

Erasmus mobility in Europe –current problems and challenges ahead

1- Developments in Erasmus mobility in Sweden

- Period 2005 -2008

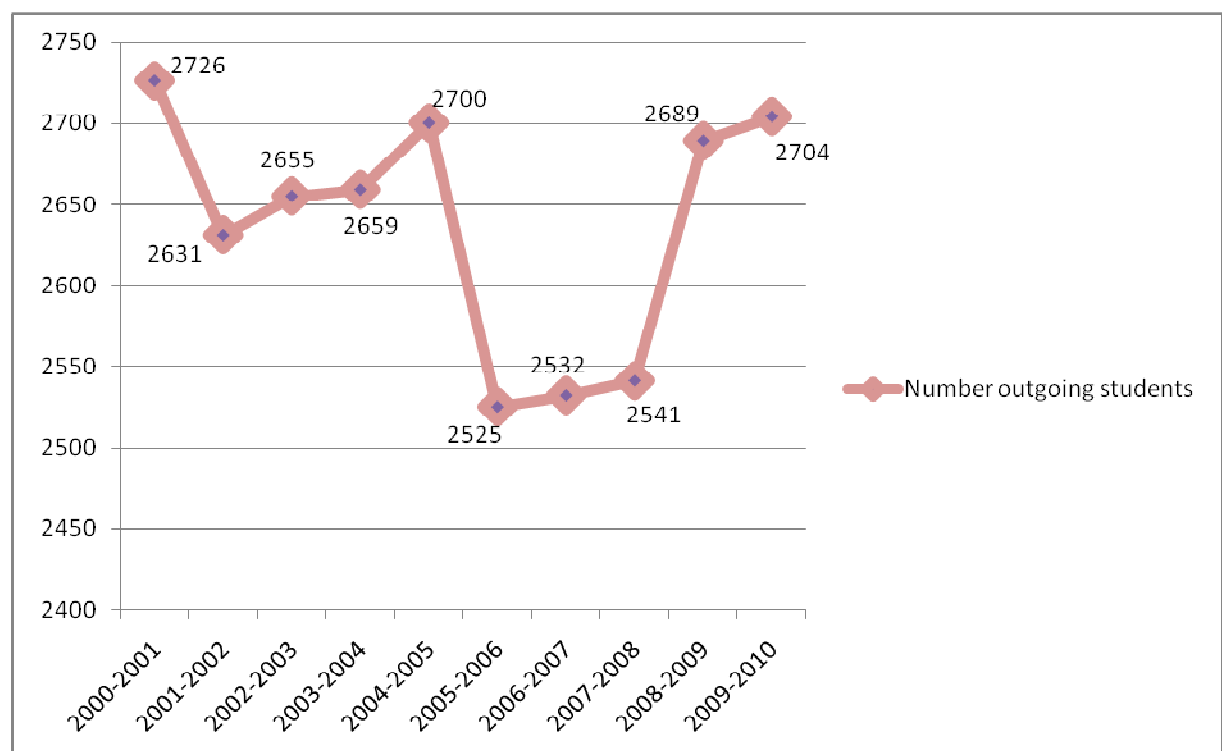
- Stagnation for a number of years

- ✓ student mobility - 2500 outgoing students, among the lowest in Europe in relation to student population (1%) /incoming 7 350 students
- ✓ staff mobility - around 500 teachers since 2006;

- From 2008

- Erasmus campaign's start – the goal: point at the advantages of the Erasmus programme in order to increase the number of outgoing students
- number outgoing students increased -2 689 (2008), 2704 (2009) ; still represents less than 1% of all students registered in HEI 2009.
- Stagnation of staff mobility
- The most popular countries:
 - a) for studies: England, France, Germany and Spain
 - b) for placement: Germany, England, France and Denmark
 - c) for staff training and teaching: England, Germany, Spain and Italy

Diagram –number of outgoing students from 2000 to 2009



2- Erasmus perspectives: what's next for Erasmus?

The main challenges

Goal: at least 3000 outgoing students year 2012– according to a survey from 2008, studies abroad are not noticeably encouraged by the universities and information about studying abroad is modest. Only 38% of students think that the universities really encourage studies abroad, and “only” half the students think that they have received sufficient information about studies abroad.

The information campaign continues during the autumn 2010.

Recognition of studies abroad-use of ECTS and other tools

Problems in recognizing the studies abroad while back at the home university – need to better inform the institutions and the students concerned about correct recognition procedures (during monitoring periods for ex.). NA promotion actions should target the student and HEI, providing clear information on recognition procedures.

Language preparation- EILC

Very few students take the opportunity of doing a language preparation (only 57 students in 2009) before their Erasmus period – need to develop initiatives for improved number of EILC students.