



Bologna & the Erasmus+ charter: from policy to practice

Title of the session: ECHE and International Credit Mobility (KA107)

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Presentations: *ECHE Principles in Practice*

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Main ideas of the presentations:

- Much is done for international mobility, but it is hard to get a structured overview. How does practice fit in principles, and how to put principles into practice?
- At the Radboud University an International staff week with partners was organised, collecting good practices. The most important outcome: people are actually working with the ECHE every day without knowing it.
- HEIs can learn a lot from each other, in terms of good practices
- ECHE can be used as a framework to measure quality
- presentation of the Radboud ECHE principles excel sheet for sharing good practices

Discussion issues:

- Did you read the ECHE principles? International coordinators only read up on ECHE when they are about a year on the job. After a while they slowly forget about it during their day to day work.
- 8 combined ECHE principles filtered from the charter. Which 2 do you work with most?

Morning session: 2. Recruitment and selection; 3. Preparatory activities; and 8. Dissemination.

Afternoon session: 2. Recruitment and selection; 3. Preparatory activities; and 4. services.

For these categories, activities are mentioned, responding for each: for whom (target audience)? What? By whom? And Tips and pitfalls.

- Incoming staff: there are no procedures, people take care of this individually. But thereby it happens that incoming staff arrives and nobody knows anything.

Final remarks/ recommendations:

Morning session:

- Good practice sharing can be very helpful
- 2. approach of selection is mostly the same despite the of size of mobilities (quantity).
- 3. Struggles of preparing are the same. Organisation is on faculty, programme or central (IO). Different at other HEI's. On what level ->ECHE

- 8. A common problem is that HEIs don't know how to manage all the different sort of disseminations(in HEI / outside HEI). No solutions are found.

Afternoon session:

- 2. Student testimonials can be useful for recruitment and selection, but it's hard to get them. To make sure students actually do it, it is mentioned that you can even give students an EC for it; or you can transfer the last part of the grant after handing in the testimonial.
- 3. When students go abroad for traineeships they can go anytime, so it's hard to organize pre-departure meetings for everyone. The solution mentioned it that there are 4 sessions a year, and that it's mandatory to sign up for one. Another option is record a session/webinar that people have to watch before leaving.
- 4. Assistance to find housing is hard, because of the lack of student housing in most Dutch cities. In Tilburg the put students in a hostel the first month, the university pays part of it. This will give them the time to look for something else. Expectation management is also hard. If they know they have to start looking for a room early on, and to not expect a fully equipped room for €200 a month, they will come better prepared and will be disappointed less.