

How Erasmus+ Can Promote Access and Inclusion and Deliver on Success and Retention

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Introduction

- What was our motivation to get involved?
- Internationalisation strategy
- Europe 2020 / College Regional Outcome Agreement- The Europe 2020 strategy is the EU's agenda for growth and jobs for the current decade. It emphasises smart, sustainable and inclusive growth as a way to overcome the structural weaknesses in Europe's economy, improve its competitiveness and productivity and underpin a sustainable social market economy

Starting on the International Journey

- Erasmus+ (funding mechanisms)
 - KA1
 - KA2
- Widening Access – what are we looking to achieve
- International Steering Group
- Finding partners before application

Running the Mobilities

- Structuring the projects to maximise retention
- Application process for students
 - Scoring sheet
 - Monitoring attendance

Preparing for Mobility

- Passports
- Boarding Passes
- Transfers, value for money
- Accommodation

Preparing for Mobility

- Language & cultural lessons
- Creating shared spaces – sharing information with partners and accompanying adults
- Administration and record keeping / tracking costs

Learning achieved

- Work experience accredited unit
- Europass Mobility
- ECVET Principles – MOU's, Learning Agreement

Accompanying Adults

- Pastoral support
- Group rapport
- Code of Conduct – behaviour whilst on mobility
- Erasmus documentation – signed by student, College and host

Evaluation of Experience

Evaluation

- Online evaluation – final payment then made to students on whole class completion

Impact

- 87% retention of students who participated compared to College average of 64%
- Awards – CDN award in 2016
- Changed lives of staff and students

Videos

- Greg Clark, Marketing Assistant –
Accompanying Adult

<https://youtu.be/BzqxbT--sg>

- Thanks for your time
- Any Questions