

Template for beneficiaries for 2018 Annual Report to feature Erasmus+ good practice projects

Key Action: Learning Mobility of Individuals KA103

Sector: Higher Education student and staff mobility within programme countries

Project Reference Number	2016-1-MT01-KA103-015095
Name of Sending Organisation (Applicant organisation)	Universita Ta Malta
Website of Sending Organisation (Applicant organisation)	www.um.edu.mt
Start and end date of project	01/06/2016 - 31/05/2018
Hosting Organisation/s	various
Website/s of Hosting Organisation/s	

Countries represented in the project (apart from Malta)	Austria Belgium Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Ireland Italy Latvia Lithuania Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey United Kingdom
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<p><u>Objectives of the project</u> In line with ECHE charter principles (provide high quality mobility)</p>
<p><u>Target group</u> Higher Education student and staff</p>

Short description of beneficiary institution

Lying at the cross-roads of the Mediterranean, UM has been, over its 400-year history, the hub for international academic exchange on the island. UM is the leading higher education institution in Malta and its structures are in line with the Bologna Process and the European Higher Education area.

The University seeks to carry out academic research and provide a vibrant higher education setting in the arts, sciences and the humanities as required for Malta's economic, social and cultural development. The courses at UM are designed to produce highly-qualified professionals in multiple disciplines. The UM alumni community is growing exponentially: well over 3,500 students graduate in various disciplines annually.

Today UM is composed of fourteen faculties, a number of interdisciplinary institutes and centres, three schools and a junior college. Besides the main campus, situated at Msida, there are three other campuses: Valletta, Marsaxlokk, Gozo.

The language of instruction is English.

Summary of results and impact

A number of positive outcomes are to be highlighted. In particular with an impact not only directly to mobility participants but also their colleagues. It is in fact observed that students who returned from a mobility are keener to participate in student organisations and in welcoming Erasmus+ inbound students and international students. It is also noteworthy that academics and administrative/technical staff who participate in a mobility come back with a positive approach towards their mobility and share their knowledge and experience with colleagues and students.

Any Tools/Products Developed

Specific theme e.g. employability, social exclusion, early school leaving, citizenship ...

Testimonials/positive comments from participants in final report

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A law student reported back to the International Office that she would like to encourage all students to go on an Erasmus mobility as she considered it as one of the best academic and social experiences she ever had. She completed a semester at the 'Universita' degli Studi di Roma Tre' in Rome, Italy. The lecturers at Roma 3 encouraged participation during lectures and were very approachable. The courses she followed namely Anglo - American Company Law and International and European Intellectual Property Law were very interesting and she was lucky enough to be able to follow courses in English. She found an incredible amount of support both from the International Office at the University of Malta as well as from Roma 3 to obtain access arrangements during exams. Having certain physical limitations, it was still possible for me to follow the courses and do the exams like all the other students. Erasmus+ really gave her a chance to get to know people from all around the world and to improve her cultural exposure, whilst having the opportunity to practice different languages. As an experience, this programme really enhances one's academic and social opportunities in life. Subject to her limitations, she was not able to participate fully in all the social events organized by the ESN at Roma 3. However, she was also informed that a good programme is organised. This experience has broadened her legal knowledge and she is very grateful to have participated in such programme.

An academic staff reported back that between the 24th and 29th of April 2017, he visited the Department of Mechatronics in the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering of Brno University of Technology, hosted by the head of department. There he delivered a total of 16 hours of lectures and practical sessions on "Nonlinear Systems Analysis and Control" and on "Root-Locus Techniques in Control Systems Analysis and Design" to two different classes of postgraduate and undergraduate students respectively. Moreover, I had the opportunity to be shown around the laboratories and to discuss a number of new projects that the host department is working on in collaboration with industry. This led to a number of ideas on how to enhance the collaboration between the host and local departments. One of these ideas is the organisation of a training workshop to be delivered in Malta by the HoD himself on the use of "MATLAB for Object-Oriented Programming and GUI Applications". This will be open to all those academics and students at the University of Malta who are interested in the topic. It will help to transfer practical skills and knowledge in signal processing and control systems between the two universities. The workshop has been successfully set up and took place on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at the University of Malta. Other ideas included possibilities of joint research projects and lecturing visits between the two departments. A previous (March 2014) Erasmus-funded visit to the same Laboratory, led the two parties to start collaborating on a research project. Part of this collaboration involved a PhD student from Brno University of Technology spending a few weeks working in the Control Laboratory of the University of Malta under the guidance of local academics. This visit took place during October to December 2014.

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