ERASMUS+ PLACEMENTS IN FRANCE

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FRENCH HIGHER EDUCATION
- QUICK OVERVIEW -
French Higher Education System

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### French Higher Education System

**2015-2016 academic year: more than 2.5M students (+2.5%)**

- Nearly **1.6M** students in universities
- **256,000** students in BTS (technically oriented curricula)
- Nearly **86,000** students in CPGE (Preparatory Classes to Grandes Ecoles)
- **118,000** students in engineering schools
- More than **136.000** students in business, accounting and management schools
- More than **135.000** students in social and paramedical schools
- Other: **226.300** (schools of art, architecture, private further education, etc.)
Placements in France: data for 2014-2015 Academic Year

More than 1/3 of French students go on a placement during their curriculum
• 34% in 2014-2015
• Large differences among curricula (lowest: 15% / highest: 82%)
• More placements among professionally-oriented curricula

Mainly a national scope
• More than 2/3 of placements in the same region as the student’s HEI
• Only 10% of placements abroad (lowest: 7% / highest: 26%)

Majority of placements last 2 months and more
• 56% last 2 months and more (eligible to Erasmus+)
• Eligible to stipend (large differences among curricula: from 20% to 85%)

Source: MENESR - Note Flash n°12 – Octobre 2016
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Total number of contracted projects:

- 2014: 562 projects
- 2015: 551 projects

Number of projects organizing placement mobility:

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- 2015: 551 projects

2015 convention not finalized yet
Total number of individual student mobility:

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KA103 figures for France

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Accredited HE Mobility Consortia:

- **Call 2017:**
  - 28 applications (assessing)
  - Every consortium organizes SMP

- **Composition:**
  - Average number of partners: 4.7 (+ coord.) - from 2 to 15 partners
  - Typology: social and nursing schools, universities, catholic schools, engineering schools, agricultural schools, etc. > thematic or geographical

**Coordinators:** local authority, professional federation, HEIs, HEI network, local education authority, etc.

*(4 consortia on International Credit Mobility - KA107)*
ANALYSIS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ERASMUS+ PLACEMENTS IN FRANCE
More career-oriented curricula

- Well established professionally-oriented short-cycle degrees (DUT and BTS)
- Creation of “Licence professionnelle” (professional BA) in late 1999
- Universities must support students in their professional integration (2007 law)
- Every university curriculum must have a professional characteristics
- Growing compulsory placements in most curricula (engineering: compulsory international mobility)

Specific legal framework on student placements

- Already existing protection for students
- Reinforced by law (2014 bill) > e.g. placement must be linked to a degree/diploma, clearer learning outcomes, compulsory mentoring in sending and hosting organizations, access to same social benefits as employees, better financial compensation, etc.

New law forbids placements unrelated to degree/diploma: no student from a French HEI can go an Erasmus+ graduate placement.
Many ECHE holders
• 1189 HEIs hold a charter in France
• Heterogeneous group: universities, art schools, engineering schools, nursing schools, high schools (for BTS degree), private institutes, etc.

Popular consortium accreditation... but a precarious balance
• Interesting take up among institutional organizations (regional authorities, professional federations, network coordinators...). Still strong in 2017 with 28 applications.
• However: some withdrawals in 2015 due to funding difficulties > Solution: French NA provided increased budget to consortia in 2016.
Thank you for your attention