- Director of International Cooperation Department;
- Head of Erasmus Mobility Unit;
- Head of International Relations Unit at Agriculture Academy;
- Head of Education Academy Unit of VMU ICD;
- Head of Human Resource Management Unit;
- Specialist from Research and Innovation Department.

Committee for staff training visits selection:

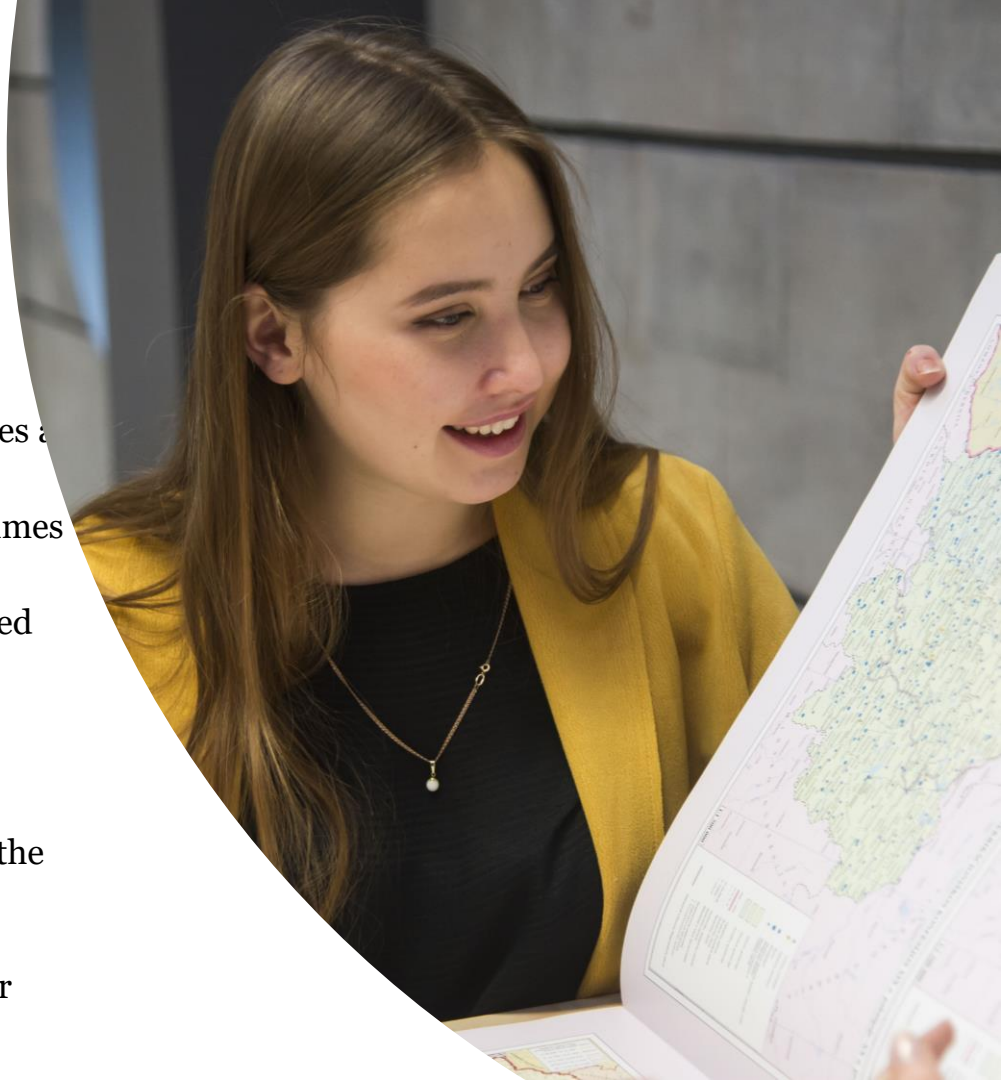
- Director of International Cooperation Department;
- Director of Administration;
- Vice-Chancellor of Agriculture Academy;
- Head of Study Quality Unit;
- Head of Human Resource Management Unit.



Staff selection for Erasmus+ teaching visits

Priority is given to:

- Candidates teaching English or other foreign languages at VMU;
- If during these visits new teaching material/ programmes are developed;
- If relationships of academic departments are developed and strengthened during these visits, as well as development of future cooperation projects;
- Candidates whose faculty is more active in Erasmus+ activities;
- Candidates who selected to teach more hours during the visit (minimum requirement is 8 hours per week);
- Candidates participating in Erasmus+ teaching visits programme for the first time or lesser times than other candidates over the past 2 years.



Staff selection for Erasmus+ training visits

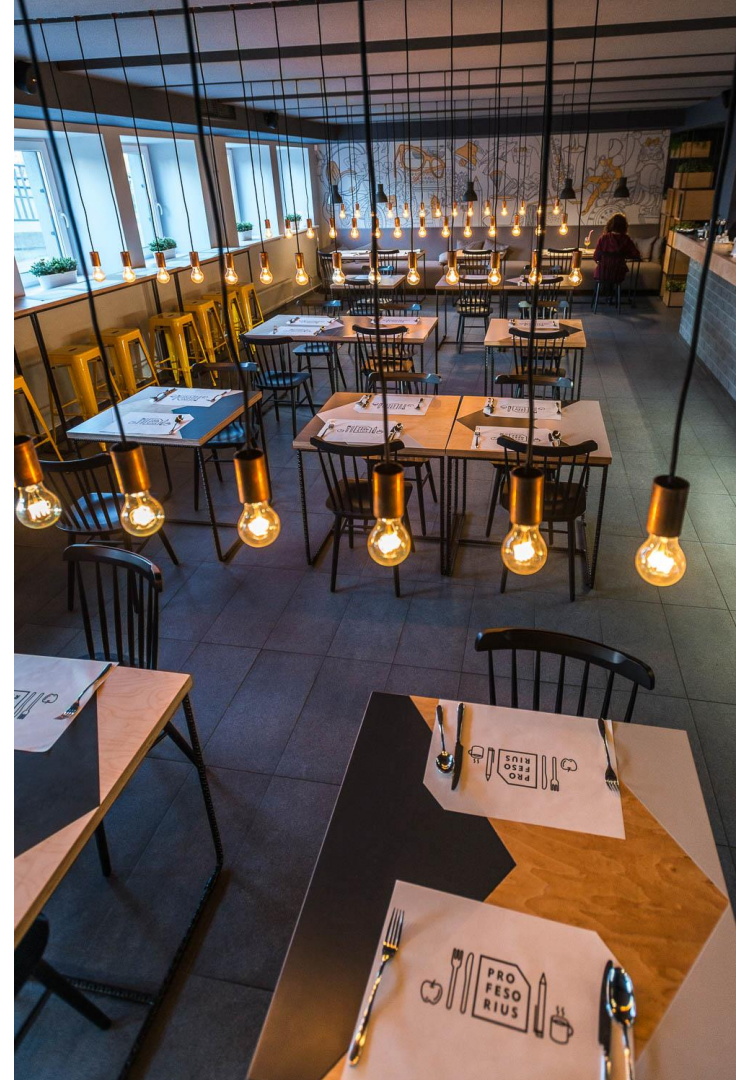
Priority is given to:

- Candidates participating in Erasmus+ teaching visits programme for the first time or lesser times than other candidates over the past 2 years.
- Candidates who has a longer work experience at VMU;
- If relationships of academic departments are developed and strengthened during these visits, as well as development of future cooperation projects;
- Candidates who are active in developing internationalization at VMU: organizing student/staff exchange, developing international joint/double degree programmes, developing courses/programmes taught in English, developing international projects, etc.



Selection process and final decision

- ICD coordinator collect the applications and information about applicants.
- Selection committee members evaluate applications and rank them (separate ranking for each country).
- Final decision is made regarding the final sum of ranking.



4. Mobility

- Nomination and application procedures;
- Learning or teaching/training mobility agreement;
- Financial agreement;
- Grant payment;
- Implementation of the mobility;
- Return to home university;
- Recognition of the results;
- Evaluation/feedback;
- Final report.



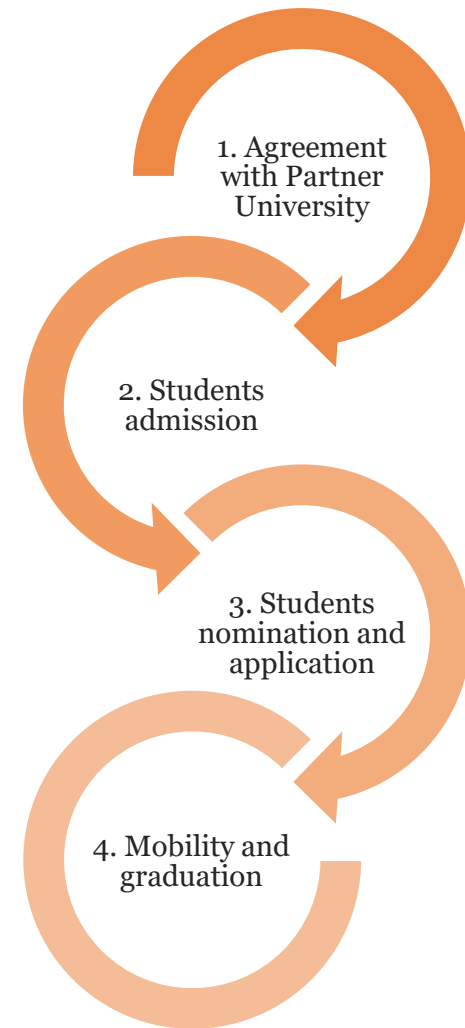
5. Mobility project outcomes and impact

- Personal level: confidence, flexibility, quick adaptation to new situations, tolerance, cultural awareness, problem solving skills, communication skills, language skills, etc.
- Institutional level: higher study quality, competitive international study programmes, implementation of joint/double degree programmes, etc.



DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Stages of double degree programmes implementation



Agreement with Partner University

- Study program;
- Courses and credits;
- Admission requirements;
- Implementation of the mobilities;
- Payment for studies, etc.



Students admission, nomination and application

- Admission according to the set requirements;
- Nomination to the Partner institution;
- Student application (formal);
- Agreement with a student;
- Payment for studies (if applies);
- Arrival.

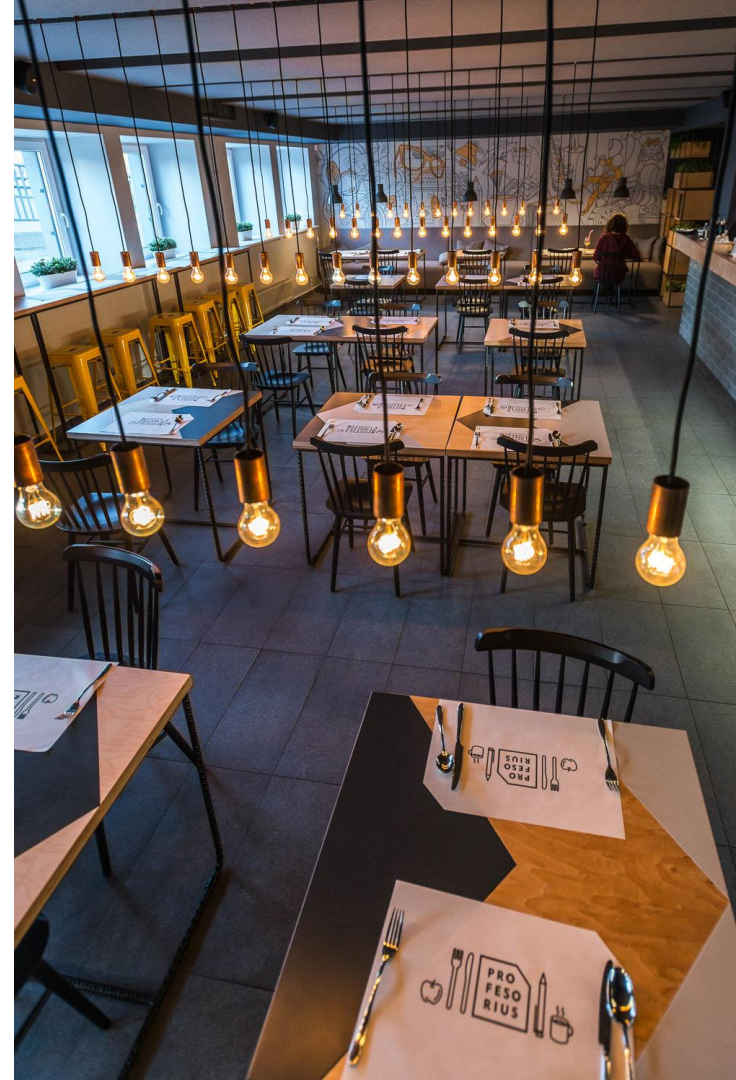


Mobility and graduation

- Transfer and recognition of the credits;
- Requirements for graduation (not less than 25% of credits gained at VMU, final thesis defended at VMU);
- 2 diplomas gained.



Why the mobility projects are so important to the universities..?



Thank you

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