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Studies for Quality Life



Sustainable Internationalization (policies) practices

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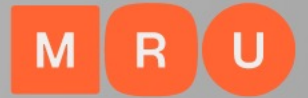
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**Mykolo Romeris
universitetas**

MRU



UNIVERSITY ID CARD



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



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.

Bachelor (3-4 years)
Master (1,5-2 years)
LLM (1 year)
MBA (1 year)
Doctoral (4-6 years)

Law School
Law
Public Security Academy
Public Security

Faculty of Public Governance and Business
Business studies, Economics, Finance,
Human Resource Management, Informatics
Political Sciences, Public Administration
Faculty of Human and Social Studies
Communication, Education, Philology,
Management, Pedagogy, Social Work

Internationally-minded public
Social and human sciences University
with campuses in Vilnius and Kaunas
established in **1990**
~**6000** students
~ **650** staff



Vilnius campus



Kaunas campus

From 2023
European Reform
University Alliance

GLOBAL MRU- PRIORITY ON INTERNATIONALIZATION

ACADEMIC COOPERATION

Joint/ double degree study programmes with 11 partner-countries from Europe, Asia, etc.

PARTNERSHIPS

MRU values partnerships with other universities:

- **150+** Bilateral Partner Universities from **52** countries;
- **350+** Universities under the Erasmus+ programme from **30** Programme
- **29** Erasmus+ Partner countries.

INTERNATIONAL(IZATION) SCOPE

International ties to all the regions of the globe.

10 BA, **16** MA, LLM, MBA, **6** PhD programmes available in English

Student Mobility: 350 incoming + 300 outgoing > 600 degree students

ST: 110 in + 120 out > 350 proj

Student body's diversity, integration of exchange and degree-seeking students for true international experience.



EUROPEAN REFORM UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE (ERUA)



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SWPS University

1. SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities (SWPS, Poland)



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2. European University Viadrina (EUV, Germany)



3. Mykolas Romeris University (MRU, Lithuania)



4. New Bulgarian University (NBU, Bulgaria)



5. University of the Aegean (UAEGEAN, Greece)



6. The Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria (ULPGC, Spain)

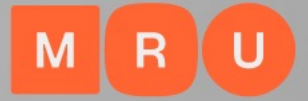


7. University of Macerata (UNIMC, Italy)

8. Université Paris 8 Vincennes-St Denis (UP8, France) (Coordinator)



ERUA: MISSION, VISION, PRINCIPLES AND VALUES



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MISSION

With our **large focus on social sciences, humanities and the arts and our ability to cross these perspectives with those of science, technology, engineering and medicine** to tackle challenges in contemporary Europe, ERUA is unique amongst European Universities.

VISION

Creating a **powerful academic hub for critical and innovative contribution to a free, more equitable and democratic Europe. We believe that to shape peaceful, just, and sustainable futures, higher education and research must be substantially transformed.**

ERUA aspires over the coming years to create a genuinely integrated European community. Each university will retain its individual traits while at the same time contributing to achieving a common, transformative, and long-term vision of education, research, innovation and service to society in Europe.

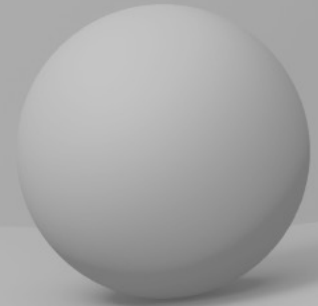
PRINCIPLES

Reform is **being critical**
Reform is **empowering students**
Reform is **promoting initiative**

Reform is **being open**
Reform is **making a difference**
Reform is **fostering sustainability**

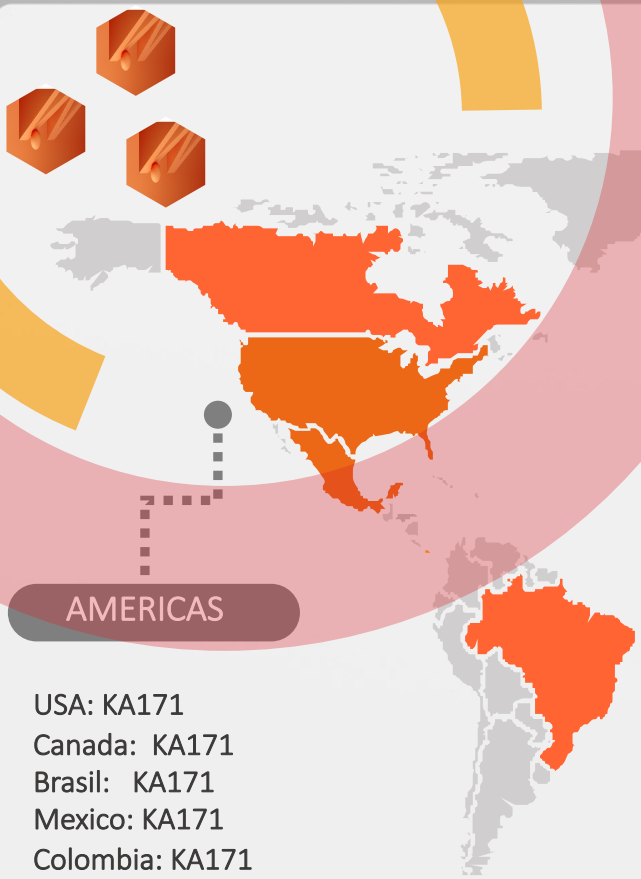
Openness: we are open by default
A focus on students: we train tomorrow's citizens
Inclusiveness: we are deeply inclusive
Humanism: we foster wellbeing

VALUES



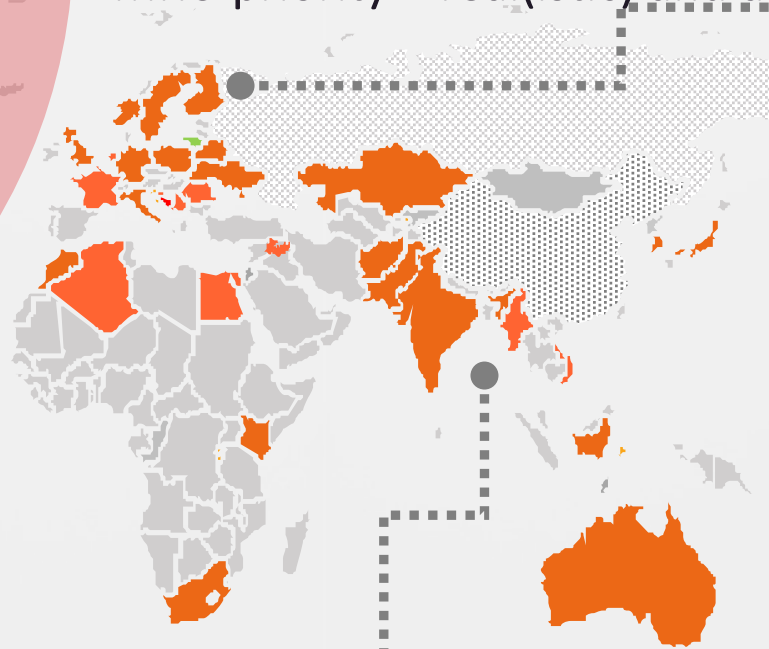
PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE WORLD

MRU priority – real(istic) and active partnerships



AMERICAS

USA: KA171
 Canada: KA171
 Brasil: KA171
 Mexico: KA171
 Colombia: KA171

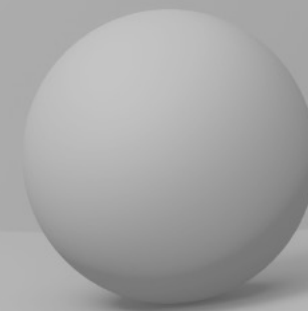


EUROPE/ Middle East

Albania: (KA171); Kosovo (KA171)
 Armenia: (KA171); **Bosnia and Herzegovina (KA171)**
 Azerbaijan: (KA171; **Bilateral; DD, CBHE**)
 ALL EU countries: KA131, JD, JSP, EUA
 UK, Switzerland
 Ukraine KA171, JSP, CBHE
 Georgia: KA171; Moldova: KA171;
 Lebanon: KA171; Jordan Ka171; Israel KA171
 Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan: KA171
 Turkey: KA131, SP
 Russia and Belarus: cancelled

AFRICA/ASIA / PACIFICA

Algeria: KA171 (new), Morocco: KA171; Tunisia: KA171, Nigeria: KA171; Ghana: KA171; South Africa: KA171;
 Egypt: KA171 (new); Kenya: KA171;
 China: suspended – before that was KA171; Taiwan: KA171; **Thailand: KA171; Indonesia: KA171; India: KA171;**
VietNam. Ka171 (new), CBHE; Bangladesh: KA171; Pakistan KA171 (new); S. Korea KA171, JSP; Japan KA171;
 Philippines KA171; Laos KA171
 Australia: KA171;



~13 new bilateral cooperation agreements annually

OVERALL MAP OF PARTNERSHIPS: <https://www.mruni.eu/en/university/internationalization/partnerships/>

MRU INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS ON THE WORLD MAP (2023 Autumn)

- Azerbaijan
- Brasil
- Georgia
- India
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

120
ERASMUS+
KA131 AND
KA171

38
BILATERAL
COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS

18
STATE
SCHOLARSHIP
HOLDERS

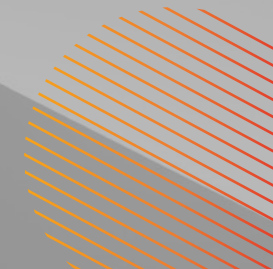
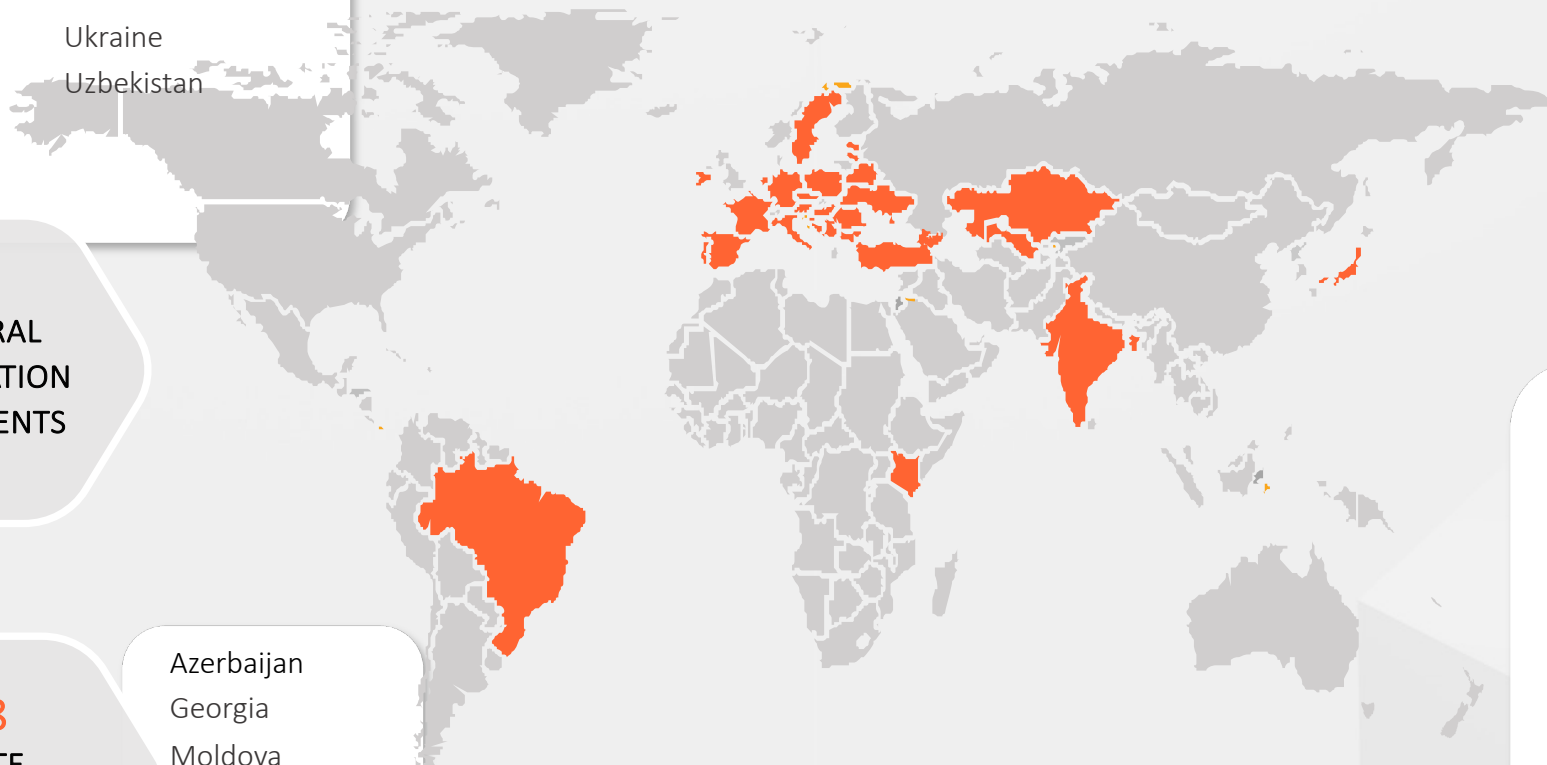
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Moldova
- Kazakhstan
- Turkey
- Ukraine

FROM 90+
PARTNER
UNIVERSITIES

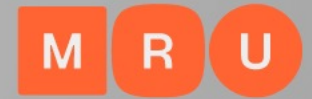
FROM 26
COUNTRIES

175
STUDENTS

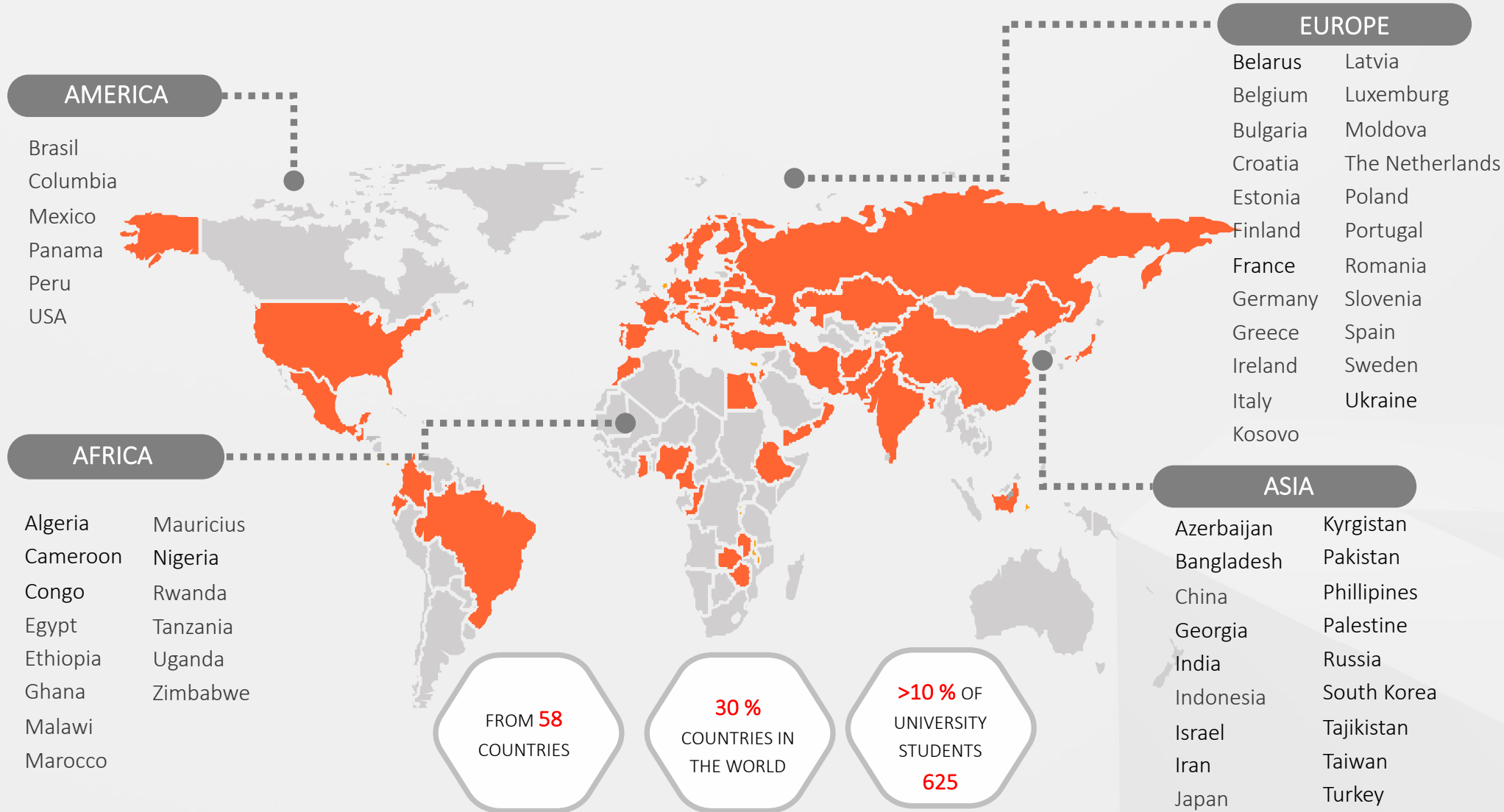
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Ireland
- Jordan
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey



MRU INTERNATIONAL DEGREE STUDENTS ON THE WORLD MAP (2023/24)



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AMERICA

- Brasil
- Columbia
- Mexico
- Panama
- Peru
- USA

EUROPE

- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland
- Italy
- Kosovo
- Latvia
- Luxemburg
- Moldova
- The Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Ukraine

AFRICA

- Algeria
- Cameroon
- Congo
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Malawi
- Marocco
- Mauricius
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe

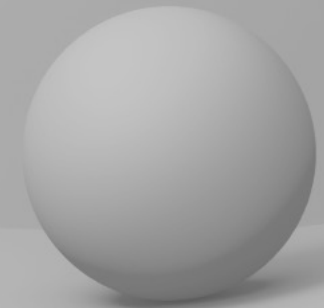
ASIA

- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- China
- Georgia
- India
- Indonesia
- Israel
- Japan
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgistan
- Pakistan
- Phillipines
- Palestine
- Russia
- South Korea
- Tajikistan
- Taiwan
- Turkey

FROM **58**
COUNTRIES

30 %
COUNTRIES IN
THE WORLD

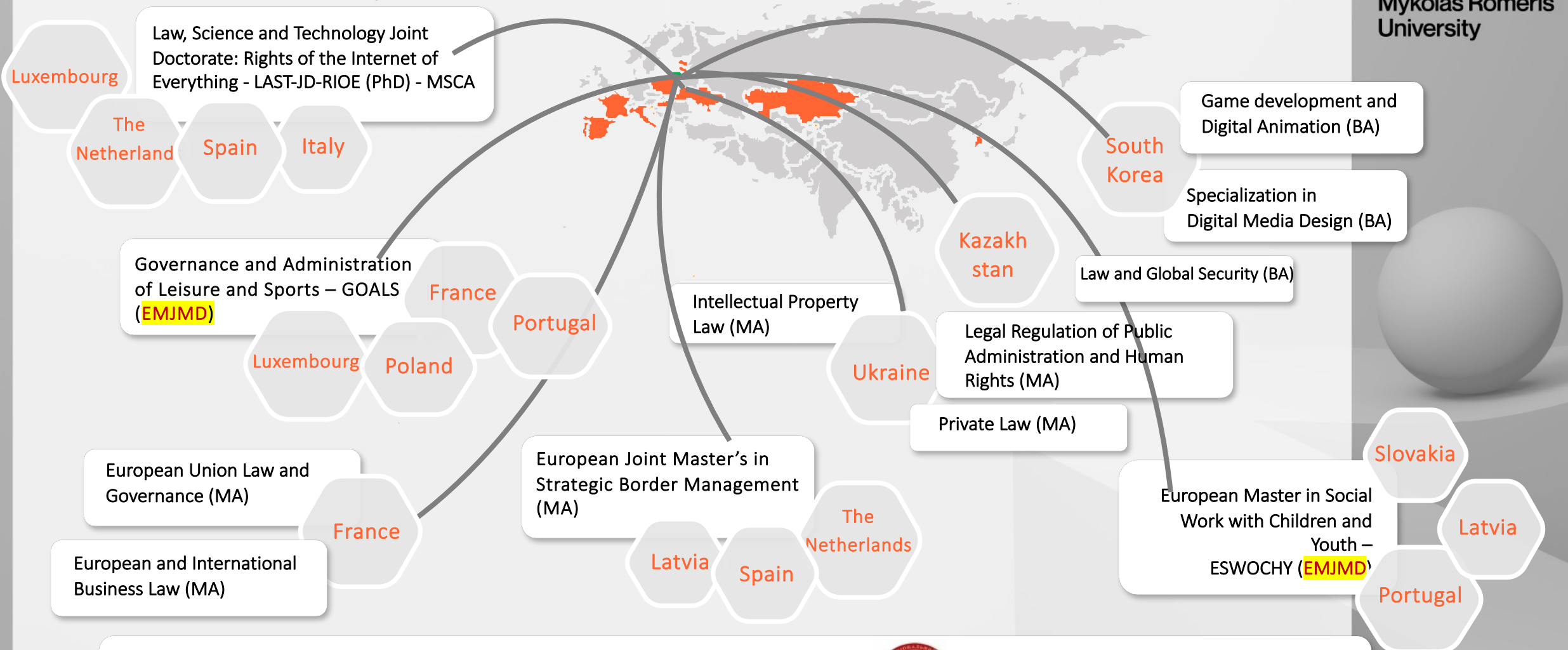
>10 % OF
UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS
625



INTERNATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMMES 2023: JOINT OR DOUBLE DEGREE



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MRU DEGREE PROGRAMMES (IN ENGLISH)

BACHELOR STUDIES

- BRANDING AND ADVERTISING MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL MARKETING (DD)
- ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND SECOND FOREIGN LANGUAGE
- ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES AND KOREAN STUDIES
- DIGITAL ECONOMY
- STARTUP BUILDING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- GLOBAL BUSINESS AND MODERN MARKETING
- GAME DEVELOPMENT AND DIGITAL ANIMATION (JSP)
- PSYCHOLOGY
- SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN RIGHTS
- LAW AND GLOBAL SECURITY (DD)

MASTER STUDIES

- PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGEMENT
- CYBER SECURITY MANAGEMENT
- EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS LAW (JSP&DD)
- EUROPEAN JOINT MASTER IN SOCIAL WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH (EMJMD)
- EU LAW AND GOVERNANCE (DD)
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (JSP)
- PRIVATE LAW (JSP)
- STRATEGIC BORDER MANAGEMENT (JSP)
- INTERNATIONAL LAW (DD)
- INTERNATIONAL POLICY STUDIES
- LAW, TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS
- LEGAL REGULATION OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS (JSP)
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
- E-COMMERCE MANAGEMENT
- SPORTS INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT
- GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF LEISURE AND SPORTS (EMJMD)

LLM / MBA STUDIES

- MEDIATION (LLM)
- LEGALTECH (LLM)
- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

DOCTORAL STUDIES

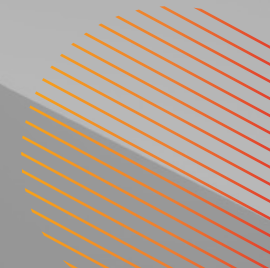
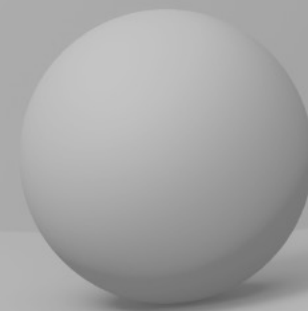
- LAW
- LAW, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY JOINT DOCTORATE
- MANAGEMENT
- ECONOMICS
- PSYCHOLOGY
- EDUCATION SCIENCE
- PHILOLOGY

ACADEMIC OFFER FOR EXCHANGE

Courses from BA/MA programmes and specially designed courses

@incoming.mruni.eu

<https://www.mruni.eu/en/university/internationalization/e-rasmus-and-exchange-studies-incoming/>




MRU VARIETY OF PROJECTS



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Law Enforcement Technological Innovation Consolidation for Fight Against Online Drug Crimes (LION DC)

Development of Interdisciplinary skills for Cooperation and Conflict Management (**DISCOM**)

Internationalisation and Virtual Exchange: Borderless between EU and Asian Countries (CBHE- HARMONY)

Monetary valuation of soil ecosystem services and creation of initiatives to invest in soil health: setting a framework for the inclusion of soil health in business and in the policy making process (**InBestSoil**)

Cybersecurity Skills Alliance – A New Vision for Europe (**REWIRE**).

Science for Evidence-based and sustainable decisions about Natural capital (**SELINA**)

OPTimising FOrest management decisions for a low-carbon, climate resilient future in EUrope (**OptFor-EU**)

Digital Transformation of Education (**EdTech**)

Strategic Programs for Advanced Research and Technology in Europe (**SPARTA**)

Digital Innovation For Lithuanian Industrial Development (**Di4Lithuania**)

BIOdiversity and Transformative Change for plural and nature-positive Societies (**BIOTraCes**)


Uncovering Child Sexual Abuse: Assessment of Life-time Prevalence and Development of Lithuanian version of Simulated Interview Software (EIT) (**UNCOVABUSE**).

Navigating Through Secondary School: The Role of Friends and Parents (**NAVIGATE**).


"The Portrait of a Judge" - a multi-dimensional model of competencies to be measured during the procedures of selection, evaluation and promotion of judges)

Development of the National Ecosystem for the Recognition and Analysis of the Information Effect Phenomena (**NAAS**)

Solving privacy paradox 2: promoting high standards of data protection as a fundamental right at the workplace (**SolPriPa2Work**).

Digitalization of economic as an element of sustainable development of Ukraine and Tajikistan (CBHE- DigEco). 

The Platform for Sharing, Initiating, and Learning Citizen Science in Europe (EU-Citizen Science)

International Students Adaptation and Integration (CBHE-INTERADIS) 

Diversity of Enforcement Titles in Cross-border Debt Collection in the EU (EU En4s)





Internationalization - is in the University's DNA and has been integrated in the institutional development strategy always. With each strategic plan more focus on measures to facilitate sustainably the development of strongest competitive areas and new directions

**2021-2023
Strategic
Action Plan**

Continuation of previous MRU policy towards the enhancement of quality and more focus on sustainability. Linked to holistic quantitative or qualitative indicators.
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

**2021-2023
Strategy for
Sustainable
Activities**

Set of: **social, economic, environmental** indicators are monitored in the fields of:
Commitment and community engagement in sustainability activities;
Studies and research;
Sustainable consumption and waste management;
Infrastructure and landscape;
Well-being;
Social support;
Annual reports presented to the community help to monitor progress and discuss next year's measures.

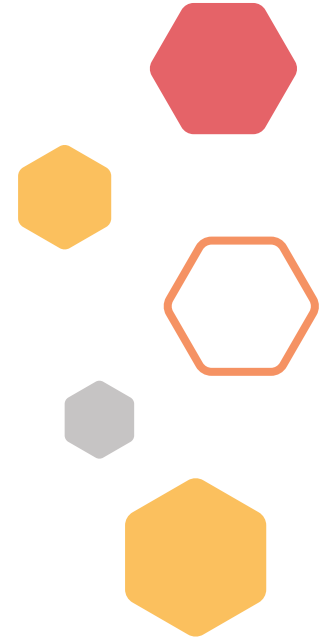
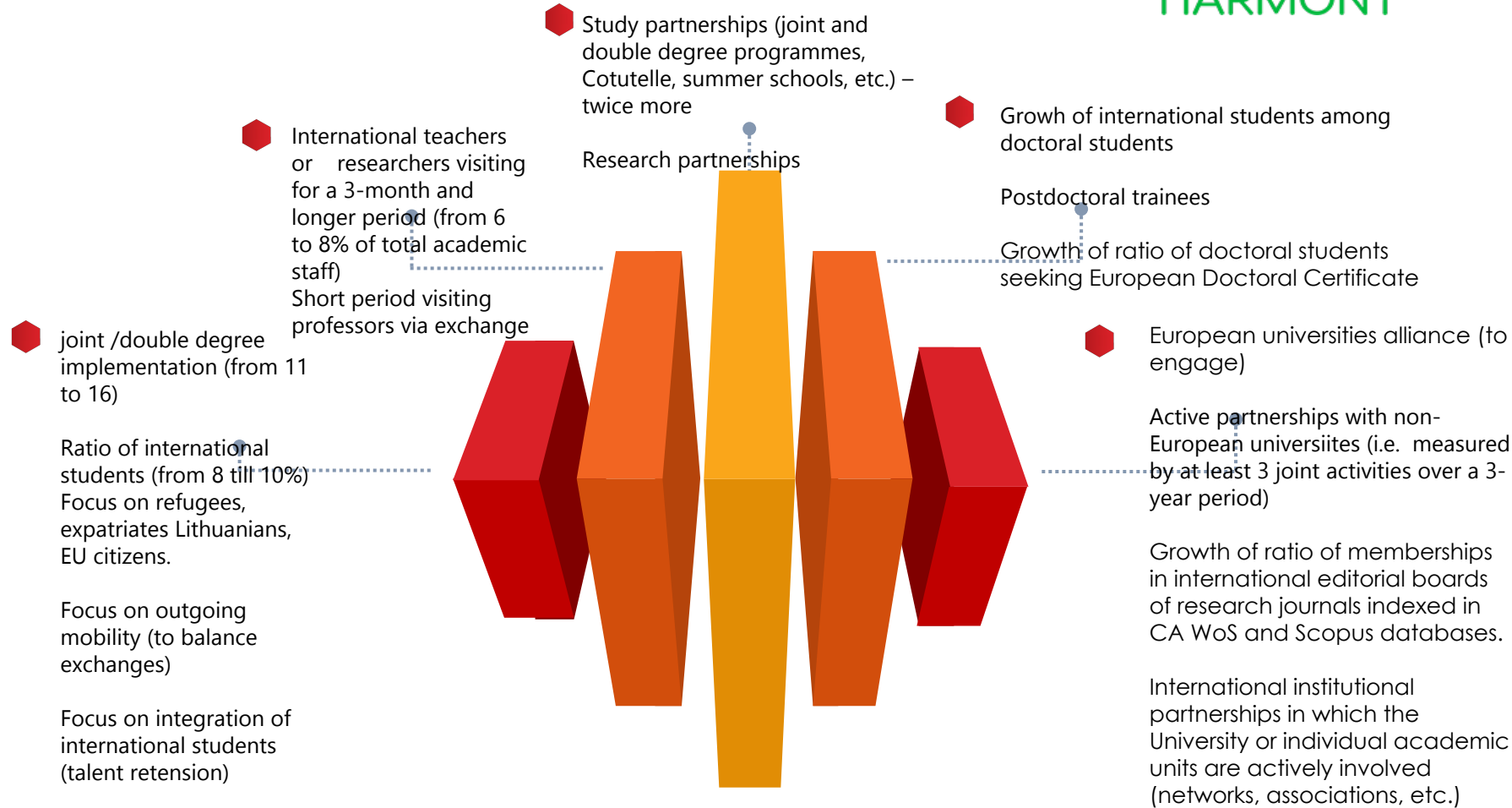
**International
ization Plan
2022-2025**

13 Aims with a list of measures or activities intended to help achieve them.
Expand the offer of international programmes;
Increase the share of international degree seeking students among all students; certain special groups (expatriates, EU nationals);
Balance incoming and outgoing student mobility (esp. outgoing for 15 ECTS and more);
Increase the share of international lecturers or researchers within the total academic staff (long-term and short-term) Also those outgoing outgoing for teaching or research
Active partnerships (institutional and academic)
Performance in subject rankings and engagement into the European Universities Alliance.





MOVE FORWARD – how?




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 2022-2025 and outlines main measures



Current realities at MRU

- 2023 – a year of assessments and planning...
 - Passed research performance comparative assessment
 - Passed institutional accreditation (for next 7 years)
 - Updated strategy for next action plan period (2024-2026) in the process of launching. It fully integrates ERUA goals
 - Upcoming review of internationalization plan and alignment with new planned directions for MRU global.
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Sustainable internationalization strategy/planning

- Important to rely on general institutional strategic development documents
- National HE internationalization documents
- Regional or other policy documents (f.e. donor countries) and the potential funding programme's priorities
- Realistic planning and measurable indicators
- Regular monitoring system or plan in place (who is responsible for data collection, when reported, to whom presented, what are the outcomes)




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Financing internationalization strategy/plan

- The more embedded and aligned with strategic development documents/policies plan is - the better chances to secure funding for internationalization activities.
 - Although more focus is placed on virtual opportunities via COILS, blended modes for wider accessibility, - the actual international mobility is important
 - Internationalization at home – integrated quality education delivery component
 - Accessibility to institutional budget (funding) is essential (can not rely only on external funds, students payments) in combination with active engagement into externally funded Projects.
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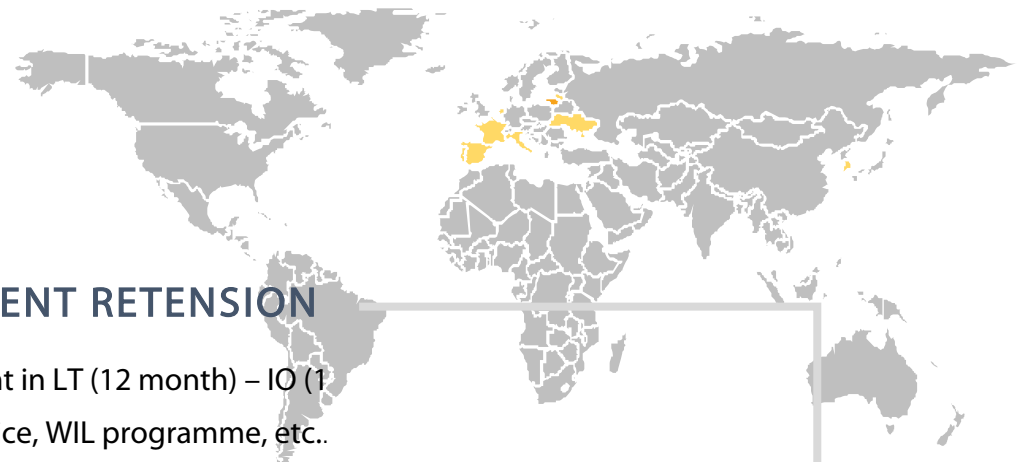


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ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT, TALENT RETENSION

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

CAREER COUNSELING

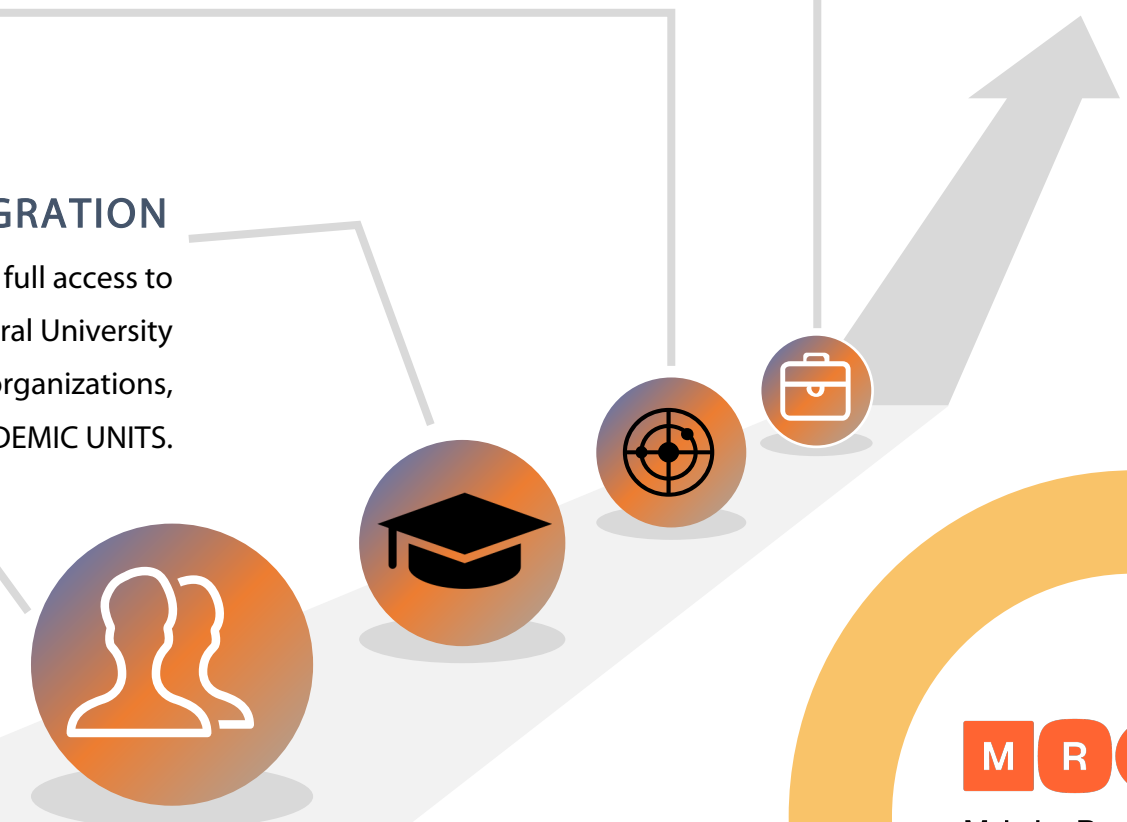
Close to graduation various support measures for traineeships, further studies, information and career days– Career Center (1,5 staff), IO (1 Staff), AMO.

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





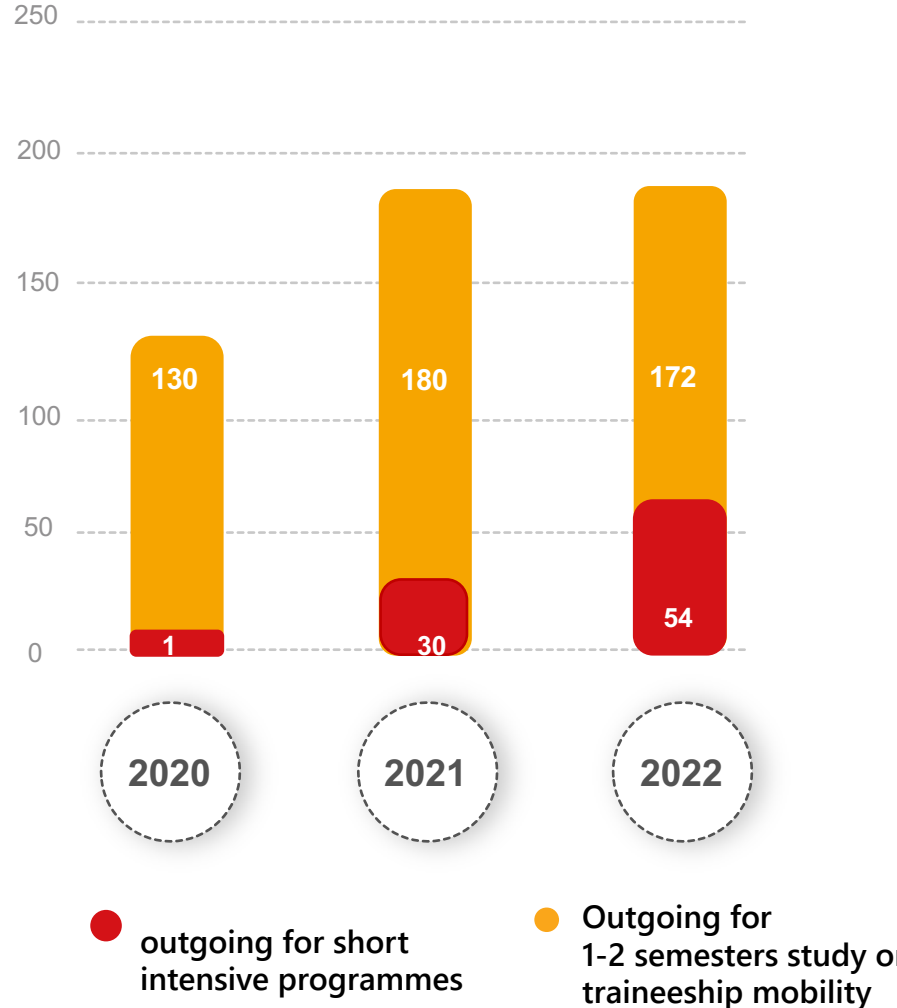
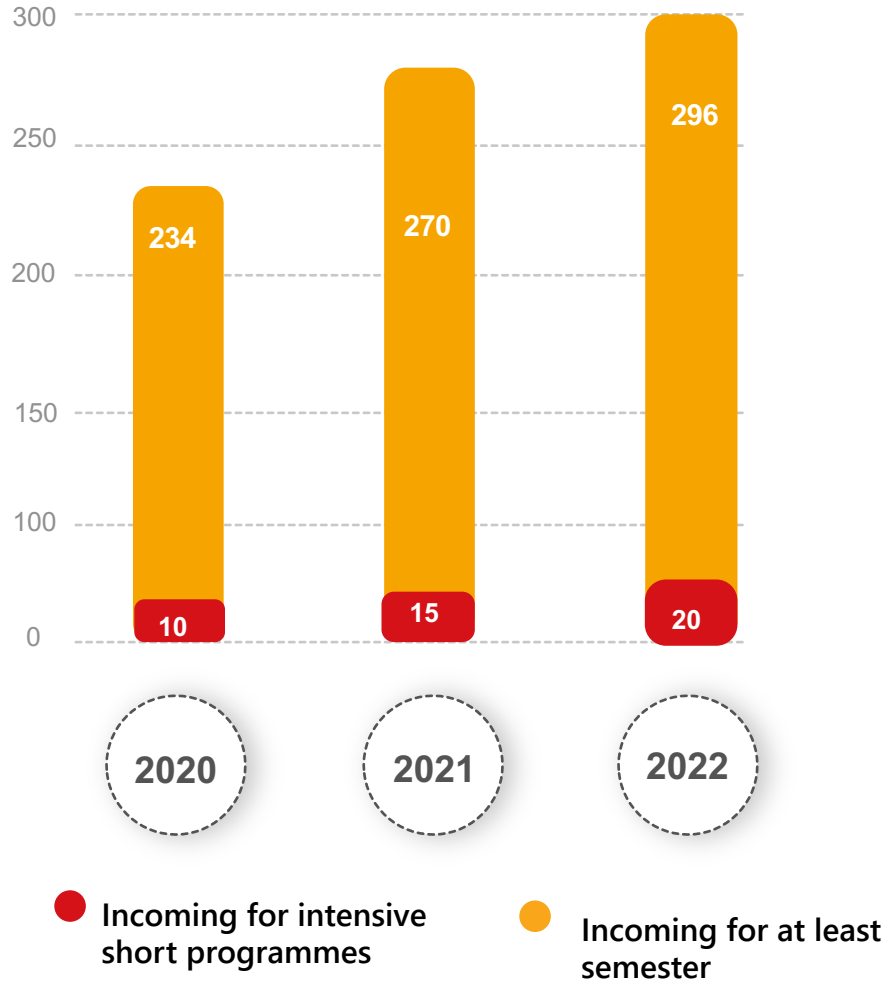
STUDENT MOBILITY



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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

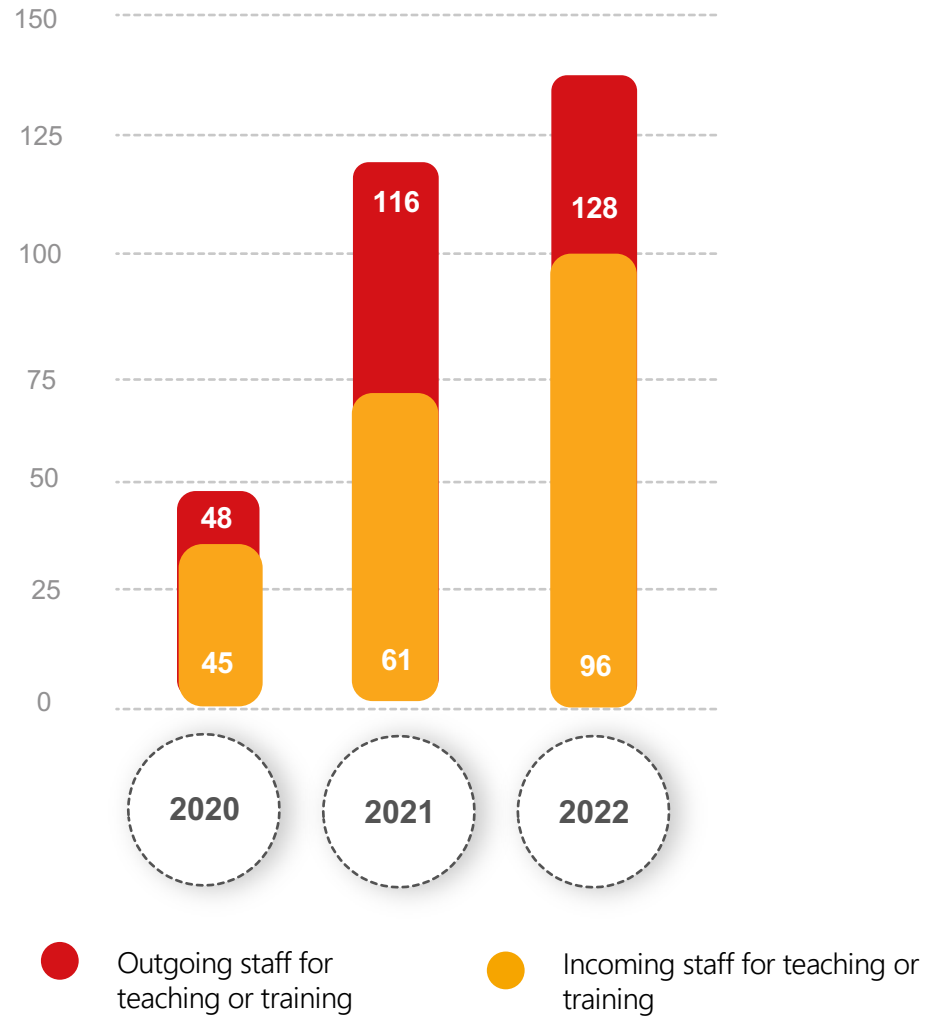


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Staff mobility under exchange programmes in 2020–2022



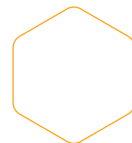
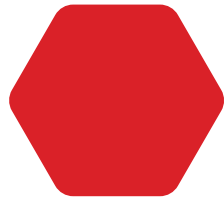
Also international
academic staff who
works for longer
than 3 months **49**

International staff
share in the total
academic staff was
12.83 %

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INTERNATIONAL TEACHING/TRAINING WEEKS

Each year we organize 1-2 teaching/training weeks per semester to facilitate internationalization of national programmes


- October (third week) - Human and Social Studies
- December (second week) - non-teaching staff
- March (second week) - multi-faculty
- April (third week) - Public Security focus
- May (second week) - multi-faculty
- June (third week) (Staff exchange week)

During the summer - on demand summer schools (f.e. MRU Summer University on Culture, Communication, Heritage and Security (<https://summer.mruni.eu>))





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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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+ KA171 results:
- *from 2022 Call KA171 (total in 2022 ICM – 56 sc, 118 540,00 eur untill 31 July 2024 – 1 STA VN (to UD); 1 STA IN (to VIT); 1 STA BD (to DIU)); PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEND STA for teaching visits for March or May, 2023*
- *from 2023 Call KA171 (total in 2023 – 135 sc, 379 510 eur untill 31 July 2025 - 1 STA BD (to DIU) ; 1 STA VN (to QBU); 1 STA IN (to NMIMS) PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SEND STA for teaching visits for May or October, 2023*
- CALL is on: National support scheme for visiting professors to come for 10 teaching days visits (applications till **27 November 2023**) MRU for 2023 received support to 13 professors. PLEASE RECOMMEND PROFESSOR WITH INTENSIVE PUBLISHING RECORD – NEED CV, PROPOSED TOPICS OF TEACHING and MRU will submit application for funding. Results are known in January 2024.
- State scholarships for short-term (1-2 semesters) studies in Lithuanian HEI (MRU) Students from Bangladesh, India, Vietnam are eligible to apply. We provide conditional learning agreement for their applications of course. 2022/23 – 23 incoming students, 2023-2024 - 16 students. Call for 2024 will be launched in February (deadline – early May 2024) <https://studyin.lt/scholarships/short-term-studies/>
- Master scholarships for targeted countries (2022/2023– 23 students from UA, GE, BY supported, 2023/2024 - 30 MA students supported).
- Other national /international projects – we are open to explore possibilities with HARMONY partners
 - Erasmus+ CBHE ???? EMJMD design measure???



Other financial support to international mobility which facilitates internationalization of curriculum



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