Internationalisation and Virtual Exchange: Borderless between EU and Asian Countries/ HARMONY (No. 617223-EPP-1-2020-1-ES-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP)

MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY

Embedded internationalization in MRU Strategy developments. Sustainable internationalization of curriculum – development of JSP, DD, ETP. *Case study of joint master degree programme* "Social Work with Children and Youth": from institutionally and nationally supported start to European Erasmus Mundus joint master degree success. Audra Dargytė Burokienė and assoc.prof.dr. Jolanta Pivorienė



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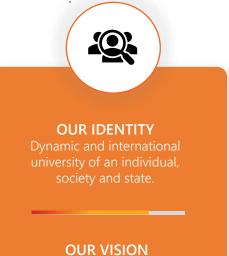




Internationally minded social sciences University Established in 1990 ~6000 students

Law School Public Security Academy Faculty of Public Governance and Business Faculty of Human and Social Studies

> Bachelor (3-3,5-4 y.) Master (1,5-2 y.) LLM (1 y.) MBA (1 y.) Doctoral (4-6 y.)



An open, progressive, vibrate and cohesive academic community, a leader in social sciences in the European Highe Education Area.



Named after professor **Mykolas Römeris** (1880-1945) prominent lawyer, the founder of Lithuanian Constitutional Law www.mruni.eu

PHILOSOPHY OF STUDIES AT MRU

STUDENT-CENTERED

 Student-centered approach – student academic and career support system, mentorship, entrepreneurship, creativity and other transferable skills development

INTERNATIONALIZATION

 International dimension – content-wise and international mobility as a systemic element of studies

DIGITALIZATION

 Digital studies (blended learning) and other means for more individualized education and personal development According to QS Subject ranking, MRU is ranked among the top 250 universities in the world in the field of law. MRU is marked as the high research output producing specialized (social sciences) university among Lithuanian Universities ("Reitingai"). Webometrics – 5th in LT The only LT university in GreenMetric

MRU values partnerships with other universities: 160+ Bilateral Partner Universities from 47 countries; 350+ Universities under the Erasmus+ programme from 30 countries.

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ENGAGEMENT

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We offer joint/double degree study programmes with partners of 9 countries from EU, Eastern Europe, Asia.

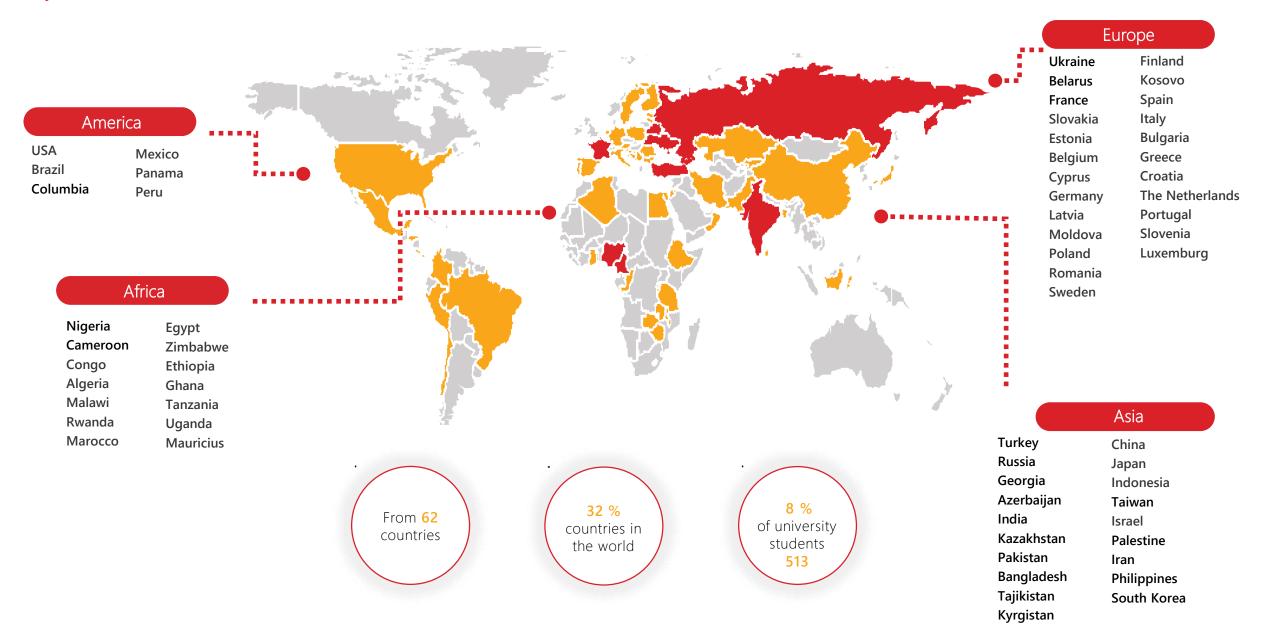






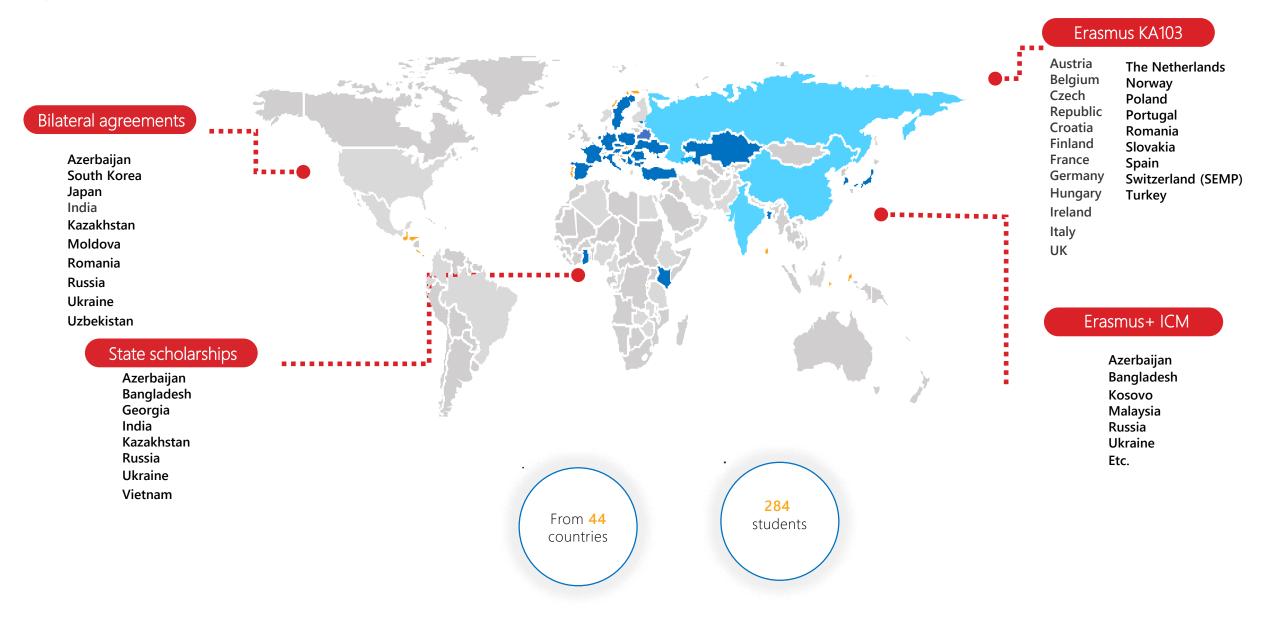
MRU INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS ON THE WORLD MAP (2021)





MRU INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS ON THE WORLD MAP (2021)





INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES 2021 joint or double degree programmes

France

- European Union Law and Governance (Ma)
- European and International Business Law (Ma)
- GOvernance & Administration of Leisure and Sports International Master – GOALS (EMJMD)

The Netherlands

- European Joint Master's in Strategic Border Management (Ma)
- Law, Science and Technology Joint Doctorate: Rights of the Internet of Everything - LAST-JD-RIOE (PhD) - MSCA

Italy

 Law, Science and Technology Joint Doctorate: Rights of the Internet of Everything - LAST-JD-RIOE (PhD)

Luxembourg

- Law, Science and Technology Joint Doctorate: Rights of the Internet of Everything - LAST-JD-RIOE (PhD) – MSCA
- GOvernance & Administration of Leisure and Sports International Master – GOALS (EMIMD)

Portugal

- European Master in Social Work with Children and Youth ESWOCHY (EMJMD)
- GOvernance & Administration of Leisure and Sports International Master – GOALS (EMJMD)





Poland

GOvernance & Administration of Leisure and Sports International Master – GOALS (EMJMD)

Ukraine

- Legal Regulation of Public Administration and Human Rights (Ma)
- Private Law (Ma)
- Intellectual Property Law (Ma)

Slovakia

European Master in Social Work with Children and Youth –ESWOCHY(EMJMD)

South Korea

- Game development and Digital Animation (Ba)
- Informatics and Visual Contents (Ma)

Latvia

- European Joint Master's in Strategic Border Management (Ma)
- European Master in Social Work with Children and Youth –ESWOCHY(EMJMD)

Spain

- European Joint Master's in Strategic Border Management (Ma)
- Law, Science and Technology Joint Doctorate: Rights of the Internet of Everything - LAST-JD-RIOE (PhD) - MSCA



MRU DEGREE PROGRAMMES (IN ENGLISH) 2022

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Strategy developments INTERNATIONALIZATION OF CURRICULUM – Mykolas Romeris University case

1990-2004 2006-2010

Intensive development of international relations : setting up bilateral agreements, visits, conferences, MoU signings

- Focus on outgoing mobility (huge demand, severe competition)
- Very few and occasional international students (primarily for exchange)
- Developments of First ever joint programmes in Lithuania - in 2006 (International law) 2008 (COSOPO)

2010-2020 Modified 2016-2021

Strategy – All Master programmes – joint. Partly because of EHEA focus to joint degrees. JSP development support nationally (8 projects) - developed new JSP (not all survived).

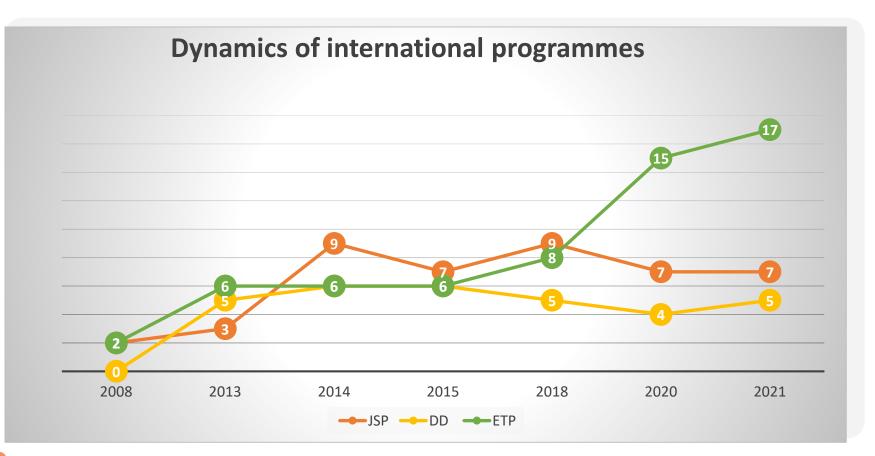
Focus shift to international degree-seeking students (from 3 in 2010 to 300 in 2015 and further increase at a slower pace) 2013 – 2017 partnership with Middlesex university – validated (DD) programmes (terminated in 2016 (last graduate in 2018) From 2015 – shift from joint to double degree arrangements as more sustainable. Focus on partnership with Ukrainian universities 2020 - EMJMD 2021-2023

Quality first! Active partnerships and networks (for sustainable JSP and DD) Focus on research projects and outputs which strengthen academic programmes International degree seeking students with rigorous selection and integration of international students (talent retention) Sustainable internationalization (with focus on balanced and diverse international student body combined of exchange and degree seeking students) Internationalization at home and measures to facilitate outgoing mobility









JSP – Joint study programmes; DD – double degree arrangements; ETP – English-taught national programmes





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Ever existing international / collaborative programmes

JSP

International Law Forensic Investigations Comparative Social Policy and Welfare Social Work with Children and Youth Social Technologies **Business Informatics** Work and Organizational Psychology Informatics and Digital Contents Informatics and Visual Contents Legal regulation of PA and Human Rights Intellectual Property Law Private Law Healthcare Law and Policy European and International Business Law Strategic Border Management Governance and Administration of Leisure and Sports

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EU Law and Governance International Law EIBL specialization Financial Markets Business Informatics Communication and Creative industries Electronic Business Management ESP and a Second Foreign Language Communication and intercultural communication Communication and Digital Marketing E-Government European Project Management European Union Governance Public Administration





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Double degree arrangements at Bachelor degree level:

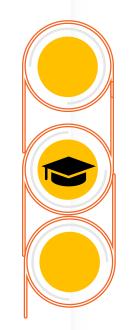
- 2 years at Home University
- Enrollment to MRU (after assessment of previous level education)
- 1,5 or 2 years at MRU
- Both universities participate in final exams or project/work preparation.

OR

- 1y. at HU, 2y. at MRU and 1y. at HU.
- OR

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

• 1y. at HU, 1y. at MRU and 1y. at HU





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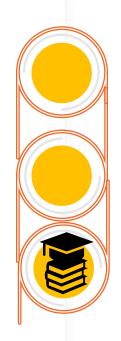
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Double degree arrangements at Master degree level:

- Admission and 1 semester at Home University
- Enrollment to MRU (after assessment of first cycle education)
- 2nd (or 2nd and 3rd) semester at MRU
- Both universities participate in MA thesis supervision and defence.



ACADEMIC PARTRNERSHIP

Mobility schemes of successful JSP/ DD programmes

- Double Master Degree scheme (student swap)
- Double Master (with extra efforts)
- Students moving around together (InterLaw)
- Students meeting for part of joint studies
- Students meet for IP and further virtually (COSOPO)
- DD arrangement with an option for three diplomas



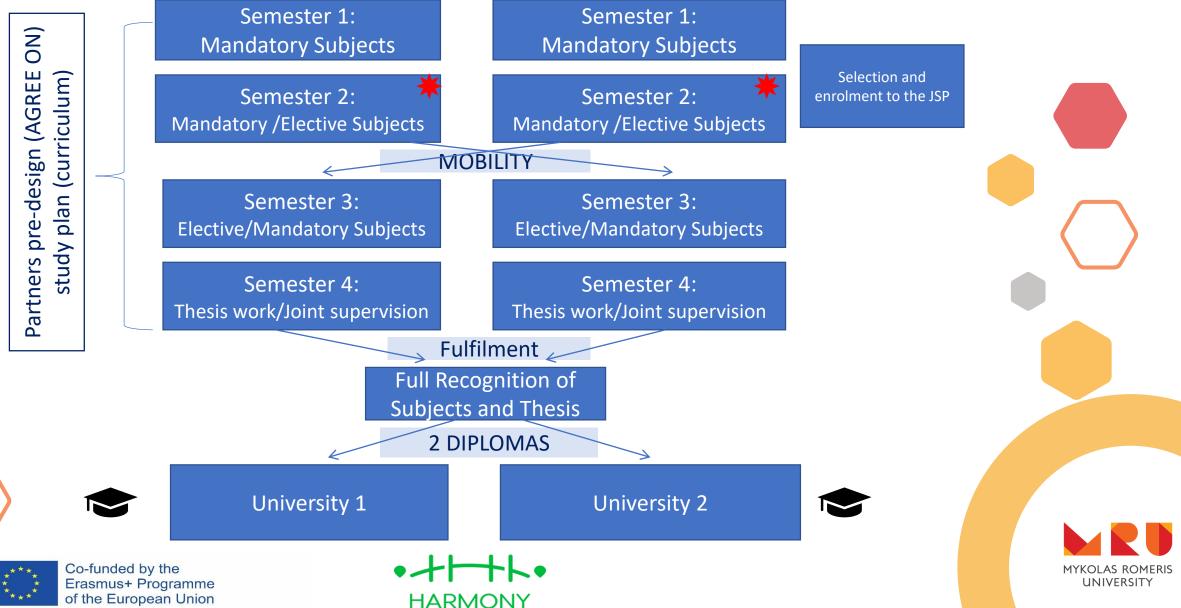


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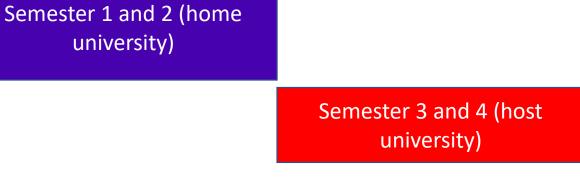


Double Master's degree scheme 1+1 (student swap)





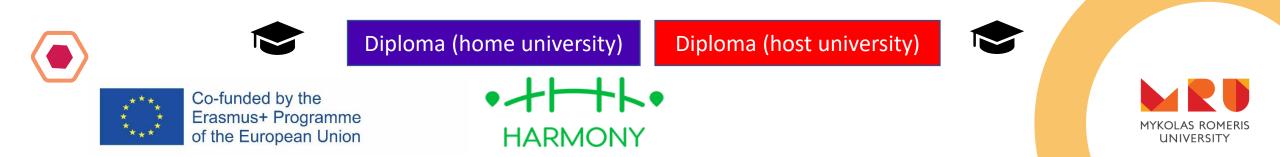
Double Master (with extra efforts) 1+1+0,5



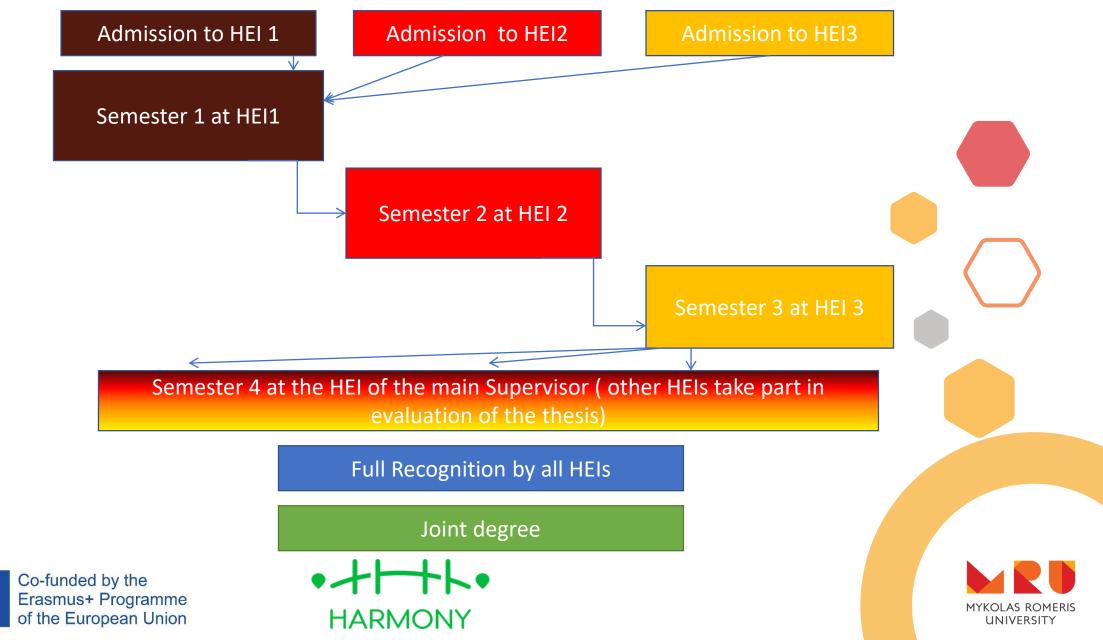
Semester 5 (host or home university) – thesis

Full recognition (requirements of both universities met)

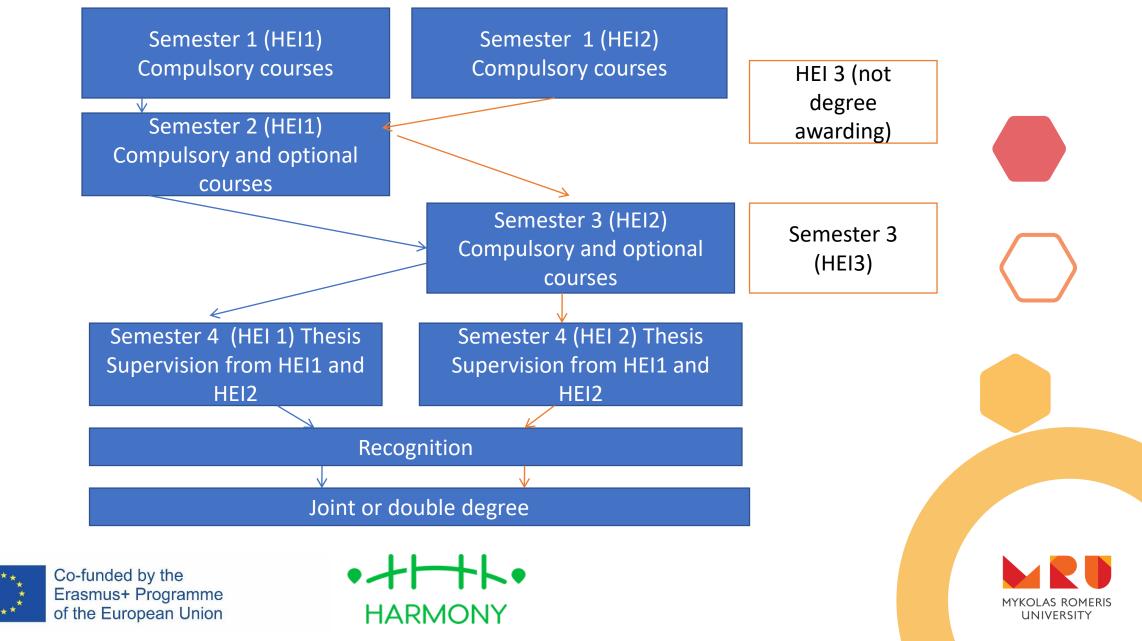
Comparison of both Universities transcripts and checking that additional 30 ECTS requirement is met



Students moving around together





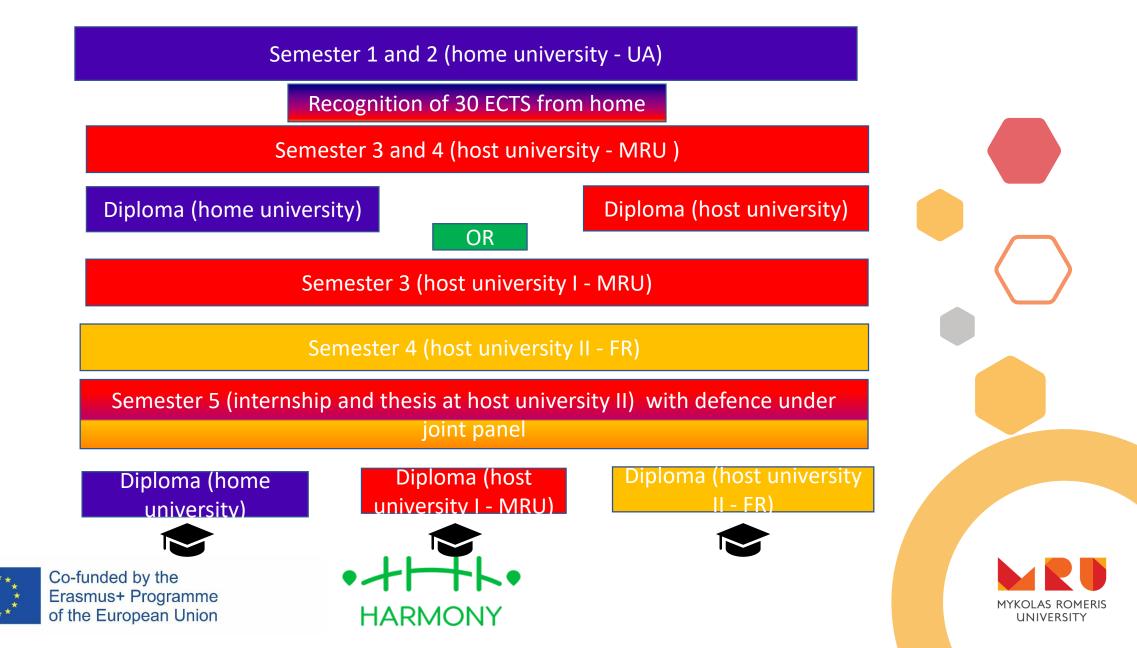




Students meet for IP and Further virtually

MRU (admission)	UTA (admission)	JKU (admission)			
Semester 1: 2 weeks IP in Vilnius and return to home University for					
virtual contact work	Semester 2 : 2 weeks IP in Tampere and return to home University for virtual contact work	Semester 3 : 2 weeks IP in Linz and return to home University for virtual contact work			
Semester 4: Thesis work (All U. participate in defence)	Semester 4: Thesis work (All U. participate in defence)	Semester 4: Thesis work (All U. participate in defence)			
	Recognition				
Joint degree (or National degree + joint certificate)					
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Double diploma arrangement with an option of three diplomas





- How to finance the development (how long does it take? How is it registered/accredited?)
- How to finance the implementation?
- How to enroll students (from day 1 in all universities or from the start of mobility)?
- How many students?
- How to finance student mobility?
- How to not to give up?...











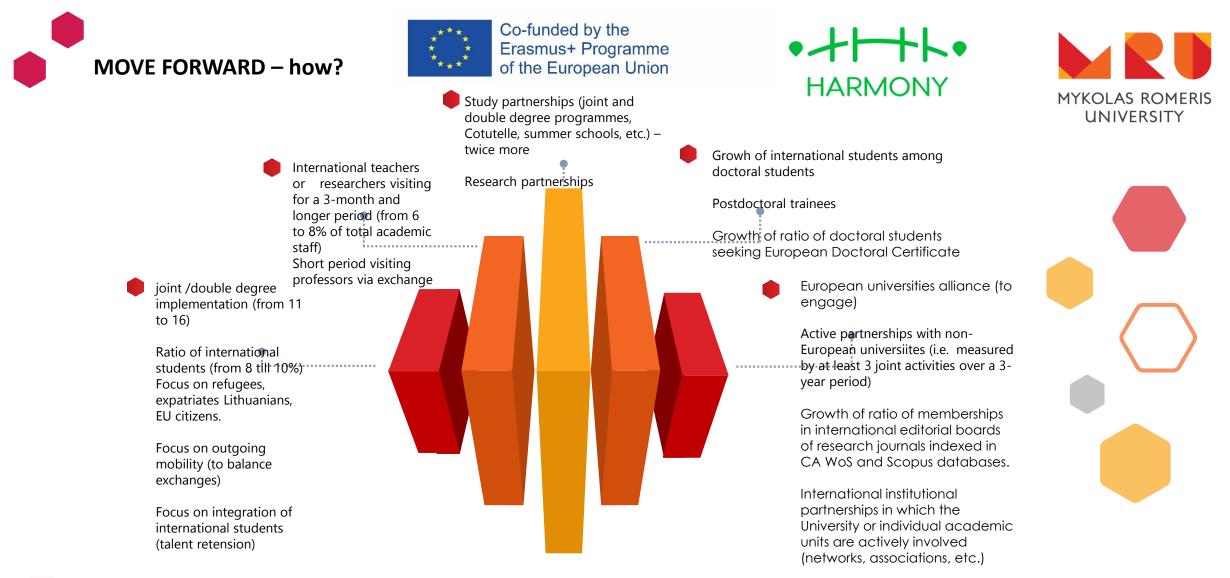
- Start from the Aims of the Programme (Learning outcomes) – will value be added from the jointness (must be clearly defined for students)
- complementary and homogenous curricula maybe more optional/alternative courses (which have similar learning outcomes)
- Mobility scheme should be developed BEFORE the start of the programme and clear for students
- Trust in partners, have Institutional support
- Plan the financial support possibilities for mobility!!!











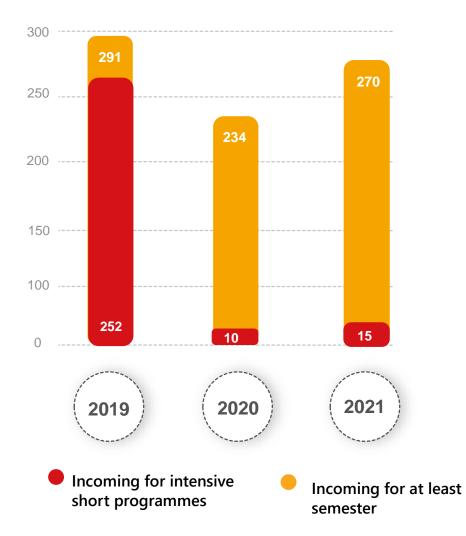
2021-2023 essential points of strategy related to internationalization : realistic planning, strong and wide support measures, monitoring of KPIs accessible to all related community. <u>Here:</u>

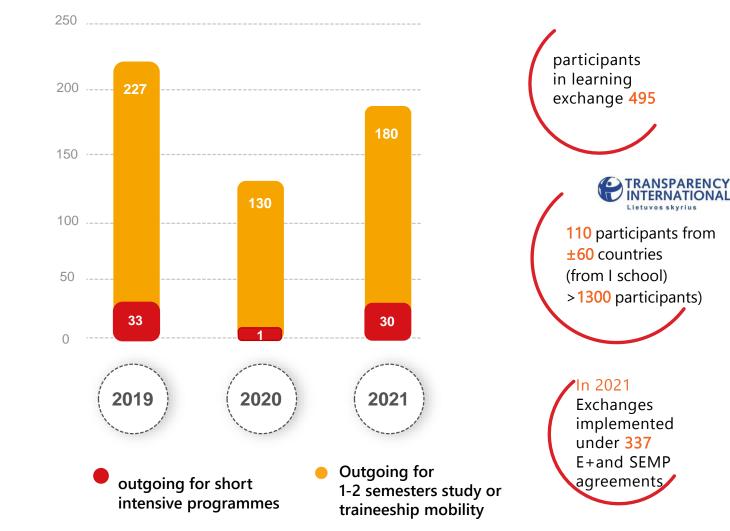
MRU Internationalization support plan approved for 2021-2025 and outlines main measures











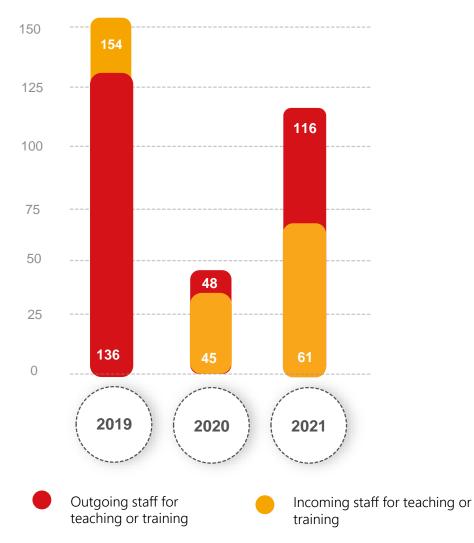


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Staff mobility under exchange programmes in 2019–2021







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Before the pandemic we used to organize 1-2 teaching weeks per semester to facilitate internationalization of national programmes

In academic year 2018/2019 implemented: September 2018 (17-21) November 2018 (12-16) March 2019 (11-15) May 2019 (6-10) July 2019 (2-6) (Staff exchange week) 22 July-9 August 2019 - MRU Summer University on Culture, Communication, Heritage and Security (https:// summer.mruni.eu)

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING/TRAINING WEEKS

In academic year 2019/2020 plan was: October 2019 March 9-13, 2020 May 5-9, 2020 June 30-July 4 (10th SEW) MRU Summer Uni. July 13-30





Typical programme of Teaching/training week

- Common part: half day introduction to University, campus tour, group networking
- Lectures are integrated into student timetables for each professor by the relevant academic divisions (lectures are open to all – students and visitors of the week)
- Cultural programme (f.e. tickets to concert/theatre)
- Social programme Networking dinner
- Educational/social programme guided visit the Palace of Grand Dukes, Civic education centre or the Parliament, or to Vilnius old-town, or Trakai, etc.









Typical programme of Staff exchange week

- Day 1: Let's get to know each other (MRU and all
- Day 2: Let's train Administrative divisions (according to Tracks – IO, AA, RISC, LIB)
- Day 3: Let's train Academic divisions included
- Day 4: Let us entertain You sightseeing and educational programme (changes every year)
- Day 5: Let's celebrate Statehood Day of Lithuania









Benefits to University

- Internationalization of studies (for home students it is a possibility of get in touch with international professors, compare + instructions in English)
- Hosting a staff at academic units mobilizes faculty members opportunity to share teaching methods, innovations, compare working conditions, facilities, etc., think of new projects..
- hosting a visiting staff may end up with staff recruitment
- Good impression at both sides leads to much more cooperation between the institutions (students and new projects often follow the TS)
- Administration is happy for annual reports, assessments, accreditation, increased funding opportunities through projects, better quality of studies and student mobility
- New courses launched, joint modules or joint study programmes developed















Other Measures to support internationalization

- EU Erasmus+ KA107 (2020 84 sc., 239. 475 eur), applied also under **2022 Call** and included Bangladesh, India, Vietnam (results are in July 2022)
- ESF funding to support outgoing SMS to Partner countries (from 2018)
- State scholarships (short-term incoming students; 2021/22 17 incoming students – incl. from Bangladesh, India, Vietnam) NOW THE CALL IS OPEN (deadline 29 April 2022) <u>https://studyin.lt/scholarships/short-term-studies/</u>
- National support scheme for visiting professors to come for 10 days teaching visits (applications in October 2022) MRU for 2022 received support to 9 professors (out of 28 applied for) (
- International practices in lithuanian schools abroad incl. to India (2015-2018 8 scholarships)
- Master scholarships for targeted countries (2021/2022–16 incoming from UA) –
- NordPlus network mobility grants (Law School)
- Other national /international projects we are open to explore possibilities with HARMONY partners



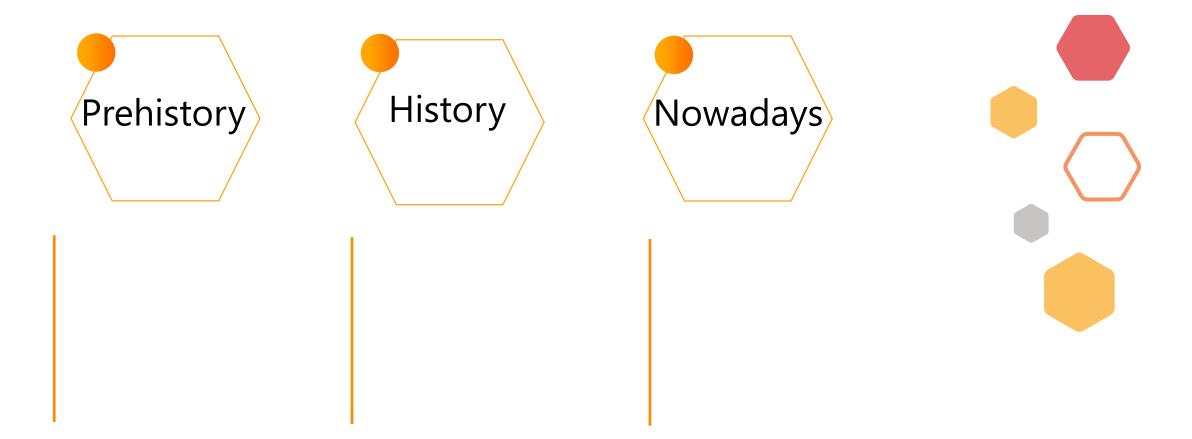
Other financial support to international mobility which facilitates internationalization of curriculum



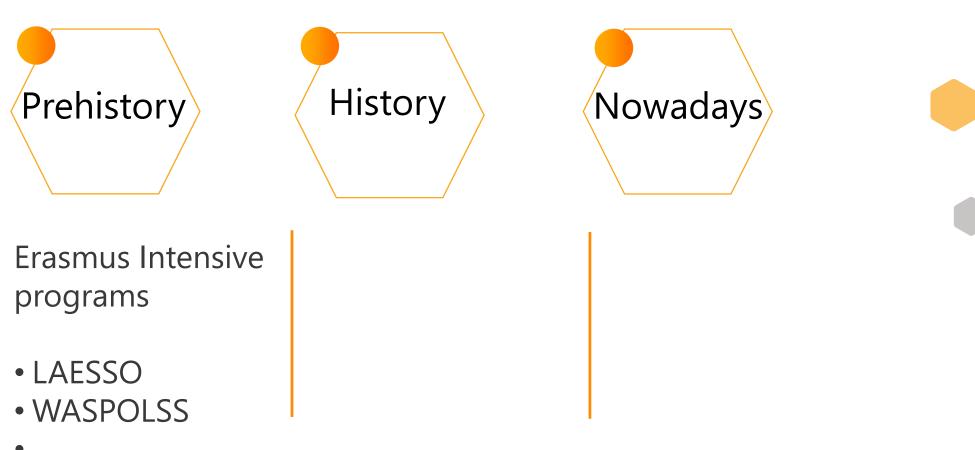
CASE EXAMPLE Experience of Joint Master Degree Programs at Faculty of Human and Social Studies











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LAESSO

A new module in the field of Law, Legal Services and Social Work in the EU (30 ECTS, 4 courses)

2004-2006

MRU – a partner

WASPOLSS

Tracking New European Ways in Social Policy, Legal and Social Services

2007-2010

MRU – the coordinator

CHALID

Challenges to Identity in the Context of Globalisation: Multidisciplinary and Multicultural Perspectives

2010-2011

MRU – the coordinator



Mykolas Romeris university, Vilnius Inholland university, Rotterdam Plantijn University College, Antwerp Porto university, Porto

> 30 ECTS Theory of social work and legal services In the EU Practise of social work and legal services In the EU Intercultural Communication A comparative perspective of social law and social policy in the EU

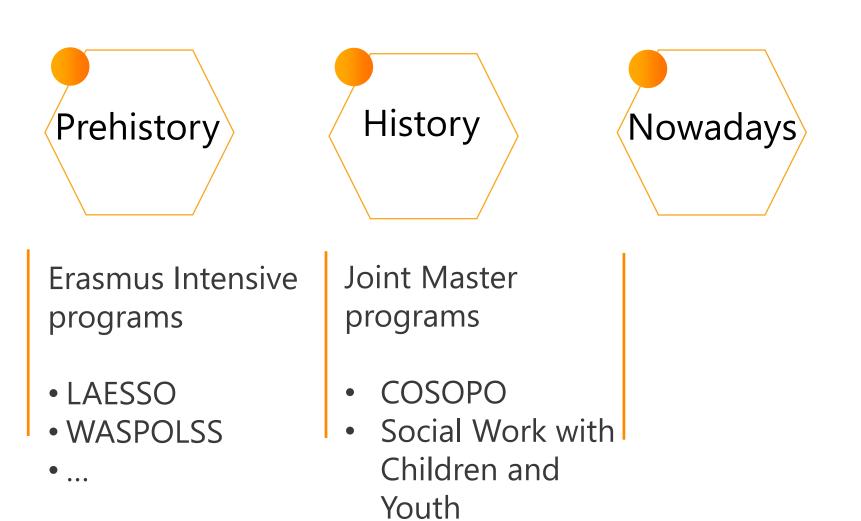
IP PAL; QOFI-SE Quality Of Food Intake and Social Exclusion, Interdisciplinary contributions to overcome inequalities: involving young adults in innovative practices, Sustainable well-being,

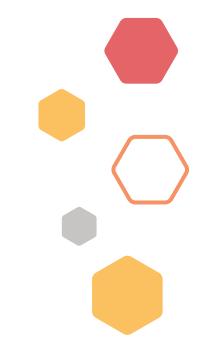
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Joint Master programs

COSOPO

- Comparative Social Policy and Welfare
- 120 ECTS
- Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, Tampere University, Finland, Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, Austria
- 2008-2020 (6 streams)

Social Work with Children and Youth

- 90 ECTS
- Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, Riga Stradins University, Latvia
- 2014-2021

I semester IP at MRU (Vilnius, Lithuania) + distance learning

IV semester

work at home

University

III semester IP at JKU (Linz, Austria) + distance learning

II semester

IP at UTA

(Tampere, Finland) +

distance learning

Interdisciplinarity and originality International study quality standards High qualifications of teachers Multicultural study environment Opportunities to improve English language skills Modern learning/teaching technologies (Moodle) Good (advanced) administration



Joint Study Program with Double Diploma (Work and Organizational Psychology, 2014, 120 ECTS)





Erasmus Intensive programs

• LAESSO • WASPOLSS

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Joint Master programs

- COSOPO
- Social Work with Children and Youth

Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree

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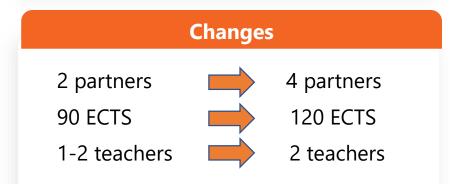
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree

ESWOCHY

European Joint Master in Social Work with Children and Youth

The 1st intake - 2021

12+3 students/over 100 applicants







	RSU RIGAS STRADINA	MRU NIRU HYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS 30 ECTS	
30 ECTS	UNIVERSITATE 30 ECTS		
1st semester (1st mobility)	2nd semester (2nd mobility)	3rd semester (3rd mobility)	
Comparative European Social Policy	Interactive Methods Working with Children and Youth	Youth Intercultural Communication	
Professional Development and Supervision in Social Work	Social Work with Family	Socio-Cultural Empowerment of Different Youth Groups	
Theoretical Models of Social Work	Scientific Research Practice and Master Thesis	Master Thesis	
Social Work Research Methodology Master Thesis	Optional course: 1. Children and Youth Behaviors by Bio-psycho-social Aspects 2. Children and Youth Career Guidance 3. Cross-Cultural Mediation		

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1st semester	2nd semester	3rd semester	4th semester
(1st mobility)	(2nd mobility)	(3rd mobility)	4th mobility
30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS	30 ECTS
Comparative	Social Work with	Digital Social Work	Master Thesis Project
European Social Policy	Family		(workshop)
for Children Youth			
Professional	Interactive Methods	Development and	
Development and	Working with	Evaluation of	
Supervision in Social	Children and Youth	Social Projects	
Work			
Social Work Theories	Innovative Approach to Management and Leadership in Social Work	Socio-Cultural Empowerment of Different Youth Groups	Master Thesis
Social Research	Master Thesis	Youth Intercultural	
Methodology		Communication	
Master Thesis	Optional course:	Scientific Research	
	1. Children and	Practice and Master	
	Youth Behaviors by	Thesis	
	Bio-psycho-social Aspects		
	2. Children and		
	Youth Career		
	Guidance		
	3. Cross-Cultural		
	Mediation		



2021-2023 Intake Opening ceremony (September, 2021)



www.eswochy.eu



















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