Per una mobilità di qualità in Erasmus+

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Mobilità internazionale

• **Studenti**: (exchange, degree seeking, traineeship)

• **Teaching Staff** (from/to HEI, enterprises and other organizations)

• **Administrative and Technical Staff** (Job shadowing, Staff weeks, etc.)
STUDENT EXCHANGES: QUALITY ISSUES

- Selection of the agreements
- Selection of the students
- Recognition of the credits
- Conversion of the grades
- Language competences
Recognition of the credits: the PRIME PROJECT

http://www.esn.org/content/prime-problems-recognition-making-erasmus
fig. 21—Situation of national students returning from a period of study abroad encountering problems with the recognition of their credits

- None or almost none have problems
- Some students have problems
- Depends on where they were studying
- Many students have problems
Problems, low quality? “Bureaucracy” as an inflammatory reaction 😊
Erasmus Charter as a “driving licence”
“Learning agreement” as a strong contract
Conversion of the grades: the EGRACONS PROJECT: http://egracons.eu/
High or low grades: depends on the statistical distribution of grades in the degree programme!
The traditional system A, B, C, D

- A = top 10%
- B = next 25%
- C = next 30%
- D = next 25%
- E = next 10%
- F = failed
February 2009

ECTS - Guida per l'utente
The new system: direct conversions

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Survey EGRACONS
http://egracons.eu/page/survey

please fill the Egracons Survey for HEIs in Europe!
IMOTION
Integration and Promotion of Staff Training Courses at Universities across Europe
IMOTION Project: LLP Erasmus Accompanying Measures

- Start date: 1 October 2013
- End date: 30 September 2014
- Duration: 12 months
- Partners:
Project background

• Several hundred Erasmus Staff Trainings organized every year
• Information sent to partners by E-mail
• Difficult to plan and to find the best events for interested staff members
Project objectives

Create an online platform where:
• HEIs can promote their staff trainings
• HEIs staff can easily find the opportunity they are looking for
The platform

http://staffmobility.eu/

Search your staff week
Explore by country, language, or target group.

Search your job shadowing
Follow and watch another worker for training or research.

Apply for a job shadowing or as an expert
Register to participate as a trainer or speaker or for job shadowing.

Create your own staff week
Advertise the staff weeks you organize and collect registrations.
Some statistics

47 staff weeks published from 17 different countries: 14 upcoming (12 of them with application still open) and 33 past

34 experts registered with expertise mainly in international relations

61 users registered looking for job shadowing opportunities
IMOTION on the European Commission website:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/opportunities/higher-education/staff_en.htm
Traineeships

• Previously LEONARDO DA VINCI (for graduates) and LLP/Erasmus placements (for students)
TRAINEE SHIPS: DIALOGUE WITH THE EMPLOYERS

Before...  After!
Mobility

Academic Institutions

Employability

Employers

Quality
Leonardo da Vinci «UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES»
PROJECTS

High quality placements for Italian graduates in chemistry, pharmacy, biology, and biotechnologies in excellent public and private European research centres
The UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES projects

- 10 mobility projects since 2004 (50 scholarships each)

2. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES (2005)
4. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES-3 (2007)
5. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES-4 (2008)
7. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES-6 (2010)
8. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES-7 (2011)
10. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES-9 (2013)
11. UNIPHARMA-GRADUATES-10 (2014)

Duration of each placement: 24 weeks
Transnational partners:

more than 100 placements in over 40 research centres
to provide excellent scientific training to top Italian Master’s degree graduates in chemistry, pharmacy, biology and biotechnologies, encouraging them to pursue a scientific career applying for doctoral programmes in excellent European laboratories.
Selection criteria

- Good knowledge of English
- Master’s degrees in chemistry, pharmacy, biology and biotechnologies
- Experimental dissertation
- Graduation mark not lower than 105/110
- High average grades
- Low completion rate
- Previous experiences abroad, other research placements, publications
- Graduated in the last 12 months
- Not older than 27
The placement procedure

1. Work programmes requested in advance to the hosting laboratories
2. Selective but well disseminated call for applications
3. Ranking of all applicants (sometime over 500 applications)
4. 5 motivated choices requested to the top 50 candidates (who are allowed to get in touch with the former trainees by e-mail)
5. Final decision based on the scientific and technical skills of the candidate and his/her knowledge of English

Best possible match between CVs and work programmes
The placement: WORK HARD…

COMPULSORY SCIENTIFIC REPORT

• Introduction
• Aim of the work
• Materials and Methods
• Results
• Discussion
• References
...AND PLAY HARD
Further information

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Thank you for your attention

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