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Qualitative Aspects of Transnational Mobility in Cooperations with Baltic Countries

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- Presentation of universities:
- Vilnius:
- Subject areas covered – not all fields
- In Vilnius three cycle structure - 4 + 2 + 4
- Grading scale common to Lithuanian Universities
- Study programmes in English 240/120 ECTS
- Student and staff mobility mainly to Germany
- Other countries: Denmark, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Finland

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- Bundeswehrhochschule München:
 - Mobility not really encouraged
 - Often below recognition level
 - Now International Office
 - Special nature of University – 3 terms
 - Major discussion on ECTS – higher number of credits in year

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- Problems and questions:
 - Lack of equivalent programmes at masters level
 - Does Bachelor, Master mean the same thing everywhere?
 - Theoretical or practical emphasis?
 - Is there general recognition of these degrees?
 - Or is it restricted in some way?
 - Are Bachelor degrees „non-employable“ and just a stage on the way to a Master's?

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- Problems and questions (2)
- Doctoral studies – structured programmes or individual?
- Joint research programmes?
- Contract work?
- Third cycle but within ECTS?
- Study abroad mandatory?

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- Problems and questions (3)
- Recognition:
- Importance of outcome orientation
- Finding the right modules
- Full and proper use of ECTS tools
- Learning agreements – module descriptions
- Recognition of study period as a whole v. individual modules?
- Study abroad to gain key competencies (e.g. language skills)?

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Recognition:

ECTS credits determined by learning agreements – may be different
ECTS should not be seen as a rigid system, but as a tool
Workload may be different

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- Joint degrees v. joint modules
- Must the modules be identical or just the learning outcomes
- Advantage of studying „Lithuanian Physics“ or „German chemistry“

The last word:

- Practical problems:
 - Finance
 - Accommodation
 - Documentation
 - Mutual trust

- Recognition
- Work load
- Grades
- Employability