

Follow-up Impact Questionnaire

All mobility participants in the **2022-1-IT02-KA171-HED-000071925** Erasmus+ higher education project were invited to complete a questionnaire addressing the longer term impacts of their mobility experiences.

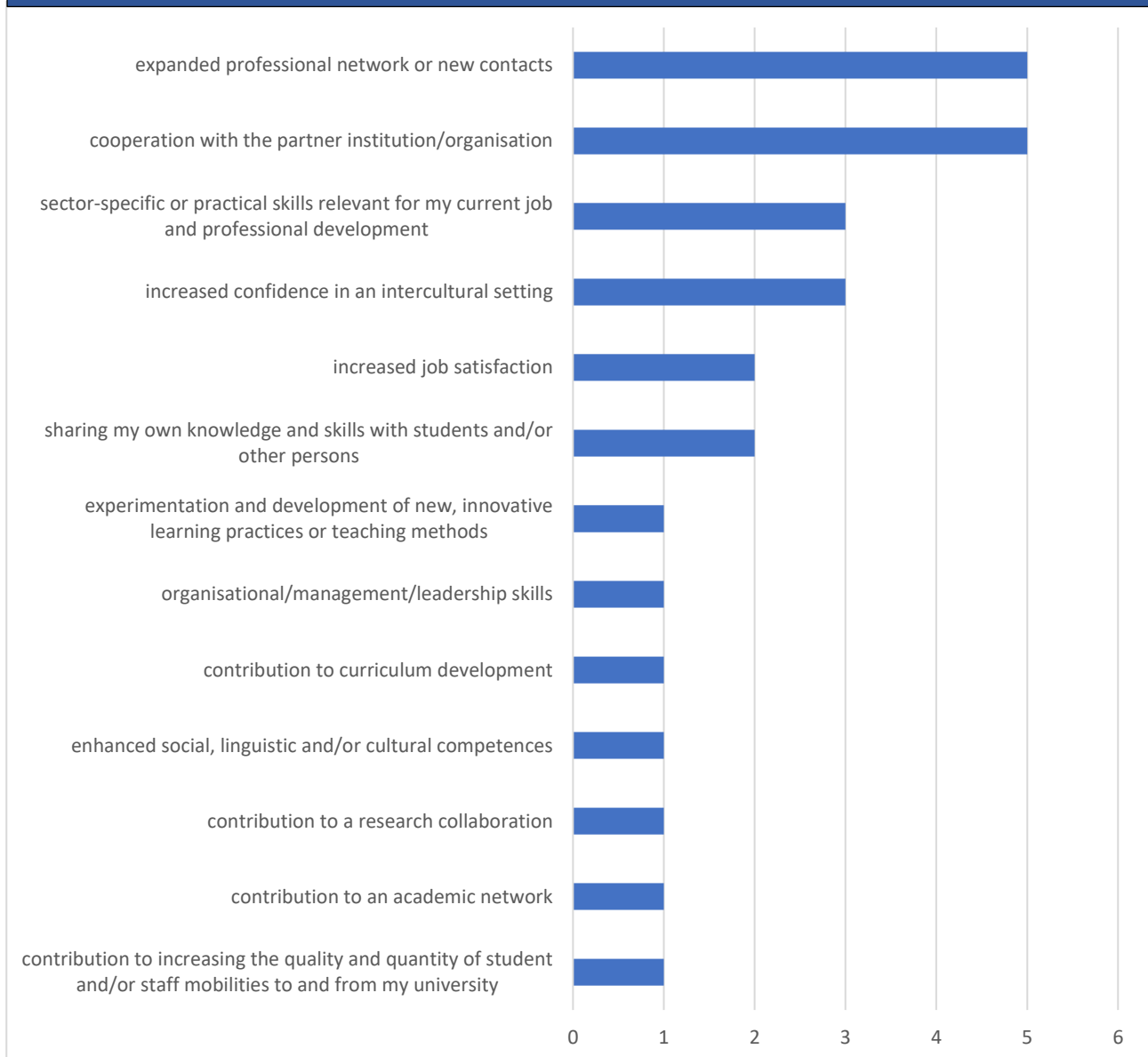
The questionnaire was open to the end of December 2025. Mobility participants completed the questionnaire anywhere from **6-18 months after their Erasmus+ mobility**.

The results revealed several significant longer-term impacts on their academic, professional, and personal development.

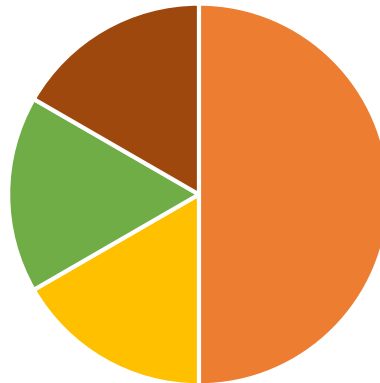
Highlights for Staff Mobilities

100% were still in contact with others they had interacted with while on their Erasmus+ mobility, irrespective of where the staff mobility participant was hosted for teaching or training.

Thanks to your Erasmus+ mobility, which of the following continue to have an impact and be relevant to you:

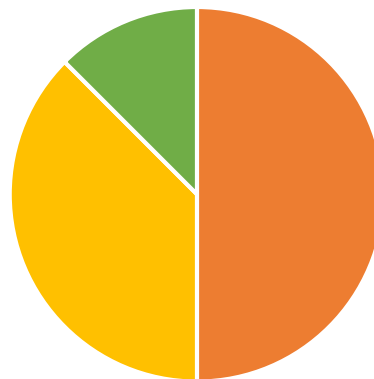


Are you currently involved in any collaborations, whether directly or indirectly a result of your Erasmus+ mobility?



- Yes, definitely, we are already collaborating.
- Yes, I hope so, we are in contact to discuss future plans.
- I would like to, but we haven't discussed it yet.
- No, not at this time.

What kind of collaborations?



- Student and/or staff exchange
- Joint research activity and/or project
- No collaborations at this time

"We have a continuous relationship with the partner visited and we continue to send students there for short courses and semesters and teaching staff has also been involved in courses."

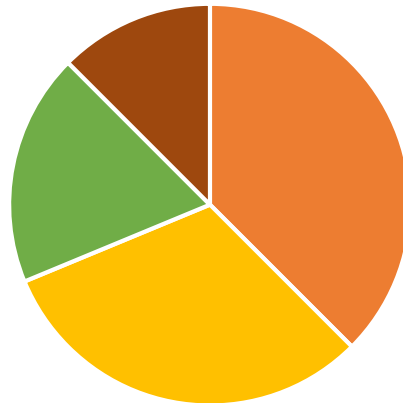
-Mariska April, Stellenbosch University (STT)

"Working with Faculty at LMU Munich and VIU on further research collaborations."

-Stellenbosch University (STA)



Where do you continue to feel that your Erasmus+ mobility led to an impact at your university?



- internationalisation of my university
- new/increased cooperation with the receiving university
- use of new teaching/training methods/approaches/good practices
- stronger involvement of my university in curriculum development

“Internationalisation input during management transition.”

-Robert Kotze, Stellenbosch University (STT)

“stronger knowledge to write KA171 application, stronger knowledge to promote mobility opportunities, more opportunities for networking”

-University of Padova (STT)

“Aiming in consider African Partners in short workshops programs.”

- Paola De Rossi, Luav University of Venice (STT)

We have been able to use ideas from the VIU Intensive Graduate Activity in our local science communication training programmes.

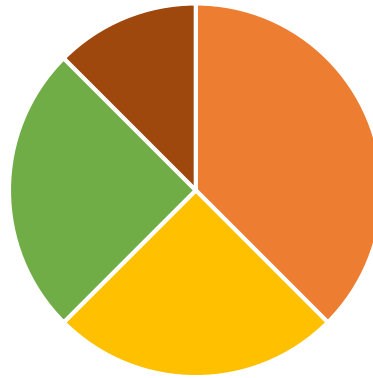
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“We are preparing a proposal for funding.”

-Stellenbosch University (STA)

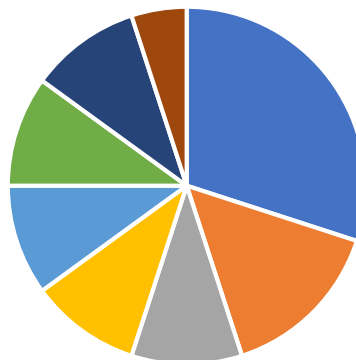


Through which of the following activities has your Erasmus+ mobility experience been recognized by your university:



- informal recognition by my management (such as the head of department /unit, dean, rector)
- part of my yearly work plan
- included in my formal performance assessment
- not recognized at all

Since you returned from your mobility, how have you had the opportunity to talk about or share your mobility experience:



- informal communication with colleagues
- informal communication with leadership
- institutional meetings with colleagues and/or leadership
- departmental meetings with colleagues and/or leadership
- structured report and evaluation
- training sessions for colleagues
- other (please specify)
- international project or collaboration

*Other:

Informal conversations with students who make appointments for information.

Enrichment of institutional strategic documents



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“Informal and formal sharing with colleagues would be very insightful on a three monthly period as each of us taking part have different experiences and view our experiences in different ways.”

-Mariska April, Stellenbosch University (STT)

“mobility formally recognized as training activity (40 hours/years of training are mandatory as per my employment contract). Moreover, the number of training hours concluded during the year influence my evaluation which as a slight (almost not visible) impact on my salary”

-University of Padova (STT)

“No impact on professional development even if the personal development was and is deep.”

- Paola De Rossi, Iuav University of Venice (STT)

“The recognition is mostly informal, but has contributed to further collaborations.”

-Stellenbosch University (STA)

“Increased exposure to intercultural research”

-Stellenbosch University (STA)

Additional comments:

“It was a very educational and insightful experience and it was necessary as I could speak to students on practicalities fo going to this particular university and that was very helpful and necessary to the students and how they moved when they got to the specific city.”

-Mariska April, Stellenbosch University (STT)

“a priceless experience!”

-University of Padova (STT)

“Our Office can welcome and help partner universities students, teachers and researchers in a broad and more practical way.”

- Paola De Rossi, Iuav University of Venice (STT)

“Excellent programme”

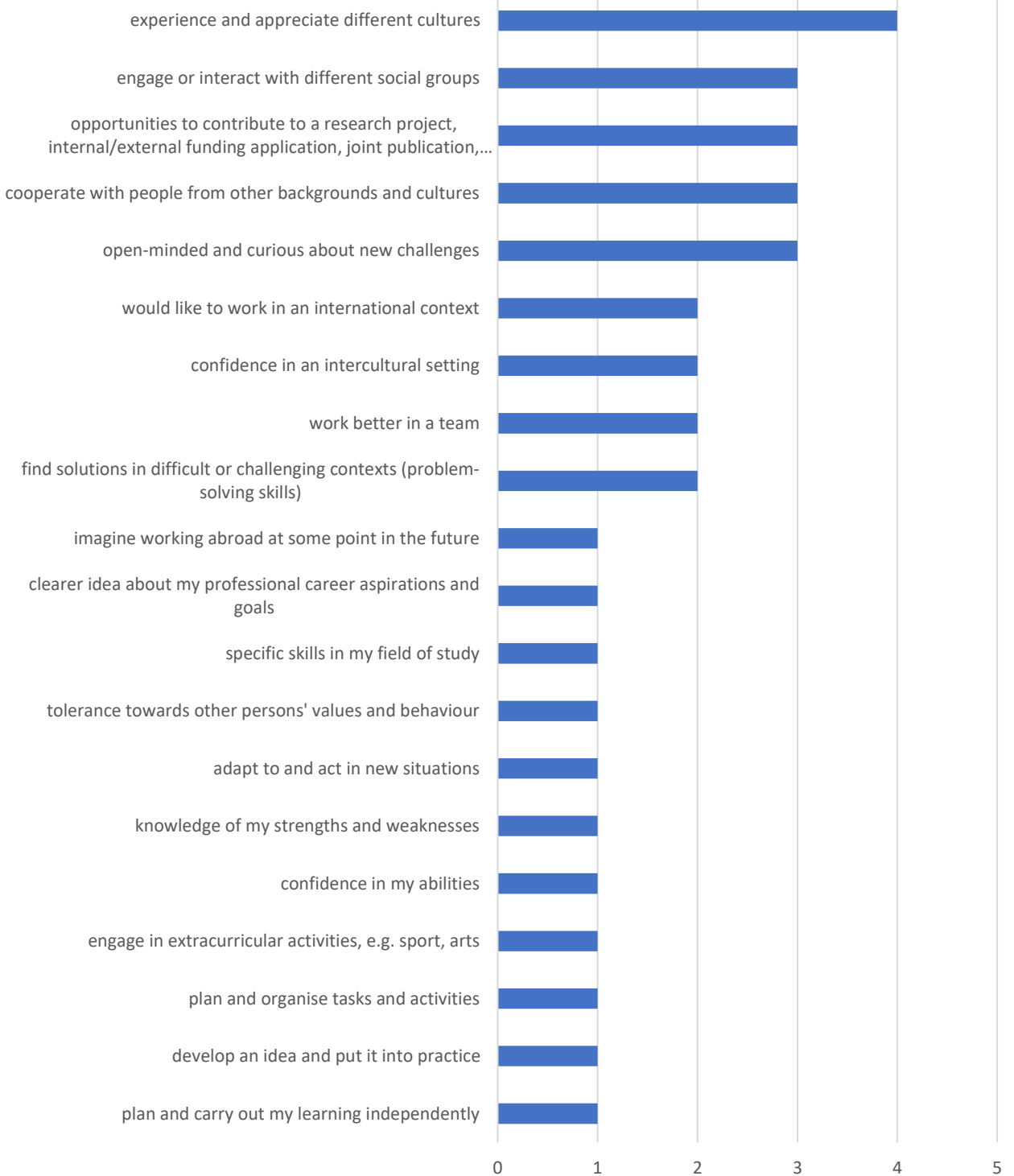
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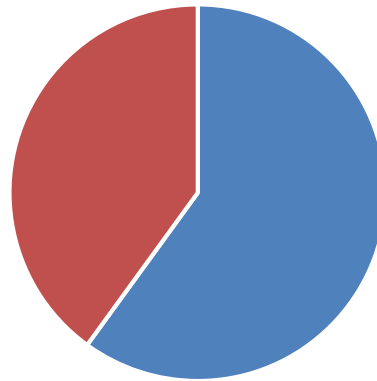
Highlights for Student Mobilities

100% were still in contact with others they had interacted with while on their Erasmus+ mobility, irrespective of where the student mobility participant was hosted.

Thanks to your Erasmus+ mobility, which of the following continue to have an impact and be relevant to you:

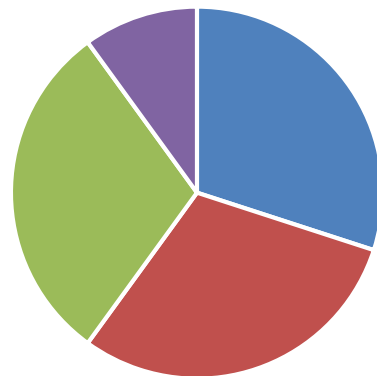


Are you currently involved in any collaborations, whether directly or indirectly a result of your Erasmus+ mobility?



- Yes, definitely, we are already collaborating.
- Yes, I hope so, we are in contact to discuss future plans.

What kind of collaborations?



- research collaboration
- project collaboration
- academic network
- joint publication

“Through the mobility opportunity, I get to know scholars who share similar interests who also work in academia. We always need external moderators for our postgraduate students, so during the mobility I can extend the social-academic network and we always welcome scholars who expressed interests to be our external moderator.”

-Wan Chi McLachlan, Stellenbosch University

“Possible joint articles and my exchange to Italy resulted in an Italian PhD student to visit South Africa on a 6 month research exchange.”

-Grant Keet, Stellenbosch University

“We are part of a think tank. We are students, researchers, faculty, and staff from around the world.”

-Stellenbosch University



“Yeast biotechnology Lab, Microbiology Department, Stellenbosch University, South Africa”

-University of Padova

“We would like to have specific seminars or collaborative projects.”

-luav University of Venice

Describe the moment(s) during your Erasmus+ mobility which made you think, “This is why I came here.”

“curiosity; eager to learn from others; appreciate the beauty of the culture, people and nature...etc. I appreciate each and every opportunity to learn.”

-Wan Chi McLachlan, Stellenbosch University

“Experiencing new foods and sceneries, but also furthering my academic expertise and working with different biotechnological systems.”

-Grant Keet, Stellenbosch University

“The entire VIU Intensive Graduate Activity describes this expression. No single moment can be selected.”

-Stellenbosch University

“I have been working on my doctoral project, aimed at developing industrial yeast strains capable of producing enzymes that efficiently hydrolyze bioplastics”

-University of Padova

“Meeting people from diverse background, exchanges with researchers and professors with a unique perspective different from the European one.”

-luav University of Venice

How have you shared your mobility experience?



- informally with my department / faculty / professors / academic supervisors
- informally with other students
- formal reporting to my department / faculty / professors / academic supervisors
- formal reporting to my university's international office
- presented my experiences in workshops / seminars / conferences
- participated in training / information sessions for other students



What advice would you give to a friend if they were unsure about applying for an Erasmus+ mobility?

“Go for it!”

-Wan Chi McLachlan, Stellenbosch University

“Apply for it!”

-Grant Keet, Stellenbosch University

“It is easier than you think. It is smooth.”

-Stellenbosch University

“An experience highly recommended for discovering new cultures and ways of thinking. A life-changing experience.”

-University of Padova

“Always take the chance, you will always learn something and discover unexpected points of view.”

-luav University of Venice

Additional comments:

“I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus+ mobility program. This experience has been incredibly enriching, both professionally and personally. The exchange allowed me to gain valuable insights, collaborate with inspiring colleagues, and broaden my perspective on Translation related topics. I truly appreciate the support and coordination that made this possible. I look forward to applying what I have learned and continuing to foster international collaboration.”

-Wan Chi McLachlan, Stellenbosch University

“The Erasmus+ staff are very helpful and guide you through every step of the process with patience and kindness.”

-University of Padova

“Every mobility I did, enriched me.”

-luav University of Venice

