



Towards the Internationalisation of Education in Croatia

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Erasmus+



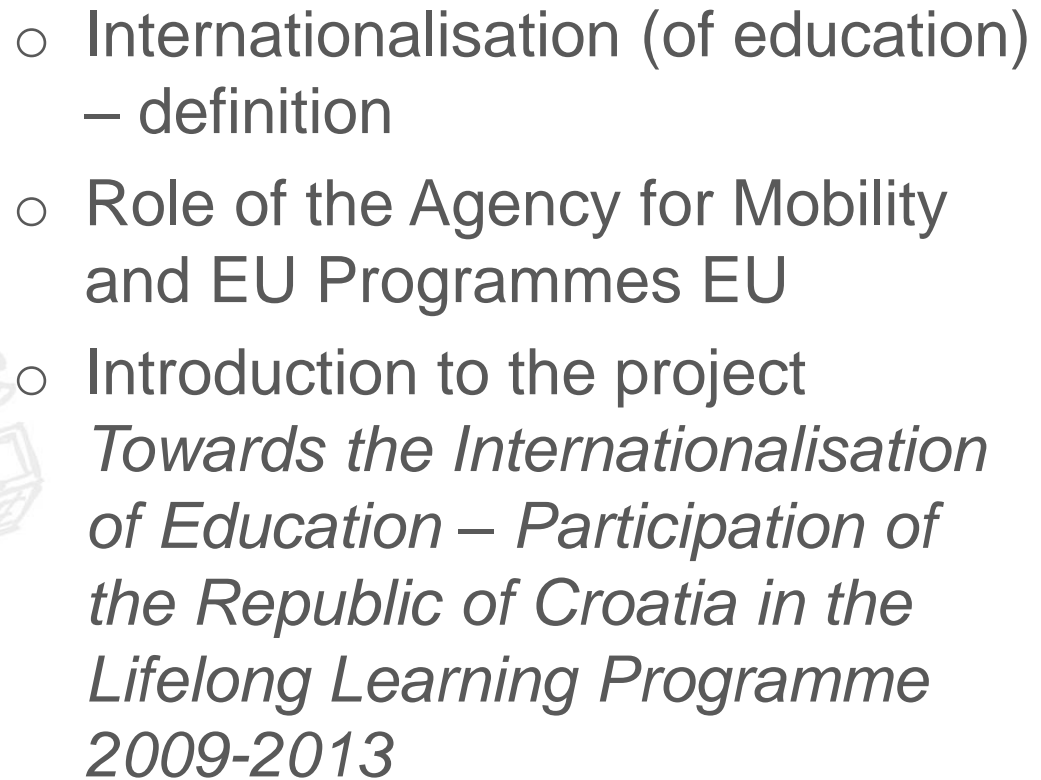
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Internationalisation of education – definition

Extremely prominent subject within the framework of higher education policies; with the tendency of growing visibility and importance in school education in the last years. **The definition is applicable to all levels of education.**

„**Internationalisation** of institutions means that the cooperation with other international systems of higher education and institutions is growing and expanding to an increasing number of fields and that institutional policies, strategies and procedures are putting a growing emphasis on the regulation and facilitation of these activities.

Through internationalisation, as it is considered, the institutions of higher education **develop the culture of quality, achieve better results and thus become more competitive.**”

(Luijten-Lub, Huisman and van der Wende, 2005)

Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

2007	Government of the Republic of Croatia established AMEUP
Scope of activities	Education, youth and science
PURPOSE	Improving the system by internalization
INSTRUMENTS	International mobility and cooperation
NAU	MSES AND MSPY
2010	European Commission accreditation for LLP & YiA
2011	Croatia gains full participation in the programmes
January 01, 2014	National agency implementing Erasmus+

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Vision

- By providing opportunities for mobility and international cooperation in science, education, training and youth, the Agency contributes to the strengthening of human and democratic potential, social cohesion and competitiveness of Croatian society.

Mission

- To support internationalization with the aim of improving the quality of the science, education and training and youth field in the Republic of Croatia, in accordance with the needs of citizens, society and the economy.



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AMEUP activities

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

ERASMUS+

BILATERAL
AGREEMENT
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CEEPUS

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAMME
Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus, Grundtvig,
Transversal programme, Jean Monnet, eTwinning,
Euroguidance, Europass, Expert groups: Bologna process,
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**TEMPUS
ERASMUS MUNDUS**

YOUTH

ERASMUS+

**YOUTH IN
ACTION**
volunteering,
youth exchanges,
youth initiatives,
youth democracy
projects,
trainings,
Eurodesk

SCIENCE

HORIZON
2020.

EURAXESS

FP7
PEOPLE/ MARIE CURIE AND
COOPERATION
(environment/energy)



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The role of AMEUP in the internationalisation of education

Three complementary functions and levels:

1. Managing programmes under its authority and providing expert support to the Croatian participation in the centralized programmes
2. Support to the development of policies and instruments for the internationalisation of education
3. Development of new projects of internationalization and quality strengthening according to the national needs

1. Managing programmes under its authority and providing expert support to the Croatian participation in the centralized programmes

- **Implementation of Erasmus+ at the national level**
 - **call for proposals** for applying for financial support
 - **information services for potential applicants** → many informative activities
 - **counselling and guidance services** – on submitting a project proposal and project implementation
 - **election, financing, agreement, supervision** – of the project implementation and the financial support distribution
 - financial, legal and administrative support during the application and implementation
 - information/counselling on the centralized Erasmus+ activities
- **Implementation of Erasmus+ networks and initiatives; implementation of the international programmes in the field of higher education**
- Events: In 2015 the AMEUP team organized/participated in 225 events that gathered 30 000 Croatian citizens in about 30 cities, municipalities and localities
- September, 2016: Implementation of 508 Erasmus+ projects worth over 35 million €

About the Agency - employees

Sectors

Education and training	30
Youth	11
Science	13
Project Financiation	7
Director' Office; general, legal, PR, accounting, IT, administrative jobs	16

Total	77
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Qualifications

Qualification structure	Dr.sc. – 2; MSc –2 University qualifications – 68; Post-secondary school qualifications – 2 Secondary school qualifications – 3
Average age	36
% F/M	92% F - 8% M



AMEUP team



ERASMUS+ BENEFITS FOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER USERS

Internationalisation of the institution

Higher quality of the institution

**Improvement of
students'/employees' knowledge,
abilities and qualifications**



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Agency's support to the institutions of the system

Information services



Web page www.mobilnost.hr, Facebook pages
Preparation materials (manuals, questionnaires, video directions, recorded webinars, FAQ)
Publications in print and e-form (handouts, brochures, manuals)
AMPEU Newsletter
Informative and promotional events, presentations and visits

Counselling services during the realisation of project application



Annual seminar for quality enhancement
Project proposal workshops
Individual counselling (via e-maila, telephone and in the form of meetings)
Transnational cooperation activities (European seminars)

Support services and project implementation monitoring



Agency's supervisory visits:
Supervision on the spot during the project implementation
System supervision
Supervision on the spot after the implementation of the project
Visits for project monitoring
Thematic meetings for the quality enhancement of Erasmus+ projects

Towards the Internationalisation of Education

*Participation of the Republic of
Croatia in the Lifelong Learning
Programme 2009-2013*

About the project - motives, purpose, foundation

- **Motives for the project development:** EU member countries have an obligation to evaluate the influence of the programme in the field of education at the national level.
- **Purpose of the investigation at the national level:**
 - a) Contribution to European evaluation of the previous programme and to the creation of the new one.
(Together with the national reports, which will be prepared in 2017 by all Erasmus+ programme countries according to the unified methodology, it will set the basis for the evaluation of LLP and Erasmus+, as well as for the development of the next programme generation.)
 - b) Basis for the improvement of Erasmus+ management and implementation at the national level.
- **Starting point and the foundation of the project:** research study – evaluation of influence
- **Objectives and the desired effect of the project:** exceed in a significant way the important activities of the presentation and dissemination of research results.

About the project - objectives

1. Improvements in Erasmus+ programme implementation and in the process of internationalisation of educational institutions

Research results: sum up the influence of the LLP-a on the participating institutions, but also open new questions and indicate the difficulties that appeared during the implementation. Results:

- basis for the development of recommendations
- useful analytic basis during the preparation of strategic documentation and records of performance about the internationalization of education
- basis for the development of sustainable solutions aimed at the strengthening the capacities of the institutions for the implementation of EU projects and the removal of possible obstacles.

2. Raising the level of transparency and visibility of the Programme results among the professionals and wider community, as well as promoting the internationalisation of education

3. Strengthening and further development of partnership with users and relevant stakeholders

About the project - holders and participants

- **Project holders:** AMEUP and MZOS (Ministry of Science, Education and Sports)
- **Project development and implementation:** AMEUP
- **Duration:** second half of 2014 – 2020
- **Implementation structure:** over 50 people

Core team: about 20 people / Wider team: about 50 people

- operational, research and counselling components of the implementation – AMEUP team (5), MZOS, researchers, external collaborators, Consulting group for monitoring the LLP evaluation
- professional, promotional and dissemination activities of the project (recommendation implementation): other 30 AMEUP employees
- **Coverage of the participants in the project implementation (on the spot):** about 1000 people from school education and higher education system
 - The research on the influence of internationalisation covered 189 institutions (164 SE, 25 HE), and questionnaires were completed by 956 people (868 SE, 88 HE).
 - Without the coverage that will be achieved by promo and dissemination activities

About the project

- Components (“work packages”)

- **Work package 1: Research and recommendation**
 - Elaboration of methodology, election of researchers, focus groups (Education and Training), document analysis (HE), questionnaires and interviews, research report (Q2 2014 – Q3 2015)
 - Recommendations: Q4 2014 – Q2 2016
- **Work package 2: Three complementary publications (October 2016)**
 - Towards the Internationalisation of Education – Participation of Republic of Croatia in the LLP 2009-2013***
 - Towards the Internationalisation of Education: Examples of good practices in the projects implemented within the LLP and Youth in Action 2009-2013*
 - Towards the Internationalisation of Education: Erasmus+ practical guide for SE institution head-masters*
- **Work package 3: Promotional and dissemination activities**
- **Work package 4: Application of research results and recommendations (2017-2020)**



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