

Extending and supporting physical student mobility through virtual mobility: the VM-BASE experience

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Physical mobility

- Erasmus: EU's flagship education programme
- Opportunities for improvement
- Challenge: many students simply cannot enjoy the benefits of the programme because of financial reasons



Virtual mobility

“ “ The use of information and communication technologies to obtain the same benefits as one would have with physical mobility but without the need to travel.

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Blended mobility

- Combine aspects of physical and virtual mobility in order to maximize the advantage of both approaches
- Virtual support before, during and after a physical exchange





- **Virtual Mobility Before and After Student Exchanges**
- Socrates – Minerva project (October 2006 - September 2008)
- Virtual preparatory and return initiatives for physical Erasmus exchanges, supporting teachers in coaching at a distance (e-coaching)

Project partners

- EuroPACE ivzw (BE)
- Catholic University of Leuven (BE)
- Coimbra Group ASBL (BE)
- Katholieke Hogeschool Leuven (BE)
- ESU European Students' Union (BE)
- University of Tartu (EE)
- BEST Board of European Students of Technology (FR)
- University of West Hungary – Faculty of Geoinformatics (HU)
- Helsinki University of Technology, TKK Dipoli (FI)
- Laurea University of Applied Sciences (FI)
- University of Edinburgh (UK)



Virtual support activities *before* the exchange

- Orientation guidelines
- Course information
- Pre-selection tools & student selection
- Preparatory courses (language, culture, digital literacy)



Case: Virtual Buddy System

- Before the stay a local student is matched to an incoming student
- ‘Virtual Buddy’: E-mail, Skype, MSN,...
- The buddy guides the international student through daily life in the host country and institution
- Beneficial for international students, buddies, teachers, International Officers
- Evaluation of functioning and effects of ‘Virtual Buddy’ system

Case: Prep course International Master in Physiotherapy

- Equalise the initial level of knowledge of the (international) students
- Course and tests available on the K.U.Leuven learning platform
- Students have access to platform from their home country and can test their chances to succeed for the master beforehand
- Use of ‘videojukebox’ for one of the modules on pediatric revalidation
- Aim: have all course modules given in the bachelor-years available for international students

Case: Multilingual survival kit GIS

- Course in a virtual learning environment for exchange students
- Preparation for technology used during practical and field work
- Main language: English
- Description of special technical terms used in GIS provided in English, German and Hungarian



Virtual support activities *after* the exchange

- Virtual assessment and evaluation at a distance
- Virtual Alumni



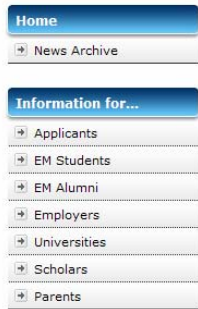
Case: Exam Aquarium

- Camera-guarded & computer-equipped room reserved for writing exams
- Teachers create question database and verify answers on the Internet
- Student take exams independently and at a time suitable for themselves



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Virtual Alumni: feasibility study



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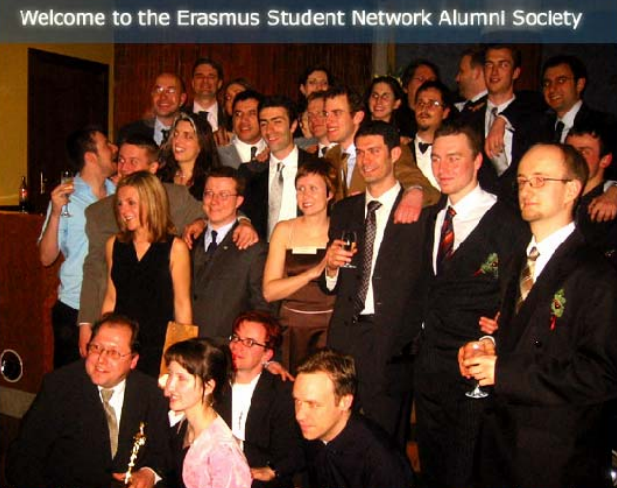
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