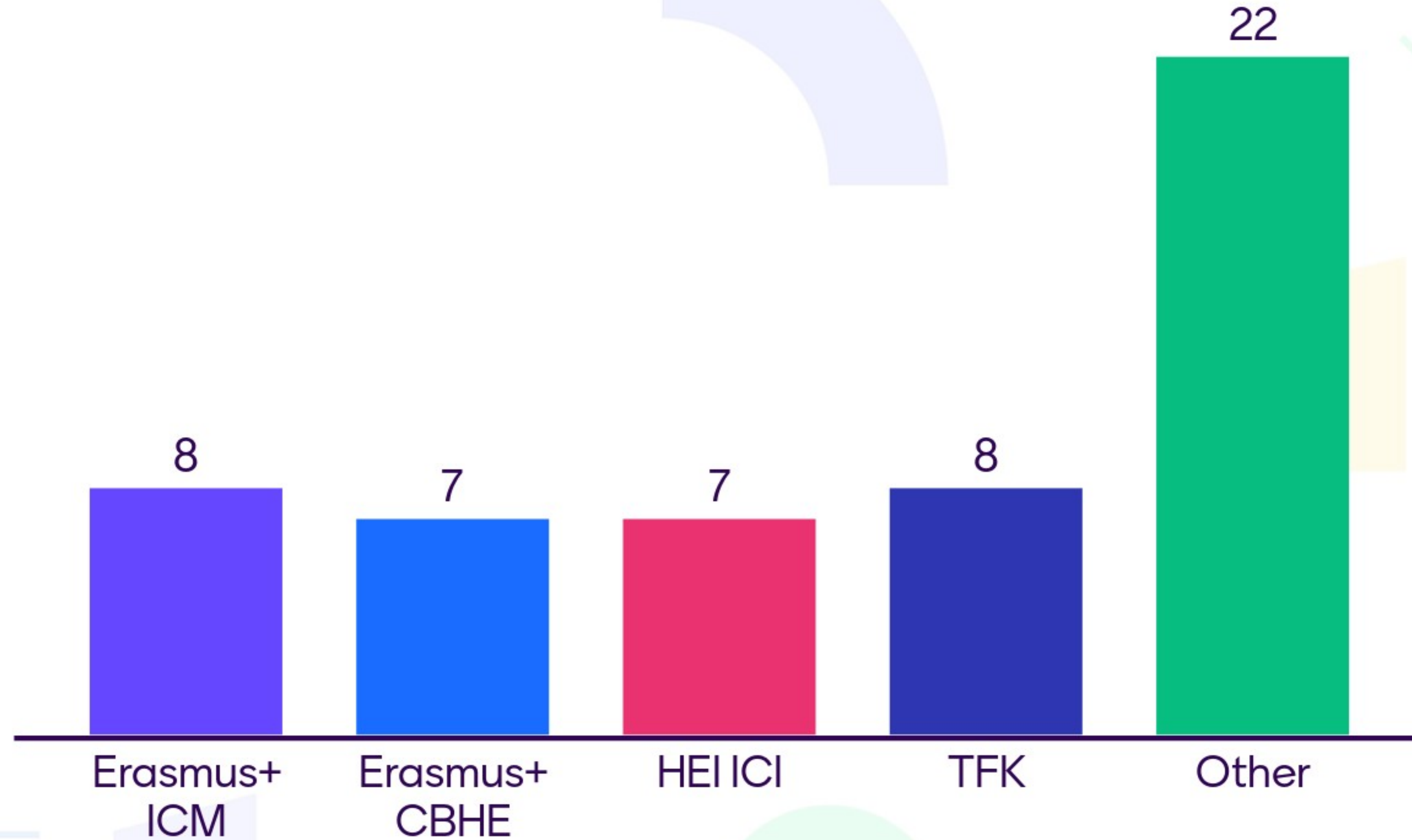


Which kind of project do you represent?



What are your main partner countries?



Questions for the panelists

View to HADCO history was interesting. How would you describe the impact of this long-term cooperation both in North and South?

How could we better integrate NGOs in the cooperation between heis? I think it would be important to engage the civil society in the cooperation

Helli mentioned that in terms of mobility, more students go to Africa than they come to Finland. What structures are put in place to ensure equality in student mobility both ways

What have been the best outcomes of your cooperation and project so far both parties?

The project on global education services that is dealing with health Africa network, it possible to involve physical education and sports science as part of health

Is it possible to focus on research at the Universities that would benefit both the South and North in areas of Education? There is strength in collaboration. We can benefit from each other

Knowledge co-creation vs knowledge transfer? How can partnerships be truly equal?

Knowledge transfer from research to education, how efficient has that been?

To Hanna, what plan of action by GINTL to effectively and practically encourage the involvement of African diaspora academics in its collaboration with Africa towards RDI for local and global needs?

Topic 1: How can equal partnerships be supported by project cooperation arrangements and day-to-day work?

funding instruments should be planned together with countries where the partners are

decolonize the terminology. funding programme names should include indication of geographical partnership

open and transparent discussion about salaries and daily subsistence costs etc

making cost sharing visible, how to indicate you are using resources, without necessarily putting hard cash into the project

Q1:- planning together- decide the goals together- Being transparent in the objectives- Regular meetings- More time to conduct project - Funding equality from both side-

Discussing and agreeing on roles TOGETHER with the partner instead of FOR the partners

We should utilize more the expertise on Africans already living in Finland.

Topic 2: Mobility arrangements in your cooperation; practical challenges and solutions?

Incoming students and staff access to cash money, paying bills etc, banks not opening accounts.

open and transparent discussion about salaries and daily allowances etc

Not all students and staff coming to Finland have credit cards and/ or bank accounts. Universities stopping cash payments is a challenge.

- one side send more representatives than tge other- Funding should be increased and made a bit more flexible so that partners can adapt the design of the mobility based on their needs.- promote more education export to benefit everyone.

Erasmus + global mobility grants are unequal. Travel grant standardisation from one country to another does not take into account in-country travel. E.g. Grant of 850€ for travel Nam-Fin, but doesn't consider travel Hki-countryside (lappi, savo..)

grant payments: how to pay grants to incoming students and staff? cash or to their home country account? will it be a problem? who will buy the flight tickets?

- the cultural differences which requires flexibility, we should involve immigration partners in the equation to solve issues of Visa, etc.

Logistics and infrastructure arrangements for visiting teachers and researchers

Visa application in different countries from where applicant is. Expensive and cumbersome and sometimes includes dangerous travel.

Topic 2: Mobility arrangements in your cooperation; practical challenges and solutions?

Implementation of the agreements, from signature to the practise

Common orientation for incoming and outgoing students to and from same region, with several institutions involved. Saves resources.

Africa tutor at the university for incoming students from Africa who need extra help with practical matters (tutors receive a 80 tutor fee). Africa tutors have been on exchange in Africa before.

- Challenges with communication, emails don't always work so we have to recognized other ways to reach people.

- challenges with security issues, so we should provide orientation for incoming/outgoing students.

Topic 3: What are the main challenges you and your partners have faced in your cooperation and how did you overcome them?

Implementation of the agreements, from signature to practise.

should the staff mobility grants be paid to personal accounts or via the organisations

- challenges with security issues, so we need prepare some cultural workshops for incoming/outgoing students and staff

- Communication issues as emails don't always work so we have to be flexible with other form of communication

Transparency of the agreements and contacts in Africa... How to find them within the institution?

Topic 4: Future of African-Finnish higher education cooperation; how can we work together?

- We should organize more networking events to build or enhance cooperation between HEIs in Finland

Funding is often for a short time project. The funding/project timeframe needs to be reasonable and long enough to plan and implement the cooperation and see results.

Important to institutionalize the relationship with partners, so that the partnership is not relying solely on one person and their personal connections.

Long-term partnerships, taking into account the evolution and development that has taken place.

More networking events with African networks

sharing knowledge on funding opportunities and experiences. like this event. maybe have a similar event online where the african partners could also participate. it would increase transparency and general understanding of the available funding.

Topic 5: Choose your topic freely!

Using the help of a third party to help with the administration, organisation and networking.

Less bureaucracy and simplifying the reporting of projects would help immensely

Organize more networking events inviting HEI from Africa to provide possibilities for UASs to find partners.

How did we do today?

