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Internationalization policies and practices

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UNIVERSITY ID CARD



Named after professor
Mykolas Römeris (1880-1945) -
prominent lawyer, the founder of
Lithuanian Constitutional Law

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OUR IDENTITY

Dynamic and international
university of an individual,
society and state.

OUR VISION

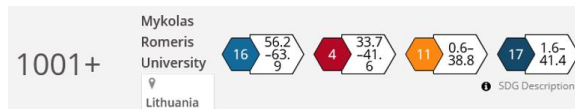
An open, progressive, vibrant
and cohesive academic
community, a leader in social
sciences in the European Higher
Education Area.

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.)

RANKINGS AT MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY



#1001-1200
QS World University Rankings



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MRU's field of Law is ranked among the top 250 universities in the world for three years in a row by QS Subject Rankings

1st place among LT



MRU improves its position every year in the global ranking of QS University Rankings: Emerging Europe and Central Asia (EECA) since 2018

137 place



The only LT university which appeared in GreenMetric World University rankings 2022

197 place in Europe



University reconfirmed its status as specialized social sciences university with high research intensity in the Lithuanian institutional ranking of universities, "Reitingai"

upgraded positions
in 6 study areas

MRU DEGREE PROGRAMMES (IN ENGLISH) 2022

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BACHELOR

STUDIES



MASTER

STUDIES



LLM/MBA

STUDIES



DOCTORAL

STUDIES

BRANDING AND ADVERTISING
MANAGEMENT

FINANCIAL IMANAGEMENT

PUBLIC RELATIONS
MANAGEMENT

INTERNATIONAL LAW (DD)

MEDIATION (LLM)

LAW

PSYCHOLOGY

COMMUNICATION AND
DIGITAL MARKETING (DD)

GLOBAL BUSINESS AND
MODERN MARKETING

CYBER SECURITY
MANAGEMENT

INTERNATIONAL POLICY
STUDIES

LEGALTECH (LLM)

LAW, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY JOINT
DOCTORATE

EDUCATION SCIENCE

ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC
PURPOSES AND SECOND
FOREIGN LANGUAGE

GAME DEVELOPMENT AND
DIGITAL ANIMATION (JSP)

EUROPEAN AND
INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
LAW (JSP & DD)

LAW, TECHNOLOGY AND
BUSINESS

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
(MBA)

MANAGEMENT

PHILOLOGY

ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC
PURPOSES AND KOREAN
STUDIES

PSYCHOLOGY

EUROPEAN JOINT MASTER IN
SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN
AND YOUTH (EMJMD)

LEGAL REGULATION OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION AND
HUMAN RIGHTS (JSP)

ECONOMICS

DIGITAL ECONOMY

SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN
RIGHTS

EU LAW AND GOVERNANCE
(DD)

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

STARTUP BUILDING AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

LAW AND GLOBAL SeCURITY
(DD)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW
(JSP)

E-COMMERCE MANAGEMENT

PRIVATE LAW (JSP)

SPORTS INDUSTRY
MANAGEMENT

STRATEGIC BORDER
MANAGEMENT (JSP)

GOVERNANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION OF LEISURE
AND SPORTS (EMJMD)

ACADEMIC OFFER FOR EXCHANGE

Courses from BA/MA programmes
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<https://www.mruni.eu/en/university/internationalization/erasmus-and-exchange-studies-incoming/>



MRU INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS ON THE WORLD MAP (2022 Autumn)



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Bilateral agreements 41

Azerbaijan
Georgia
South Korea
Japan
Kazakhstan
Ukraine

State scholarships 23

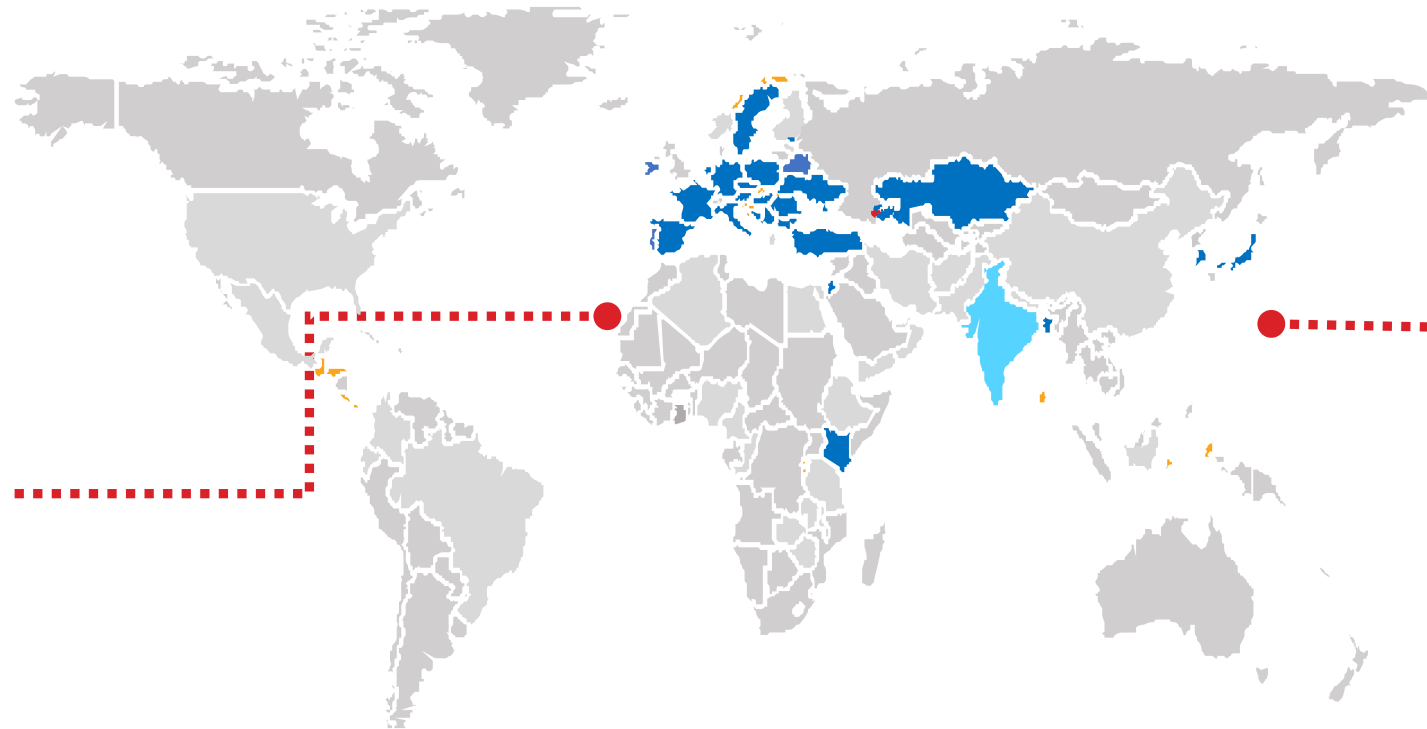
Azerbaijan
Georgia
India
Japan
Kazakhstan
Moldova
Turkey
Ukraine

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Belgium	The Netherlands
Czech Republic	Portugal
France	Slovakia
Germany	Spain
Greece	Sweden
Italy	Turkey
Ireland	
Malta	

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Israel
Kenya
Moldova
Ukraine
Etc.



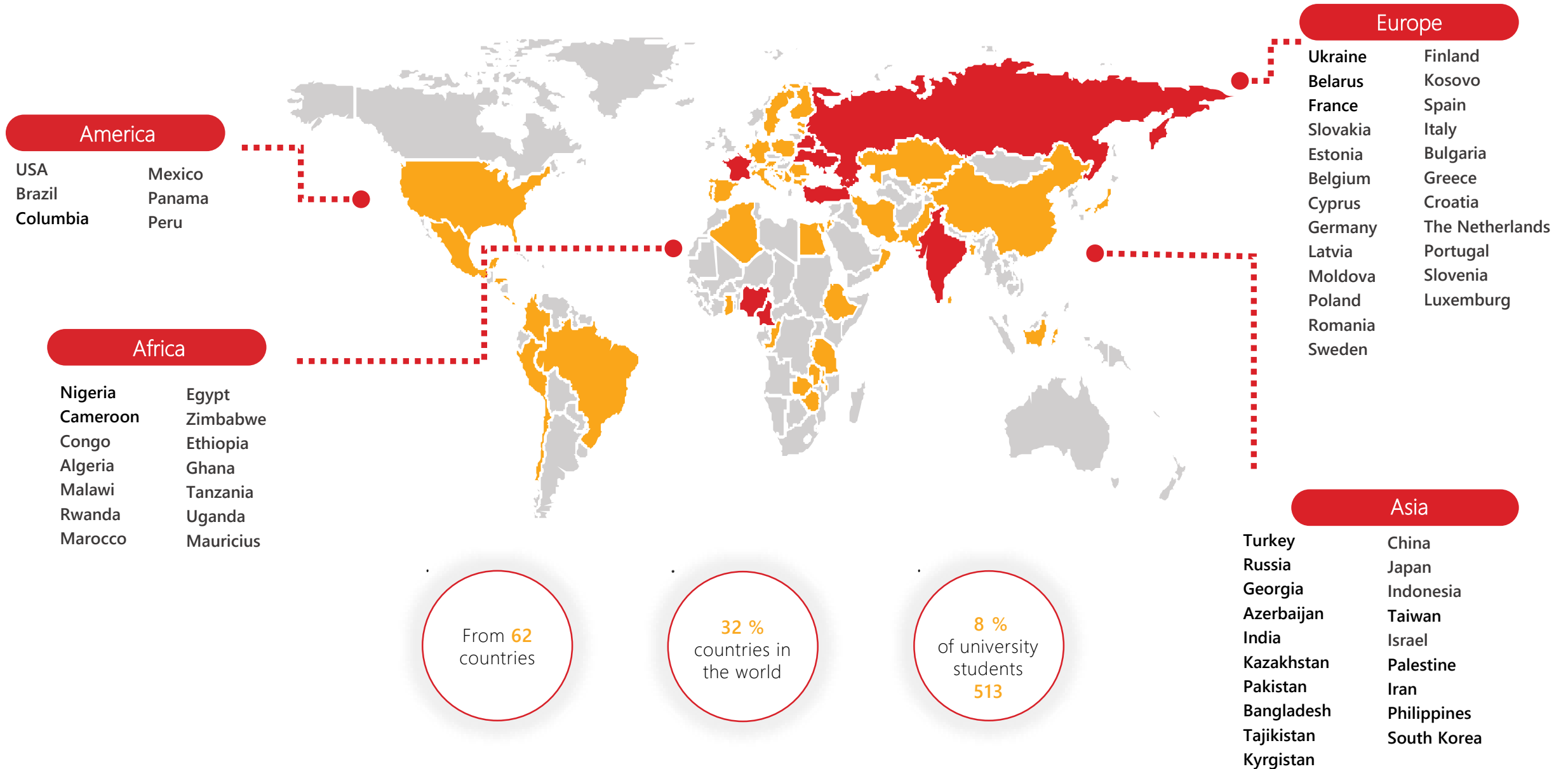
From 95
Partner
universities

From 25
countries

182
students



MRU INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS ON THE WORLD MAP (2022)





Mykolas Romeris University internationalization strategy - integrated in the institutional development strategy since the beginning.

1990-2004
2006-2010

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

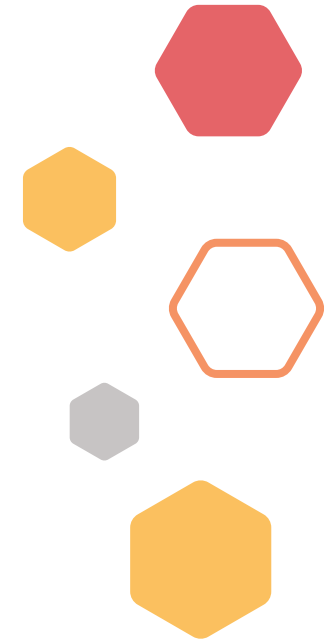
- Focus on outgoing mobility (huge demand, severe competition)
- Very few and occasional international students (primarily for exchange)
- Developments of First ever joint programmes in Lithuania - in 2006 (International law) 2008 (COSOPO)

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
and beyond

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





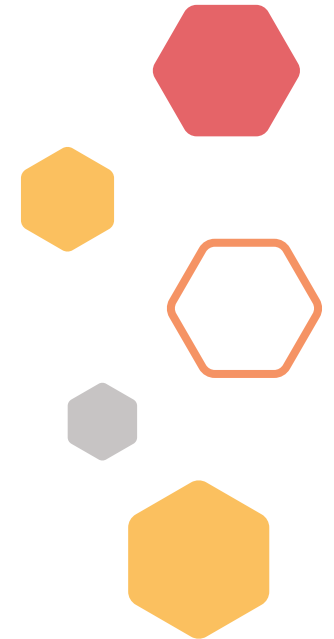
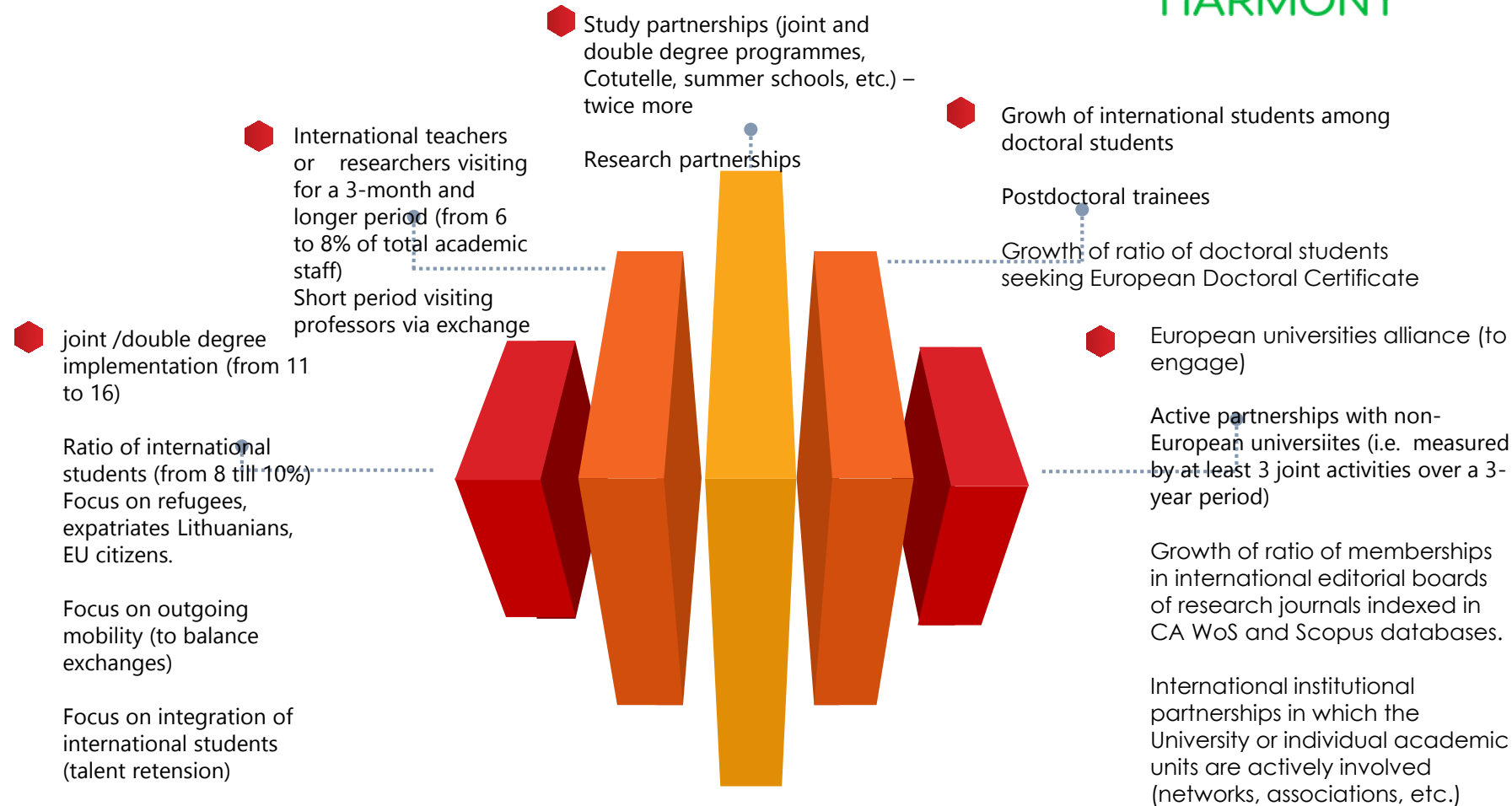
MOVE FORWARD – how?



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2021-2023 essential points of strategy related to internationalization : realistic planning, strong and wide support measures, monitoring of KPIs accessible to all related community. [Here:](#)

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



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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Challenges

- 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?...




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Suggestions/ Tips

- 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!!!
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ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

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.

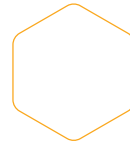
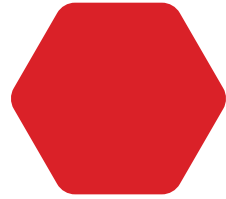
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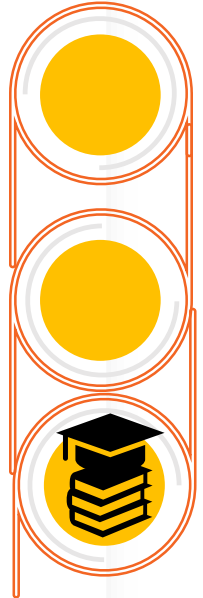
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ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

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.



ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT, TALENT RETENSION

TRP for graduate seeking employment in LT (12 month) – IO (1 Staff), LT Employment service, WIL programme, etc..

CAREER COUNSELING

Close to graduation various support measures for traineeships, further studies, information and career days– Career Center (1,5 staff), IO (1 Staff), AMO.

STUDIES AND INTEGRATION

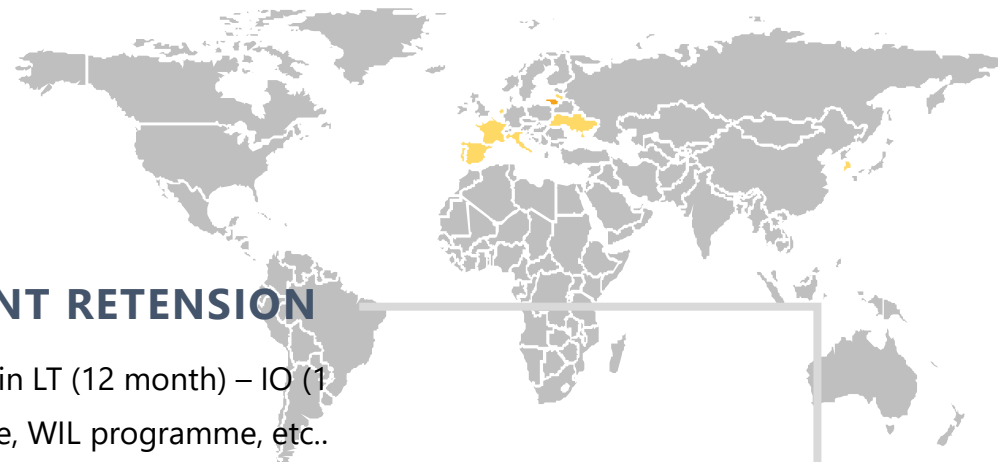
After the admission student gets full access to services of IO (2 staff) and general University services, Student mentors and organizations, ACADEMIC UNITS.

MARKETING, ADMISSION

Admissions and Marketing office (2 staff) of the Communication and Marketing Centre follows-up the applicant until admission. IO (1 staff) provides evaluation of foreign credentials



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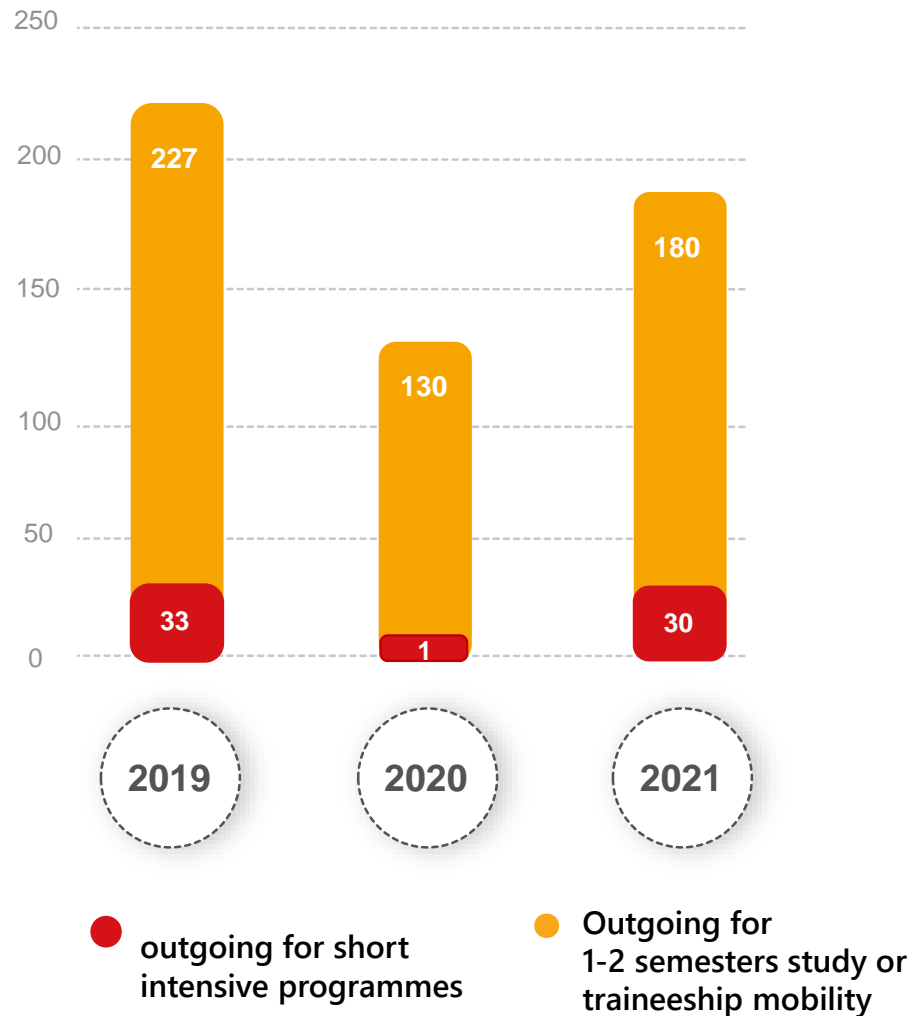
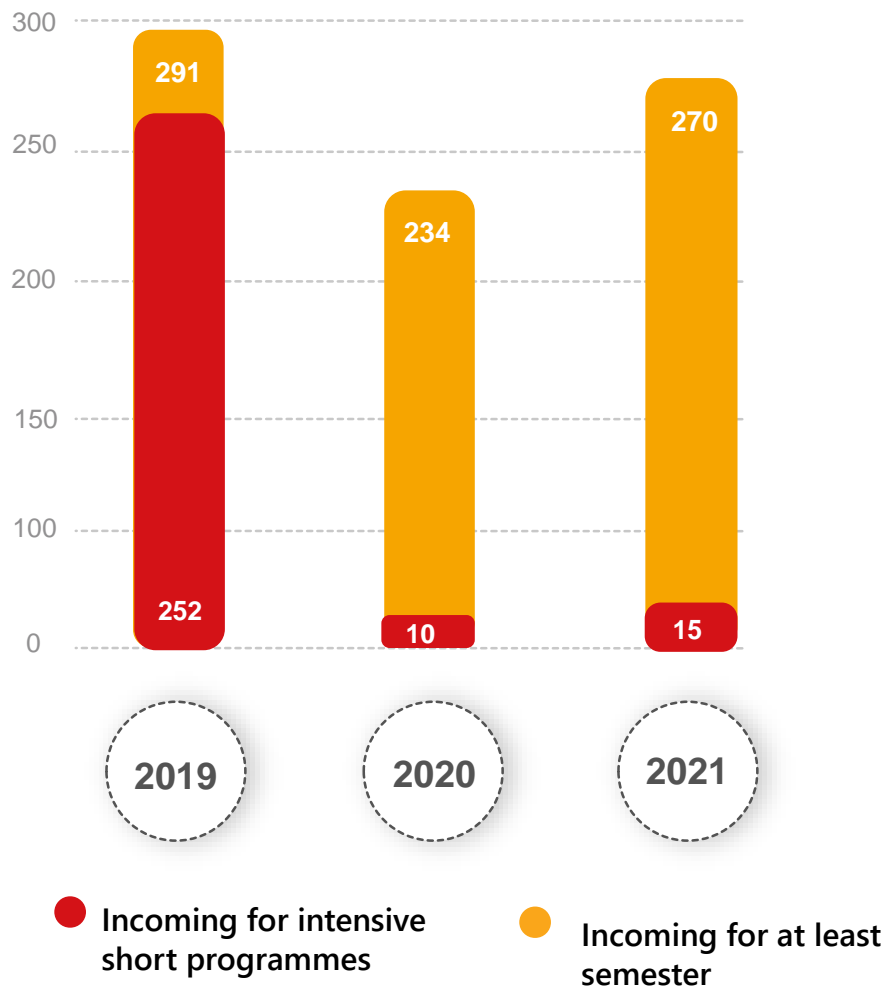
STUDENT MOBILITY



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participants
in learning
exchange **495**



110 participants from
±60 countries
(from 1 school)
> **1300** participants)

In **2021**
Exchanges
implemented
under **337**
E+and SEMP
agreements



ACADEMIC STAFF MOBILITY

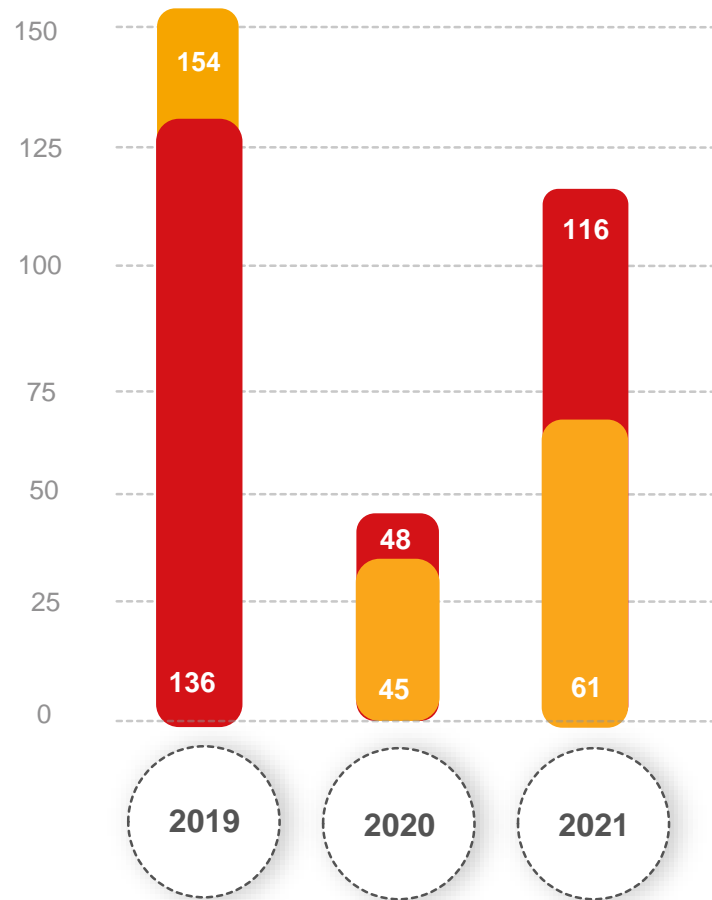


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Staff mobility under exchange programmes in 2019–2021



Outgoing staff for
teaching or training



Incoming staff for teaching or
training

Also international
academic staff who
works for longer
than 3 months **30**

International staff
share in the total
academic staff was
6,9%

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INTERNATIONAL TEACHING/TRAINING WEEKS

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](https://summer.mruni.eu))

In academic year 2022/2023 plan is:

October 2022 (done)

December 5-9, 2022

March 6-10, 2023

May 5-9, 2023

June 18-23 (11th SEW)

MRU Summer Uni. July 17-30





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.



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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



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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



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Other Measures to support internationalization

- EU Erasmus+ KA107 (2020 – 84 sc., 239. 475 eur), from **2022 Call KA171 (results 2022 – 56 sc, 118 540,00 eur – 1 STA VN; 1 STA IN; 1 STA BD)**
- 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) 2022/23 – 23 incoming students. Call for 2023 will open in January (deadline – April 2023)
<https://studyin.lt/scholarships/short-term-studies/>
- National support scheme for visiting professors to come for 10 days teaching visits (applications till 15 November 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 (2022/2023– 23 incoming from UA, GE, BY)
- 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

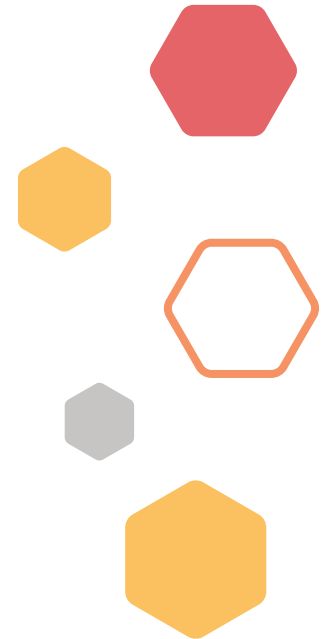


CASE EXAMPLE

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



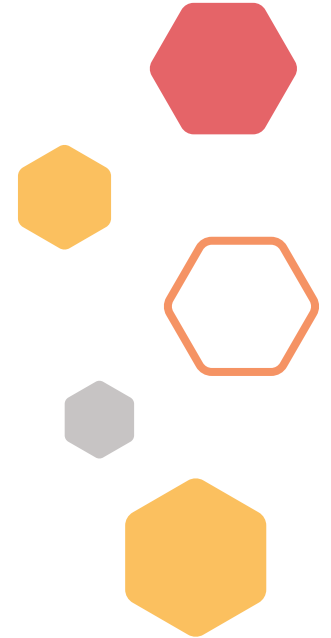
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Erasmus Intensive
programs

- LAESSO
- WASPOLSS
- ...





Intensive programs

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

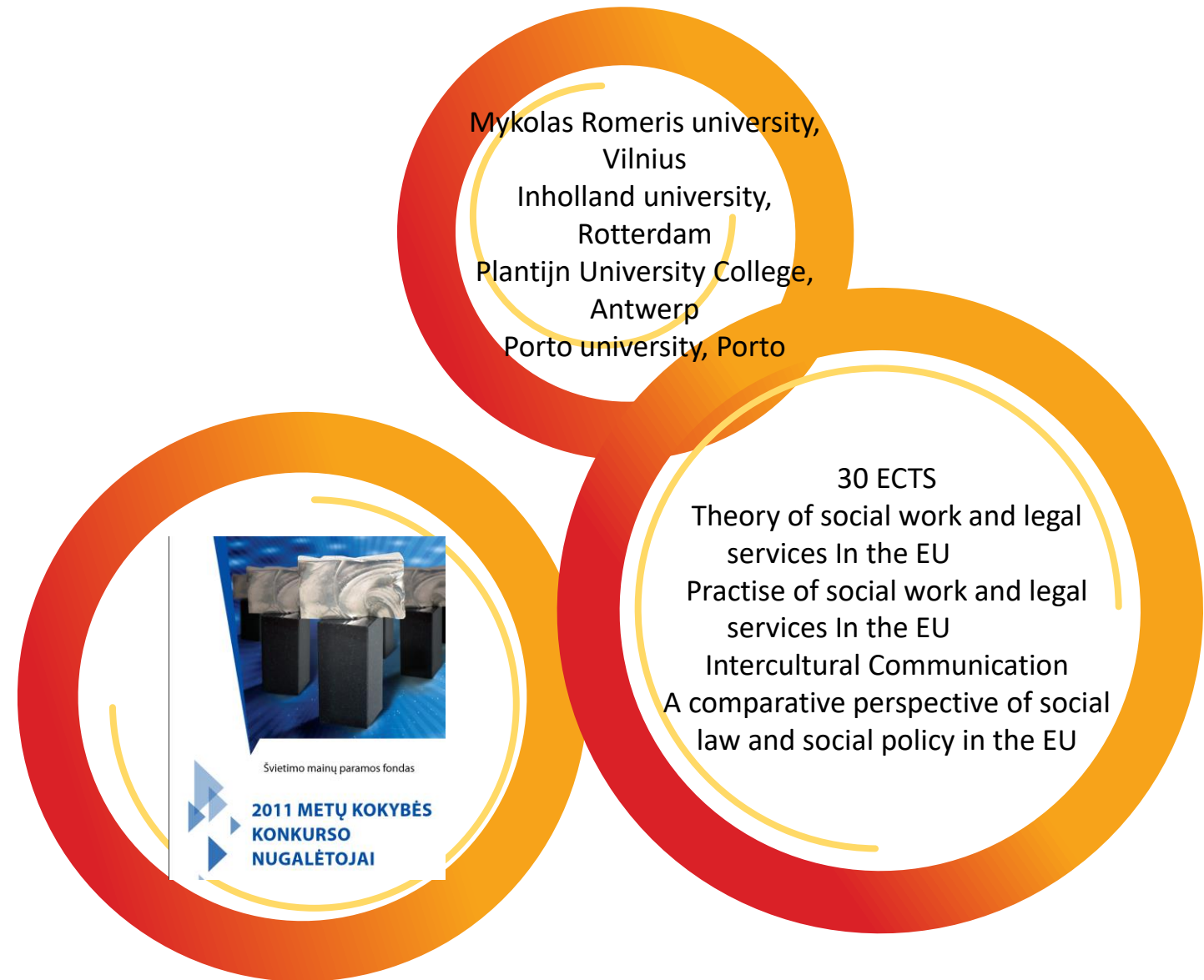
MRU – the coordinator

CHALID

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

2010-2011

MRU – the coordinator



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,



Prehistory

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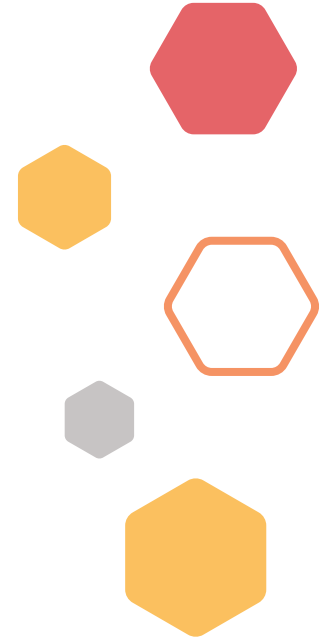
History

Joint Master
programs

- COSOPO
- Social Work with
Children and
Youth



Nowadays





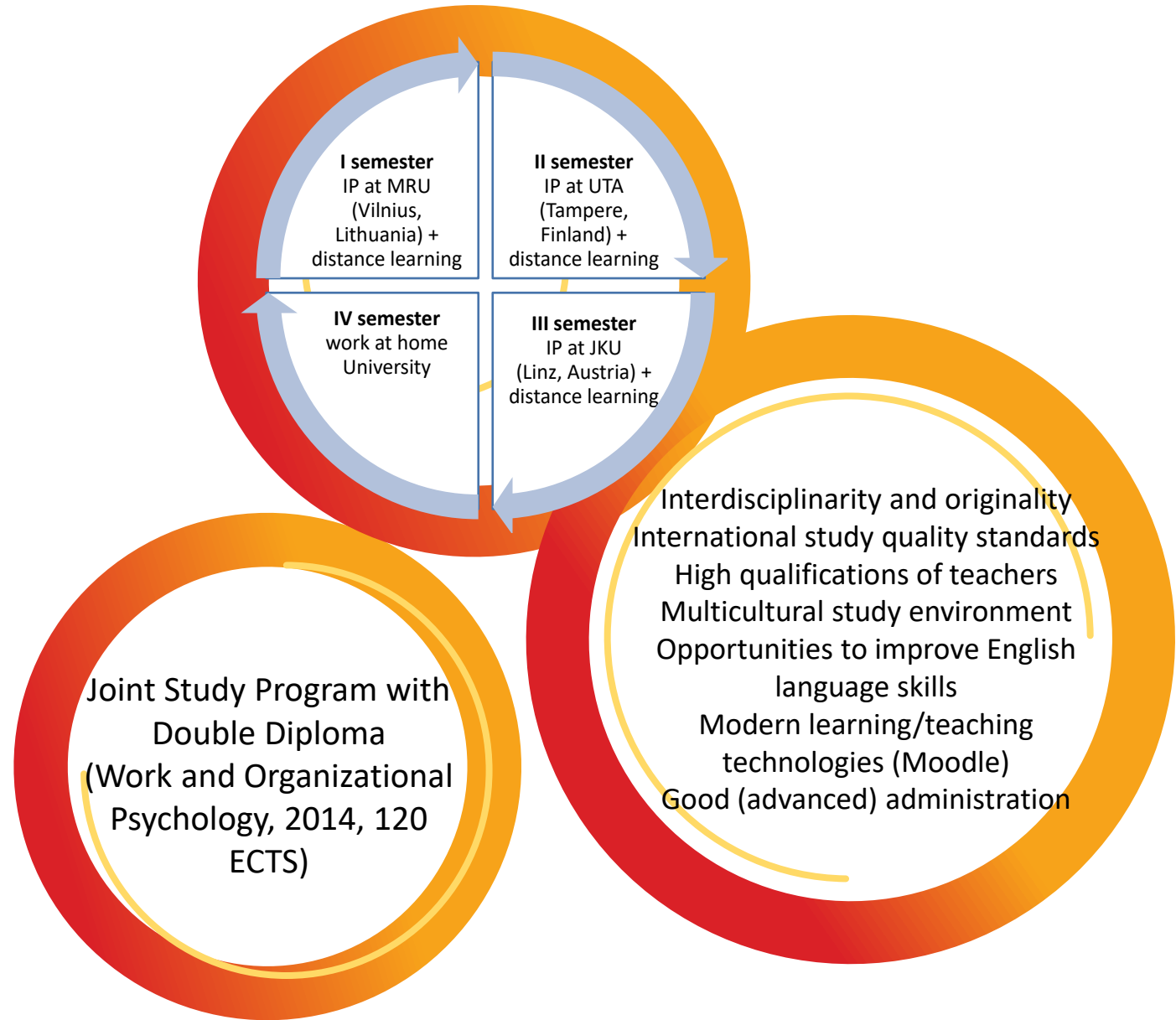
Joint Master programs

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

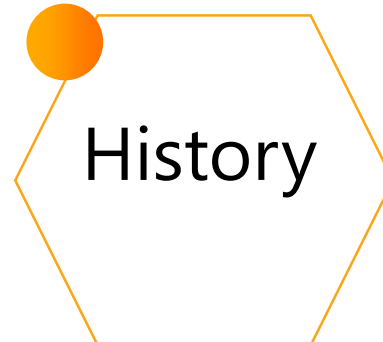
- 90 ECTS
- Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, Riga Stradins University, Latvia
- 2014-2021





Erasmus Intensive programs

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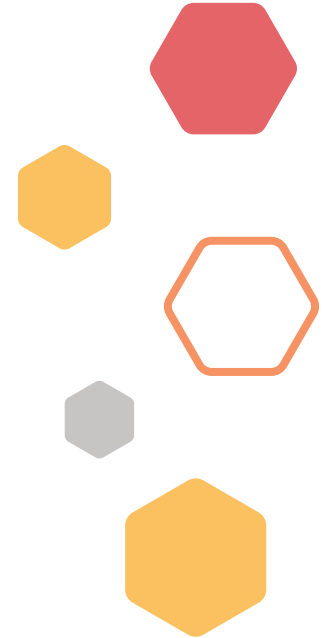
Joint Master programs

- COSOPO
- Social Work with Children and Youth



Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree

- ESWOCHY





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

Changes

2 partners	→	4 partners
90 ECTS	→	120 ECTS
1-2 teachers	→	2 teachers



EUROPEAN JOINT MASTER IN
Social Work with
Children and Youth
(ESWOCHY)



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Bangladesh	
Brazil	
Cameroon	
(Finland)	
Ghana	
Indonesia	
Italy	
Kyrgyzstan	
Mauritius	
Nigeria	
Pakistan	
Philippines	
USA	



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MRU  MYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS	RSU  RĪGAS STRADĪNA UNIVERSITĀTE	MRU  MYKOLO ROMERIO UNIVERSITETAS
30 ECTS	30 ECTS	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	Optional course: 1. Children and Youth Behaviors by Bio-psycho-social Aspects 2. Children and Youth Career Guidance 3. Cross-Cultural Mediation	
Master Thesis		

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

2021-2023 Intake

Opening ceremony (September, 2021)







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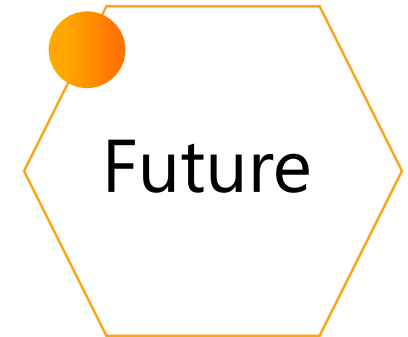
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Joint Master Degree

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