MobiAbility: A European standard on support measures in the EHEA for international students with disabilities

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Workshop: "Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships goes International Office"

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• University of Murcia in figures

INFORMATION
5 Campus
27925 Undergraduate students
2360 Master’s degree students
2413 PhD students
2412 Professors
1226 Administrative Staff

COURSES
56 Undergraduate programmes
78 Master’s degree programmes
29 PhD programmes
44 Universidad del Mar Courses

RESEARCH
337 Research Groups
4 Research university institutes
1500 WOS paper / year
242 Read thesis
26 Patents
6 Technology-based Business
• The International Office

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| • Admission of International Students and Staff | • Programmes for Mobility  
• Erasmus, Isep, Latin America | • Preparation and submission of project proposals  
• Management of approved projects |

Our mission:
• Internationalization of the University of Murcia.
• Managing International Mobility and Projects.
• Supporting and favouring International Cooperation.
• Coordinating international and institutional actions.
• Organizing welcome activities for visitors.

We have been working in the field of International Education for 30 years.
The University of Murcia in the World

Profile
- Student
- Teaching and research
- Others

Others
- IN: 9
- OUT: 5

In: 102
Out: 67 (Argentina, Mexico, Paraguay)

In: 55
Out: 26

ISEP Programme
- MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY
- OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
- SIMPSON COLLEGE
- SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY
- WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

In: 587
Out: 677

In: 15

EU- MARE NOSTRUM
ERASMUS+MI

CRUZ DEL SUR ERASMUS MUNDUS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (MESCYT CONVENTION)
CIENCIA SIN FRONTERAS (BRASIL)
FÓRMULA SANTANDER
GOLONDRINA Programme (ARGENTINA)
MOVILIDAD ILA Programme
EDUCATION INTERNSHIP
- ARGENTINA
- MÉXICO
- PARAGUAY

COMMUNICATION UNIVERSITY OF CHINA
ERASMUS MUNDUS
ERASMUS+MI

ERASMUS+ STUDIES
ERASMUS+ INTERNSHIP
ERASMUS IP (BIO LAW)
ERASMUS JP (EDUCATION)
ERASMUS+MI
EDUCATION INTERNSHIP IN FRANCE

IN: 766
OUT: 765

In: 102
Out: 67

In: 55
Out: 26

2015/16
• **Projects and Cooperation**

**HEAD OF THE UNIT**

**EUROPE**
(3 staff members)

**ASIA**
(1 staff member)

**AFRICA**
(1 staff member)
## Projects and Cooperation

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<td><strong>KA 107</strong></td>
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<td>97 mobility grants</td>
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*UMU is partner of 10 projects, in the frame of other programmes, as Erasmus + Sport and KA3*
• Outgoing Erasmus Disability students and Staff (period 2010-2017)

2016/17: 10 students
2015/16: 4 students
2014/15: 1 student
2013/14: 0
2012/13: 0
2011/12: 2 students
2010/11: 1 student
• **Our Internationalization Strategy**
  
  - International Mobility is one of the pillars of our strategy.
  - Significant Increase of mobility for international disabled students and staff is expected in the coming years.
MobiAbility project
• Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices
  – Strategic Partnerships for Higher Education
• MobiAbility: *A European standard on support measures in the EHEA for international students with disabilities*
  – Most relevant horizontal priority: *Inclusive education, training and youth*
  – Background: Promoting the international mobility of people with disabilities contributes to their academic training and social inclusion.
• Duration: 36 months
• Applicant (coordinator): University of Murcia (PIC 999844282)
• Background
  – Erasmus students with special needs

Sources:
Erasmus+ Mobility of Students with Disability State-of-the-art report on the accessibility of exchange programs for students with visual impairment February 2016, in http://www.euroblind.org/media/ebu-media/soa_final-version.pdf
• Background

– A clear disadvantage:

Evidence shows that students with low socio-economic background or students with disabilities are less likely to participate in mobility programmes (Hauschildt et al., 2015; King, Findlay and Ahrens, 2010; Souto Otero, 2008), further deepening their already disadvantaged position among their peers.

Source:
• **Background**

  – Possible causes

  • High costs (Insufficient support)
  • Lack of general information on the host centre
  • Lack of personalised monitoring
  • Uncertainty on adaptations and accessibility
  • Others: family overprotection, medical impediments, etc.
• Objectives

**Intellectual outcome 1:** A European standard of measures and reasonable accommodations at academic level for mobility students with disabilities

**Intellectual outcome 2:** An online and multilingual platform that house a catalog of universities meeting the standard, and some communication tools between attention-to-diversity services for a more personalized monitoring.
• Work plan overview

YEAR 1
Situation Analysis

Estate of the art (comparative study)
Draft of the standard
Draft of the comm. tools

YEAR 2
Standard measures & comm. tools

Drafts evaluation
Standard
Communication tools though web platform

YEAR 3
Web platform & dissemination

Informatics development
Results dissemination
Partners
• Partner Institutions organisation

– Universities

9 faculties
35,000 students
‘Teiresias’ centre
Reference in disabilities

6 faculties
10,000 students
Internationalisation
Computer developments

16 faculties
25,000 students
Educative innovation:
Student-centered

24 faculties
33,000 students
(2,6% with disabilities)
• Partner Institutions organisation
  – Foundations and NGOs

Madrid
Network of 1400 universities
Education and employment

Fundación ONCE
National and international reference
Education, employment and accessibility

MobiAbility

Murcia
Federation of civil organizations
Individual and collective rights and interest
• Coordination

Management: Organizing Kick-off and transnational meetings. Transfer and management of the grant. Reporting to EACEA and Spanish National Agency.

Academic work
Team work and intellectual outcomes development.
Disseminations

Quality assurance system
(Commission led by UAIC)
- Compliance with milestones and objectives
- Level of satisfaction
- Improvement actions
• The UMU Team

Working in synergy with other units

– University Service for Attention-to-Diversity
– Unit for Innovation (for the design of the web platform)
– Centre of Studies for Disability and Promotion of Personal Autonomy
– Observatory of Social Exclusion
• Methodology

- Literature review
- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Online work
- Virtual meetings
- Face-to-face meetings
- Informatics developments
- Translations
• Partner Institutions organisation
Outcomes
• Objectives

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### Standard of measures (a hypothetical example)

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<td>❑ Information to new students with disabilities</td>
<td>❑ Welcome programmes</td>
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<td>Staying and mobility in university</td>
<td>❑ Bilateral agreement concerning mobility students</td>
<td>❑ Special consideration for expelling causes</td>
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<td>Accessibility to technological, instrumental or information resources</td>
<td>❑ Accessible website</td>
<td>❑ Teaching material adapted</td>
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<td>Teaching-learning process: Support, and reasonable accommodations</td>
<td>❑ Language Sign Interpreter</td>
<td>❑ Psychological counseling</td>
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<td>Evaluation and exams: Support, and reasonable accommodations.</td>
<td>❑ Extra time</td>
<td>❑ No penalty in spelling errors</td>
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<td>Other programs/actions</td>
<td>❑ Services of dedicated staff</td>
<td>❑ Adapted residence halls</td>
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<td>❑ Staff training on disabilities</td>
<td>❑ Tertiary studies fees</td>
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• **Web platform**

- **Super Admin**
- **University staff**
- **Institutional Erasmus+**
- **Mobility student**
- **Any person**

**Information (database)**

- **Profiles**
- **Reports**
- **Users**
- **Stats**
- **Standard or measures**

**Functions**

- **Univ. searcher**
- **Manage users**
- **Comm. protocol**
- **Manage reports**
- **Evaluate satisfaction**
- **Generate stats**
• **Communication protocol**

1. Select a proper host
2. Send a proposal of measures to perform
3. Have to choice
4. Reject proposal
5. Accept new proposal
6. Accept proposal
7. Reject proposal and do a new proposal

Home University

Check standards accomplished by universities

Host University

MobiAbility

Outcomes

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• **Transversal benefit**

- Students with disabilities in the EHEA
- Attention-to-diversity Services, International Offices, etc.
- Academics staff Teaching innovation services
- Politicians, institutions, social organizations
- Partner organization

- Promoting international mobility
- Better support and monitoring
- More and better information about
- Increasing quality of service
- More efficient service
- Proper distribution of roles
- Internationalization
- Innovation and good practices
- An standard to be considered
- Information about universities
- Helpful Online platform as a new support
• **Use of results**
  o Public, for free and downloadable
  o Translated to the main European languages
  o Sent to European institutions and social organisations
Thank you very much for your attention!

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