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Action Type: Higher education student and staff mobility between Programme and Partner Countries

Project Title

Project for higher education student and staff mobility between Programme Countries and Partner Countries

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Project Summary

Project no.2017-1-ES01-KA107-036731 was an Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility (ICM) project of the University of Cordoba (UCO), of 26 months' duration, running between 01/06/2017 and 31/07/2019. It has been the third ICM project managed by the UCO and it involved 16 Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), including the beneficiary, located in 7 countries: Belarus and Ukraine (partner countries belonging to Region 2), Morocco (Region 3), Russian Federation (Region 4), Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan (Region 7) and Spain.

The network of partners was based on previous academic relationships, running exchange agreements and former TEMPUS and Erasmus Mundus-Action 2 projects. With the aim of enlarging the collaboration in Kazakhstan and Russia, two institutions that have recently become UCO partners were included in the project. The participating institutions covered a wide study area ranging from Science & Technology (Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Sciences, Agronomy, Veterinary, ICTs) to Business and Administration, Education, Tourism or Languages.

The project focused on student and staff mobility from institutions in the partner countries to the HEI in the programme country (UCO). It also aimed to further strengthen institutional links and to build connections between individual staff members that may lead to future academic and research collaboration.

Although the general aim of the project was to increase incoming student mobility and to boost staff exchange, different objectives are met depending on the mobility flow and the singularity of the collaboration with each partner institution. Main themes on which the focus was put were: Master Thesis and PhD co-supervision, scientific collaborations, participation in co-joint CBHE project proposals, the promotion of the Spanish language and European values (mainly among incoming students), dynamization of internationalization in partner HEIs and the respect of the principles and requirements of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education.

The number of participants per Region was: 30 from/to Region 2, 15 from/to Region 3, 28 from/to Region 4 and 18 from/to Region 7. By type of mobility: 51 students carried out a mobility for studies and 40 staff members of the participating HEIs accomplished a staff mobility for teaching or training. The percentage of participation of women was over 70,50% in student mobility and 42,50% in staff mobility (out of 91 participants 53 were female and 38 male). As to the cycle of studies, 31 participants were undergraduate students, 13 Master and 7 PhD students.

The Report involves the activities carried out during academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. A total of 91 mobilities were completed, including two '0-grants' ones. This means an increase of 116.67 % in comparison to the UCO 2016 ICM project, as well as the realization of 110,98% of the mobilities awarded (82) and 99,97% of the budget executed.

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