

## **When Participating in Mobility Activities - After Mobility**

Full recognition is given at the end of periods spent abroad as agreed in the Training Agreement, by using ECTS credits. In individual cases of placements that do not form part of students' curricula, we provide full recognition by recording them on the Diploma Supplement.

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is a tool meant to guarantee the compatibility of course achievements and the various existing grading scales throughout the European Higher Education Area. ECTS is widely accepted among European universities, which should facilitate the recognition of studies during an exchange abroad and in this way encourage student mobility.

We consider mutual recognition to be one of the most important components of Erasmus Exchange. For this reason, students' evaluation of their experience after they return home is of fundamental importance to us.

### **To guarantee Credit Recognition**

- We try to tackle headlong the problem presented by a certain lack of transparency in student workload calculation: it is problematic when host Erasmus coordinators state that 30 ECTS credits per semester or 60 ECTS credits per year are too many successfully to complete the programme due to too heavy a workload.

- Some partner institutions issue transcripts of records without clear indications if they provide local or ECTS credits. Sometimes they register local credits without their equivalents in ECTS. We investigate this.

- When data on grades presented on transcripts of records is not sufficient: statistical distribution of grades is rarely provided and information on students' performance at partner institutions in comparison to other students taking the same course is often not available. At many partner institutions the ECTS grading scale, as used thus far, has not been based on statistical data but on absolute descriptors which has led to many misunderstandings. We attempt to "square this circle".

- If linguistic problems occur when transcripts of records are issued in the language of host institutions without English translation. Sometimes partner institutions fail to provide sufficient information about their academic proposals on their websites. Having inadequate information, students and coordinators are forced to rely on course titles, which are sometimes very general and uninformative.

- Late receipt of transcripts of records causes many problems and might result in delays in students being accredited their degrees. In summary, the recognition process depends on successful communication between all parties: students, faculty coordinators and host institutions. We work hard to overcome this.

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