



Internationalisation at Ghent University

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General policy/1

- Policy commission on internationalisation
 - Developing a university broad policy
 - Exchanging experiences with each other
 - Preparing policy documents for the Board
 - Aim (a.o.): 20 % mobile students in 2020 (now 15 %)
- Faculty Commissions on internationalisation
 - Implementation of the policy
 - Point of contact for students and teachers

General policy/2

- International Relations Office
 - Coordinating applications for projects
 - Support to students and teaching staff
 - Gathering and spread of information
 - Supporting the international profile of the university
 - Organisation of visits to and from the university
 - Supporting students: Welcome Day, accomodation, language training

Mobility/1

- Bilateral Agreements
 - Erasmus: 510
 - Others in EU: 27
 - EFTA: 3
 - Turkey: 1
 - Switzerland: 1
- Good practice
 - ECTS-label in 2004 and 2009

Mobility/2

- 32 000 students; 3 000 non-Belgian
 - Incoming: 823
 - 613 Erasmus students
 - 210 others
 - Outgoing: 657 (average: 6 months)
 - 545 Erasmus students
 - 112 others
 - Placements: outgoing 21
 - Teaching staff mobility out: 81

Mobility/3

- Institutional Bilateral Agreements
 - 175 partner universities
 - 44 new ones in 2009
 - No 'sleeping' agreements
 - Mainly outside Europe
 - Incentive funding for staff taking initiative
 - students: 16 in-20 out; staff: 16 in-19 out

Mobility/4: Erasmus Belgica

- Initiative of ‘Prins Filip Fund’
 - Between Belgian HEIs from the other language groups (Dutch-French-German)
 - Information sessions about ‘the other’
 - Joint degrees
 - Mobility: 13 students out; 42 students in

Other European Projects

- LLP Action 2 (ex EMEWC)
 - Coordinator (2): Basileus (WBC) and Lisum (China)
 - Partner (6): India, China, Latin-America
 - More mobility of staff, researchers and students
- European MLaster Courses
- Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
- Intensive Programmes
- Curriculum Development Programmes
- EQF-initiatives
- Tempus
- Many discipline related projects

International Organisations

- Aim
 - International profile of Ghent University
 - Networking
 - Cooperation for education and research
- Examples
 - Santander Group (preferential partners)
 - EUA, EAIE, IUC, IAU
 - Humane
 - Peace

Regional Cooperation/1: U4

- Groningen, Göttingen, Upsalla, Ghent
- Preferential partners
- Joint initiatives and degrees (Ma and PhD)
- Student mobility
- Marketing and management
- International benchmarking
- Valorisation

Regional Cooperation/2

- Nord – Pas-de-Calais
 - 150 000 students
 - Strong research area
 - Periphery of France
- Kent
 - Orientation to the continent
 - Periphery of UK
 - ‘London’ is a barrier

Platforms/1

- Structural cooperation between different partners
 - HEIs of two regions
 - Private partners
 - Industry
 - Services
 - Hospitals
 - Authorities
 - Cities
 - Provinces
 - Chambres of Commerce

Platforms/2

- China Platform
 - Answer on growing number of potential Chinese students
 - Independent office in China
 - Screening of students in China
- India Platform
- Africa Platform
 - Mainly research

Internationalisation @ Home

- Support to incoming staff
- Summerschools and international weeks
- Virtual international class
- University support to Electronic Learning Environment
- Courses: writing skills, intercultural activities
- Curriculum design: window, language

Development Aid

- Specific trainings
- Short education programmes
- 12 ICPs supported by the Flemish Government (+ special language conditions)
- Grants of the Flemish Government
- Selection and screening of PhD students
- Mainly through the Rectors' Conference

Research

- International by nature
- Support to staff: projects of
 - Ghent University (BOF)
 - Flanders (FWO)
 - Belgium (Science Policy)
 - Europe (FP7, Tournesol, ...)
- Non-Belgian PhD-students
 - EHEA = Belgium
 - Others: mainly Development Aid

Personal Overview

- History
 - Education: Clionet2, Clionworld
 - Research: Clionres (FP6)
 - www.clion.net
- General
 - Management: Tempus Morems
 - National Qualification Framework: Macedonia; Netherlands
 - Sectoral Qualification Framework: Humart, Tuning
 - Regional Cooperation: U4, N-France; S-Netherlands