

# Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes

## Erasmus Students: Round Table and Workshops

17 – 18 May 2012

Zagreb



<b>Time:</b>	<b>Activities:</b>
16:30 – 17:40	Introduction – Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes representative Getting to know each other
17:40 – 17:55	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:55 – 18:40	Erasmus ambassadors: Future of Erasmus - Erasmus Manifesto
18:40 – 20:00	Workshops: Higher education in Croatia

<b>Time:</b>	<b>Activities:</b>
9:00 – 10:30	Workshops: Future of Erasmus
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:45 – 12:15	Workshops: Preparing questions
12:15 – 13:15	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:15 – 14:30	Summary and conclusion
14:30	Departure for the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports
15:00 – 16:30	Meeting with Ružica Beljo Lučić, Assistant Minister

- Why we are organising this event
- AMEUP
- Erasmus in figures
- Erasmus ambassadors
- Working together: HE in Croatia



# Why the Erasmus round table?

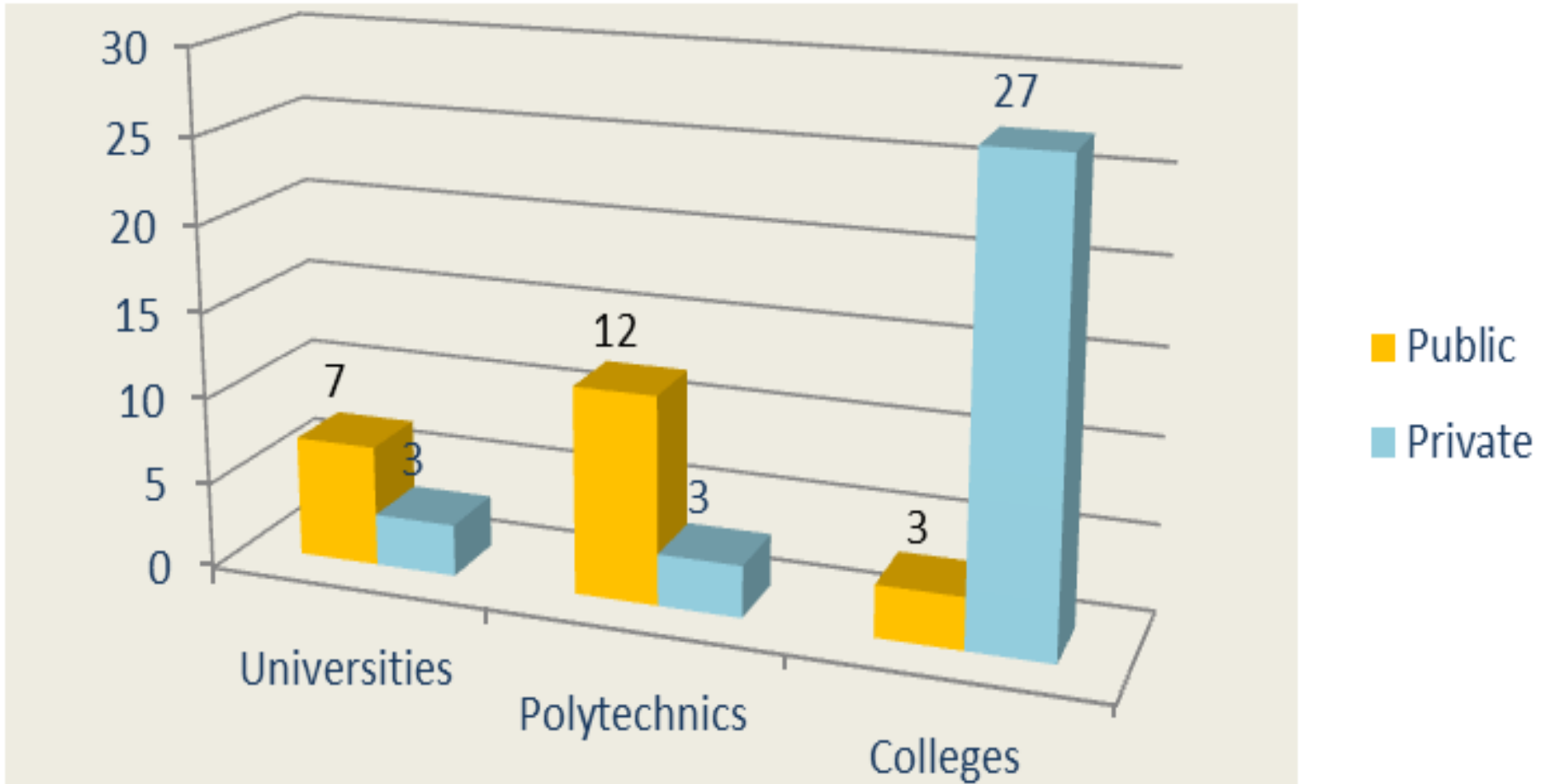
- 25th anniversary
- Foreign Erasmus students in Croatia 2011/2012
- How to use your Erasmus experience for something more?



- Establishment of National Agency in October 2007 (Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes)
- 2008 - 2009 Erasmus pilot projects
- 2009 - 2010 preparatory phase
- Since 2011 full LLP membership
- Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action, Europass, Eurodesk, Euroguidance, Bologna experts, ECVET experts, CEEPUS, Euraxess, FP7, bilateral agreements



# Higher education in Croatia



# The oldest and largest Universities

- 1396-1807, 2002 University of Zadar, 5 395
- 1669 University of Zagreb, 75 635
- 1973 University of Rijeka, 19 663
- 1974 University of Split, 22 319
- 1975 University of Osijek, 21 063

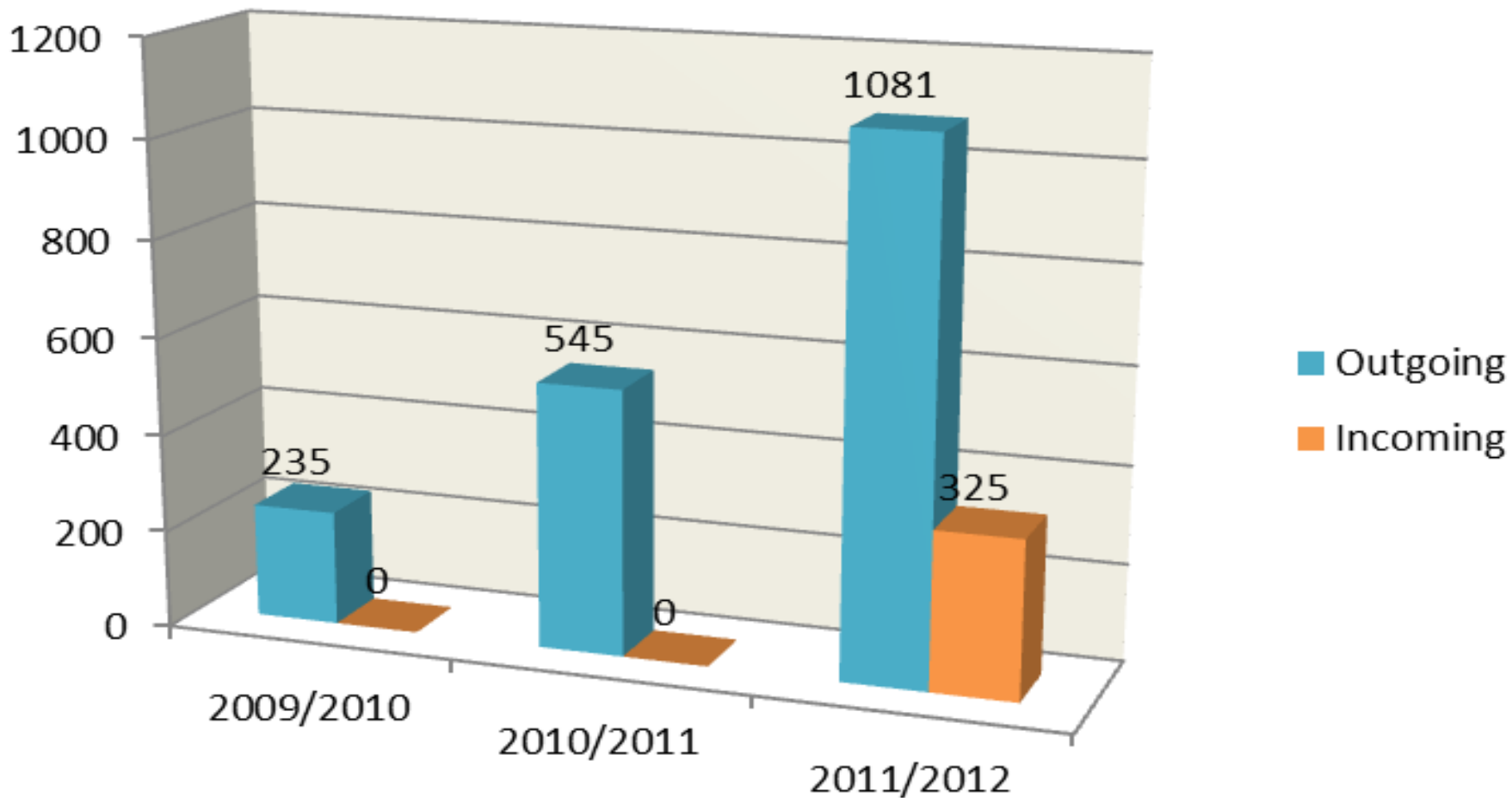






	Student mobility
Total number of Erasmus students	231 410
Average EU monthly grant (EUR)	250
Average duration	6 months
Number of special needs students	254
Top sending countries	ES, FR, DE, IT, PL
Top receiving countries	ES, FR, DE, UK, IT
Zero-grant students	6 880
Average age of students	22.5
Number of HEIs sending students	3 041
Gender balance (% of women)	61%

# Student mobility in Croatia



# Mobilities from Croatia to the EU

Top destination countries  
2010/2011:

Students	Staff
Austria (102)	Slovenia (26)
Italy (63)	Austria (15)
Germany (59)	Italy (15)
Slovenia (58)	Lithuania (8)
Spain (47)	Germany (8)
France (44)	UK (8)

# Mobilities from the EU to Croatia

## Top receiving HEIs

University of Zagreb  
(201)

Zagreb School of  
Economy and  
Management (44)

University of Rijeka  
(27)

University of Split (23)

University of Zadar  
(13)

## Top sending countries

Poland (57)

France (49)

Austria (23)

Slovenia (22)

Spain(22)

# 'Typical' Erasmus students from Croatia

- Study mobility:

25-year-old female student

social science

5.1 months

grant 282.50€

host country Austria

24 ECTS

- Placement:

26-year-old female student

4 months in Austria

field: education or technology

grant 375.75€

# Studying Abroad



**What my friends think I do**



**What society thinks I do**



**What my parents think I do**



**What my professors think I do**



**What I think I do**



**What I actually do**

- It's the one time opportunity valuable for every single student. By learning about other culture, you learn about your own and by learning about the others you can learn a lot about yourself. It should be a part of every student's curriculum.
- Everyone needs to spend some time abroad to develop as an individual, to grow like a European citizen and learn about other cultures in order to know how to improve and contribute to the development of their own.



# Time of your life is guaranteed!

- It's the greatest thing you can experience while studying.
- Everybody should experience this amazing phenomenon of the century, when doors all over the world are open!
- Try, try, try and dive into this wonderful adventure!
- Improve language skills, make new friends
- Do it as if there was no tomorrow!
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# Getting to know each other

- NA representatives: Ivana and Ljubica
- Erasmus ambassadors: Katica and Jelena
- Erasmus students

## Workshop 1

# Higher education in Croatia

- 4 groups (moderators)
- 35 minutes for discussion
- Group sits at the second group's table and looks for similarities/differences: 8 min
- Group sits at the third group's table and looks for similarities/differences: 8 min
- Group sits at the fourth group's table and looks for similarities/differences: 8 min

# Today's agenda, 18 May

- Working together: HE in Croatia
- Working together: Preparing questions
- Summary and conclusion



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- 4 groups of questions
- Some questions for the AMEUP:
- Are there any plans of making a more serious approach to the Erasmus program in Croatia, adding the possibility of doing internships in Croatia for foreign students, considering we are on the door/in the EU?
- How many of Croatian universities are already in the program? Are there plans to widen the range?
- How many Erasmus students are already in Croatia and do you want this number to increase?



- Who's fault is that some home universities don't recognize ECTS taken in an Erasmus university? And shouldn't they figure out something about that problem because sometimes it's not very tempting to go on Erasmus program where you should take the exams there and after that again you have to pass the exams in the home university so thus in one semester you have two sessions of exams.
- Why some universities, despite the Bologna System, do not give credits to students who are studying in a foreign country? (Students need to take all exams in their home university when they come back.)

## a) The Erasmus programme

- If you were a 20-year-old student would you go on Erasmus exchange? Why and where would you go?
- What is your opinion about Erasmus and the future of Erasmus?
- How much will the Ministry invest in the budget for student exchange?
- Will courses for learning Croatian for incoming Erasmus students be supported financially by the state?
- Will study programmes in English at Croatian higher education institutions be supported financially by the state?
- What are your goals regarding internationalization of Croatian universities and increasing the number of both incoming and outgoing students?
- Is there any special training (courses in English etc.) for teaching staff so they would be prepared for incoming Erasmus students?

## b) Bologna system

- Do you think the Bologna system is really better for students and for the quality of their education?
- The Bologna system is not working very well. Is it going to be changed for the better?
- In your opinion, how can the Bologna system be improved to be more creative and productive with regards to work experience for students?
- Is the Bologna System fully integrated so students from different faculties could come to Croatia for their studies?

## c) Higher education in general

- What is your opinion on all students in Croatia studying free of charge?
- What is the opinion of the current government regarding the outflow of students after graduation?
- Will Croatian universities offer more study programmes in English language?
- Why did the University of Split spend so much money on building a new library when other faculties of the University of Split need renovation?
- Should there be standards describing the proportion of formal and informal education methods in order to improve the quality of studies?
- When do you plan to replace old professors that don't know foreign languages and don't have any IT education with younger and more motivated ones?
- Are there currently any plans for improving student life in Croatia?

# Questions: general education

## d) Education in Croatia

- Is Roma minority involved in the Croatian education system?
- What do you think about teaching children in elementary school and young people in high schools subjects that are considered to be valuable for general knowledge, such as human rights, politics and maybe one more language?
- I would recommend making physical education classes obligatory because sport is important for the health of young people. What do you think?



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