

## National recommendations to increase the international competence and mobility of higher education students

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Objective/action	Who does what?	Internal responsibility within your higher education institution/organisation
<p>1. Set a growth target to increase mobility from the current level. Separate targets and associated actions can be defined for each field of education.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Education and Culture and EDUFI will maintain a national situational picture of mobilities.</li> <li>• Higher education institutions set their own growth targets, by field of education where appropriate.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Education and Culture will record a performance indicator on internationalisation as part of the overall governance of higher education institutions.</li> </ul>	
<p>2. Monitor the development of mobility rates as part of the monitoring of the performance agreement for higher education institutions and in relation to the objective already included in the agreement to "promote diverse student and apprentice mobility, taking into account different student profiles."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The growth targets of higher education institutions will be reviewed by the Ministry of Education and Culture and the institutions themselves as part of the mid-term review of performance agreements.</li> <li>• Monitoring and evaluation of the promotion of internationalisation will be strengthened by FINEEC as part of the 4th round of audits of higher education institutions.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. Ensure widespread awareness of the means to increase mobility. Choose the means that are best suited to each higher education institution and field of education, and ensure the necessary resource allocation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDUFI will compile a list of identified means to increase mobility.</li> <li>• Each higher education institution will choose their most important means and, if necessary, prepare a concrete</li> </ul>	

	plan (including resource allocation) and monitor its implementation.	
4. Ensure the commitment of higher education institutions' management to promoting international competence and mobility.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNIFI and ARENE will ensure sufficient cooperation between the managements of higher education institutions on themes related to increasing mobility. The managements of higher education institutions will engage in cooperation with each other to spar and share good practices and examples. The Ministry of Education and Culture and EDUFI will play a supporting role where necessary.</li> </ul>	
<p>5. Have the fields of education and academic staff of higher education institutions commit to promoting internationalisation. Take this into account in curricula, in terms of both their structure and content, and ensure the seamless recognition of studies.</p> <p>Increase the international competence of staff, taking into account the specific needs of each higher education institution and field of education.</p> <p>Commit to systematically guiding and encouraging students from the start of their studies.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The managements of higher education institutions will commit to actions to mainstream international competence and mobility as part of all degree programmes, taking into account the different needs of different fields of education.</li> <li>EDUFI and the Ministry of Education and Culture will produce a common knowledge base on the recognition of studies.</li> </ul>	
6. Communicate the importance of international competence in society and in working life in a consistent manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visible public statements at the national level.</li> <li>In higher education institutions, the same message will be communicated by management, academic and non-academic staff, especially in the context of student guidance.</li> </ul>	

<p>7. Develop common digital solutions for supporting the management and mobility of Erasmus+ and other funding programmes to make them more user-friendly and functional.</p> <p>Ensure funding for student mobility through EU programmes, other exchange programmes and higher education institutions' own funding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ministry of Education and Culture, EDUFI and other actors will communicate these needs in the context of the preparation of the new Erasmus+ programme and participate in the European development of digital solutions.</li> <li>• The managements of higher education institutions will allocate institutions' own funding to support student mobility according to their needs.</li> </ul>	
<p>8. Increase information and understanding of the effectiveness and benefits of short and/or blended mobilities in developing international competence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDUFI will commission a study on the subject in 2025–26.</li> </ul>	