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The context

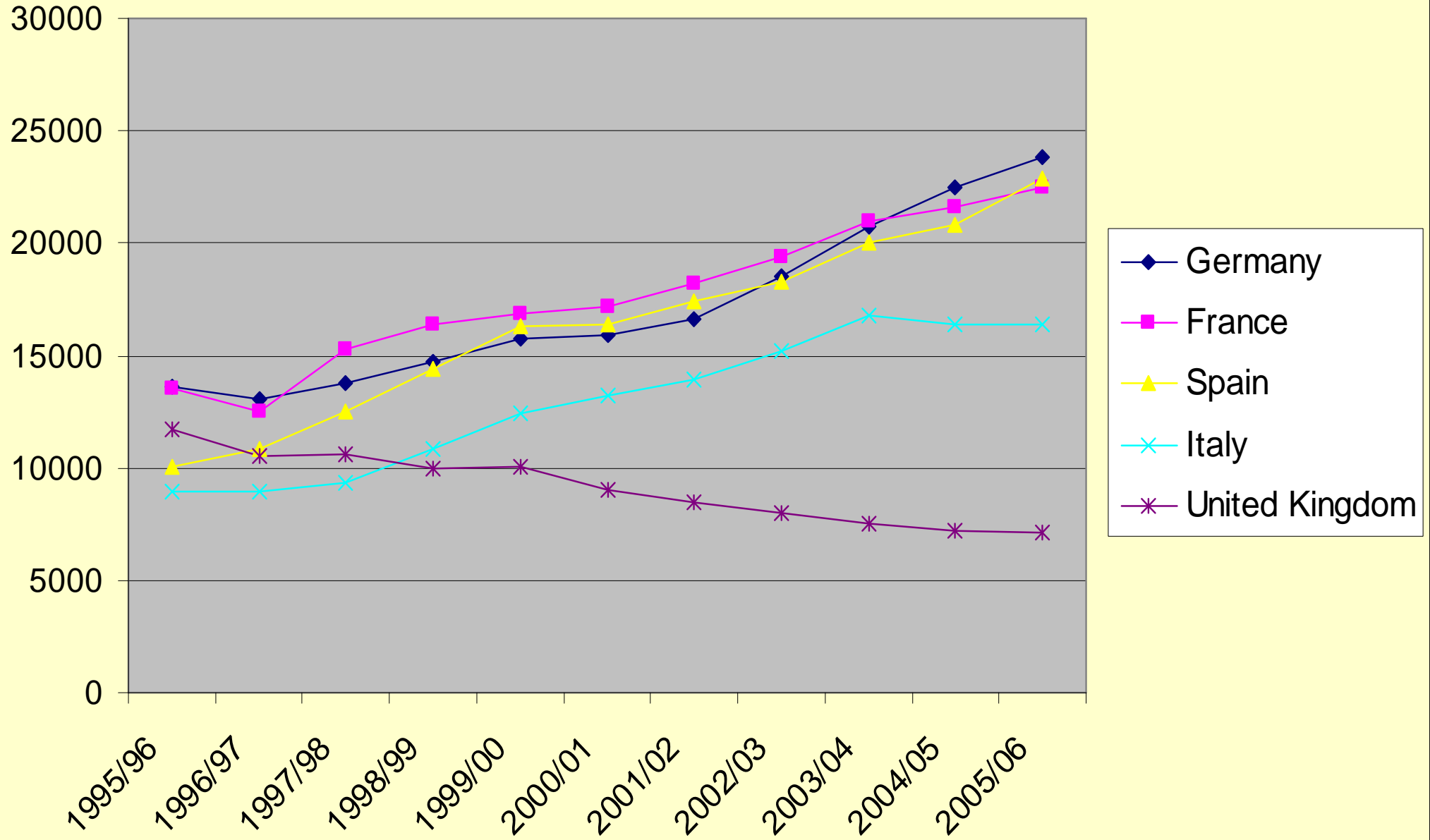
- Overall - persistent decline in UK outgoing mobility: 11683 in 95/96 to 7121 in 05/06 (39% decline)
- Contrast France, Germany, Spain
 - increases of 66%, 75%, 128% for same period
- 'Intensity'

UK	13.5	: 1000
FR	25.5	: 1000
DE	26.0	: 1000

[OECD figures for all tertiary mobility in 2000]



Erasmus Total Outgoing Students 1995-2006

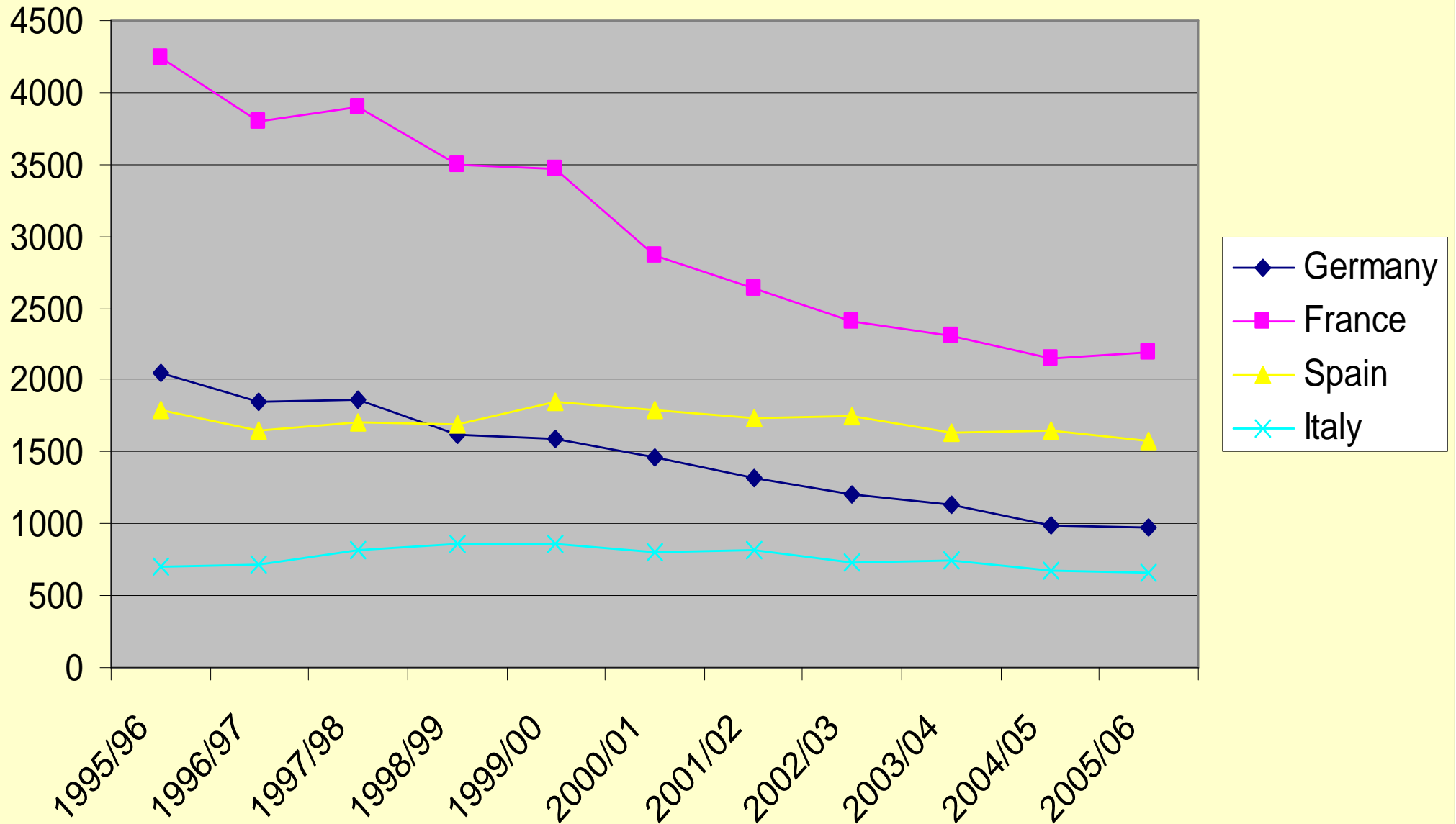


The UK and Germany

- **Overall - persistent decline in UK outgoing numbers**
 - Contrast FR, ES, IT
- **More marked than general decline**
- **DE composition of UK outgoing mobility falls from 18% (95/6) to 14% (05/06)**
- **Decline in all subject areas (97/98 – 05/06)**
 - Languages 28%
 - Business studies 68%
 - Engineering 69%
 - Social Sciences 62%
 - Law 33%



UK Outgoing Erasmus Students 1995-2006



Reasons for decline I

- **HEFCE study (2004)**
 - Language decline
 - Degree-level
 - General linguistic competence
 - School – system
 - Increasing preference for Anglophone destination
- **Finance**
 - Indebtedness
 - ‘lifestyle’: job-dependence
 - expressed wish for more paid work-placements
- **Institutional/Academic**
 - Disruption to studies
 - Inflexible curricula
- **Student attitudes**
 - Fear of the unknown
 - Fear of effect on degree
 - Insufficient information



Reasons for decline II

- **Other reasons**
 - Cultural/motivational
 - Underlying ‘Euroscepticism’
 - Institutional policy/strategy
 - Emphasis on international recruitment
- **Factors especially relevant to Germany**
 - Language decline
 - German seen as difficult
 - Spanish a more attractive alternative



Possible remedies

- **Home-grown**
 - The language agenda
 - Institutional incentives
 - Erasmus to schools
- **Work-placements**
- **Courses in English**
 - Taught
 - Supervision
- **Information**
 - General
 - Courses
 - Work-placement

