



EUROPEAN UNION

International credit mobility in the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027

Erasmus+

Enriching lives, opening minds

2021-2027



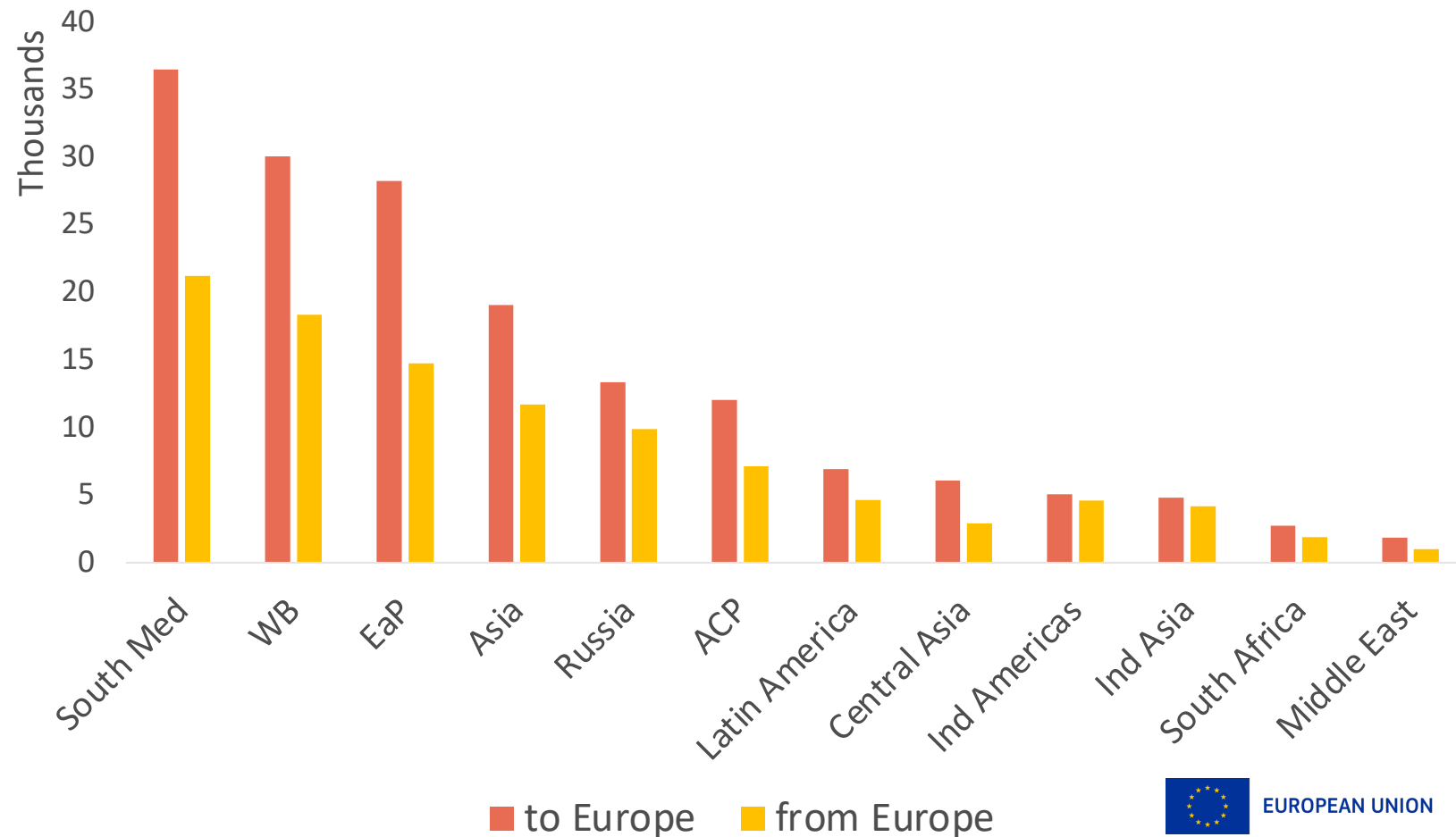
What is ICM?

- Launched in the 2014-2020 programme to fund short-term mobility of students and staff between Programme and Partner countries
- Manifold benefits for individuals and institutions:
 - Key skills & competences, professional development, enhanced employability, teaching methods, etc.
 - Increased capacities, attractiveness & internationalisation; improved quality of higher education

How does it work?

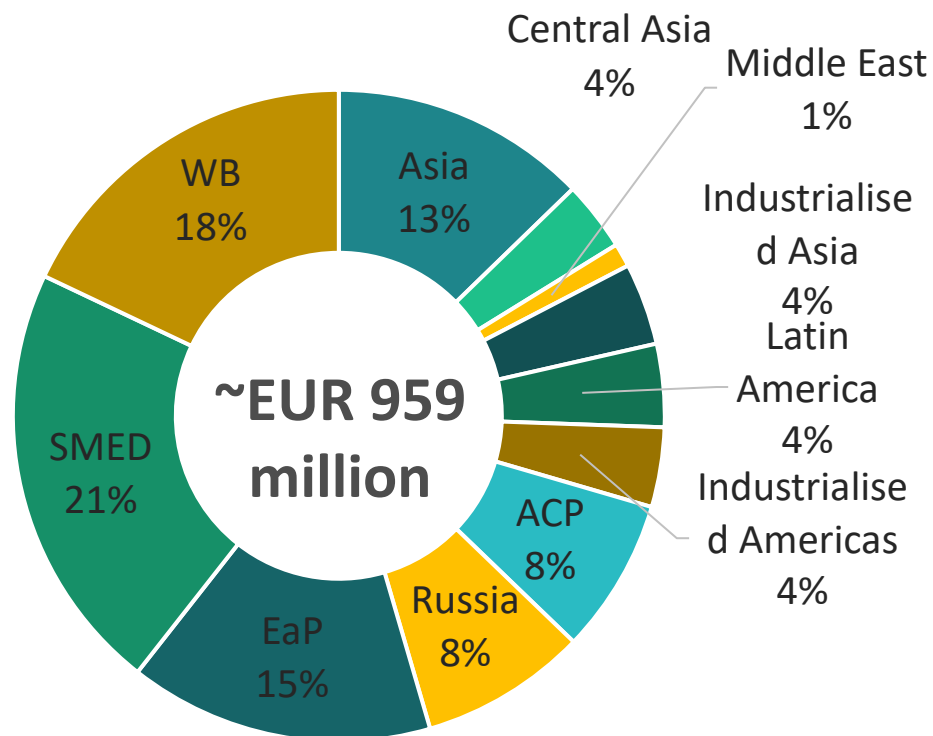
- **Decentralised action** managed by the Erasmus+ National Agencies based in the programme countries
- **Global action:** the world is divided into regions, which have different budgets allocated per year

International credit mobility 2014-2020
~270k planned short-term staff and student mobilities

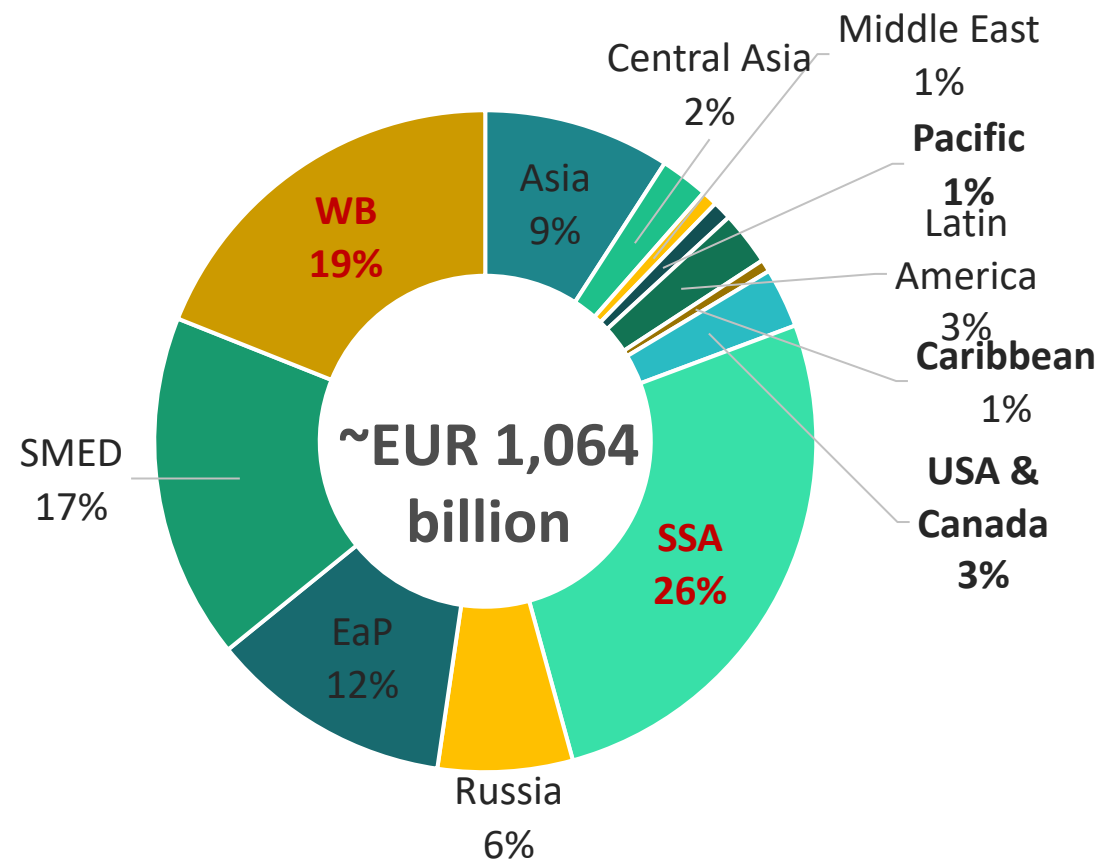


ICM budget

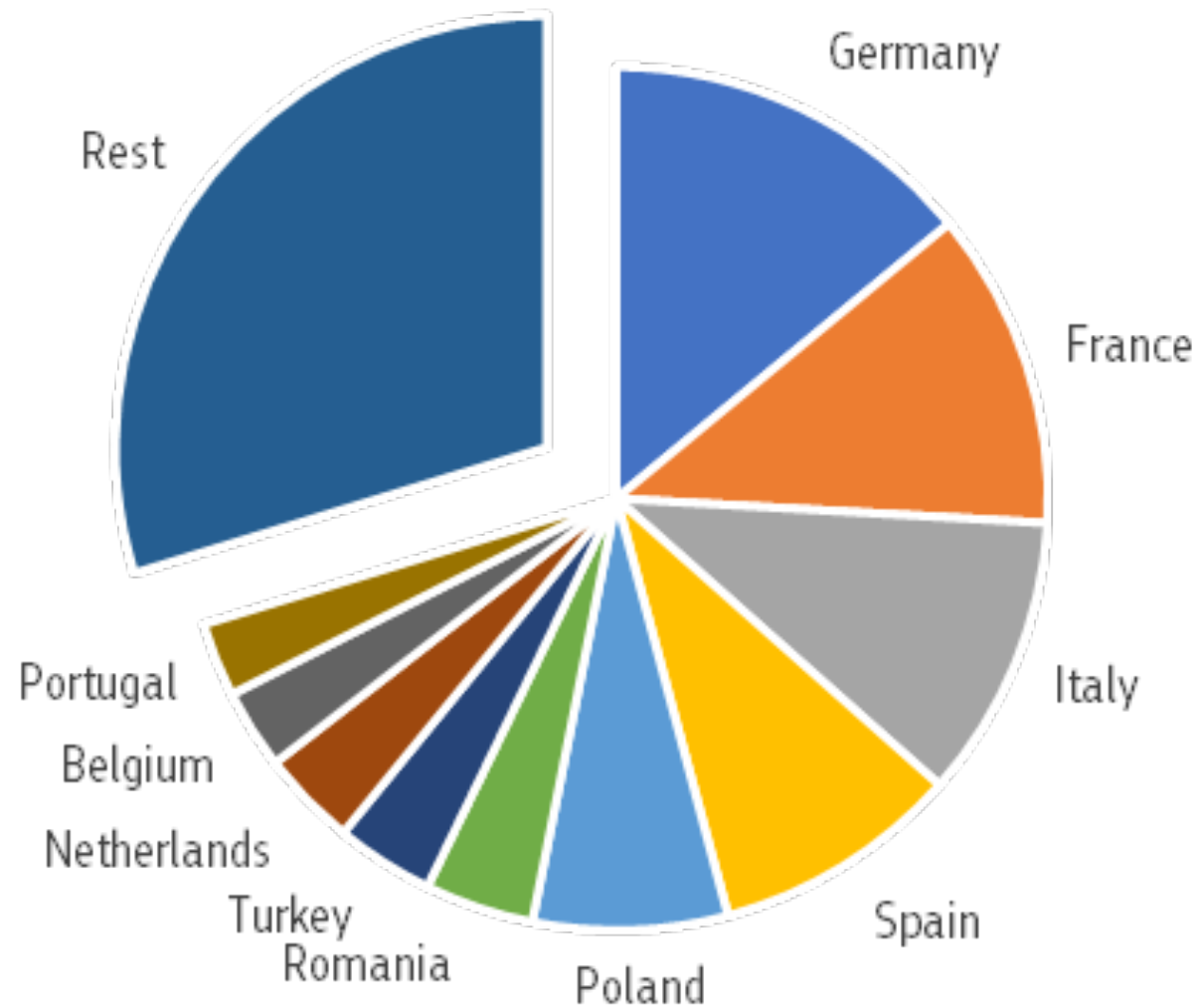
2014-2020



2021-2027



ICM budget per National Agency 2024



Planned Mobilities 2022 (Pacific Region)

Row Labels	Sum of Incoming Staff Mobilities	Sum of Outgoing Staff Mobilities	Sum of Incoming Student Mobilities	Sum of Outgoing Student Mobilities	TOTAL
Australia	69	63	48	52	232
Fiji	6	6	6	4	22
New Zealand	11	14	12	18	55
Papua New Guinea	2	4	3	2	11
Samoa	1	2	0	0	3
Timor Leste	2	3	2	0	7
Tonga	1	1	2	1	5
Grand Total	92	93	73	77	335

Australia and New Zealand correspond to **87.2%**

Planned Mobilities 2023 (Pacific Region)

Partner countries (non-assoc.)	Sum of Incoming Staff Mobilities	Sum of Outgoing Staff Mobilities	Sum of Incoming Student Mobilities	Sum of Outgoing Student Mobilities	TOTAL
Australia	81	79	66	37	263
Fiji	21	14	24	10	69
New Zealand	34	29	18	12	93
Papua New Guinea	6	1	16	0	23
Samoa	3	2	1	0	6
Timor Leste	6	7	10	0	23
Tonga	0	0	0	0	0
Solomon Islands	1	1	0	0	2
Grand Total	152	133	135	59	479

Australia and New Zealand correspond to **75.1%**

Activities supported (I)

- Short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff
- All levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates
- Mobility in any subject or academic discipline
- Also supports traineeships for students and training for staff
- Study periods and traineeships of 2 – 12 months
- Blended mobility (physical mobility of 5 – 30 days + virtual component)

Activities supported (II)

- All partners in an ICM project can **send and host students and staff** as described in their submitted project and provided that a relevant grant has been secured.
- For certain countries, Bachelor/Master student mobility is only possible from third countries to Europe – this means third country universities **can send but not host**.
- Countries with this restriction can be found in this list (Region 1 – Western Balkans is exempted from restriction): <https://www.oecd.org/dac/financing-sustainable-development/development-finance-standards/daclist.htm>
- European partners may use a part of their **intra-European mobility budget** to fund their students mobility to restricted countries under ICM.



Organisational support

EUR 500/participant



Individual support

EUR 700-900/month for students and

EUR 148-190/day for staff

EUR 79/day up to the 14th day of activity and
EUR 56/day from 15th to the 30th day of
activity in case of blended mobility

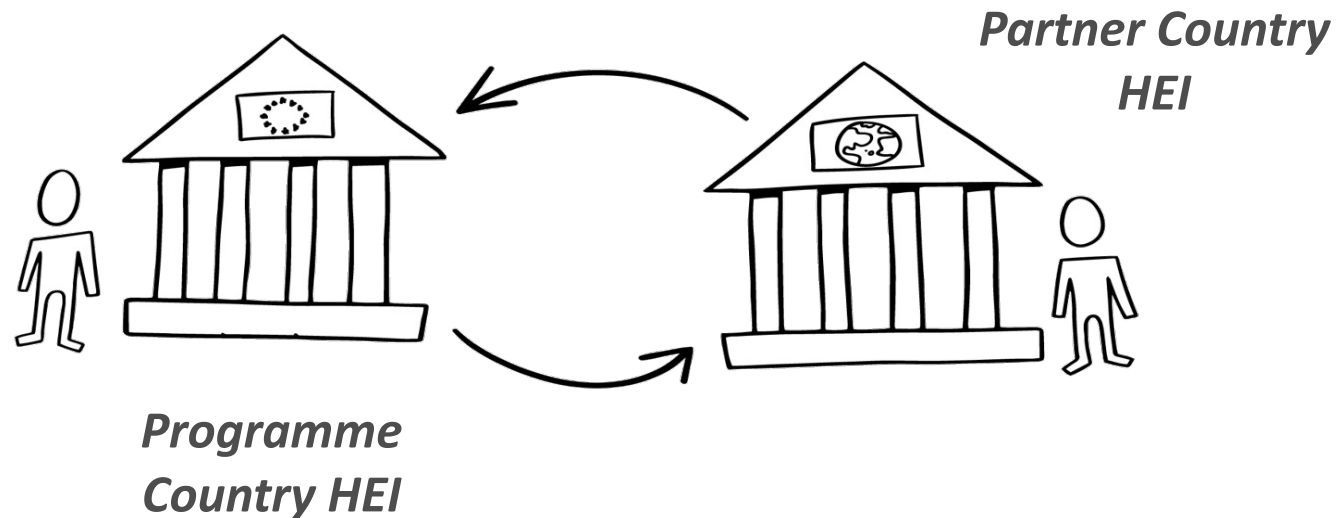


Contribution to travel costs

EUR 20-1735, depending on distance
travelled

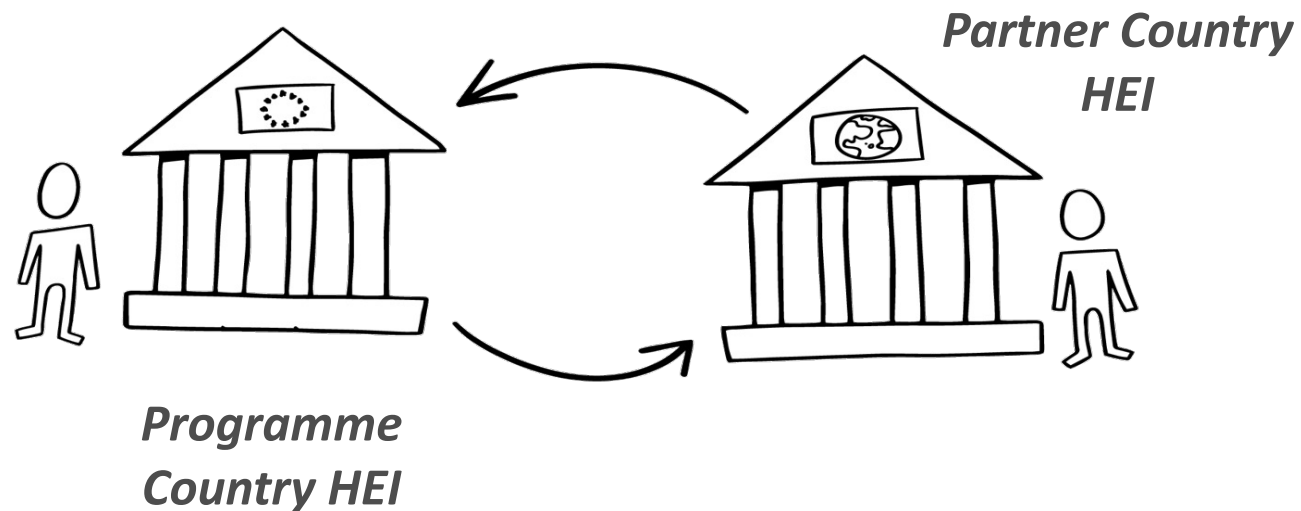
Who can apply and how? (I)

- Higher Education Institutions in the Programme countries
- The **ICM project in their application** contains the countries and partner universities they intend to cooperate with, as well as their **cooperation plan in each region**

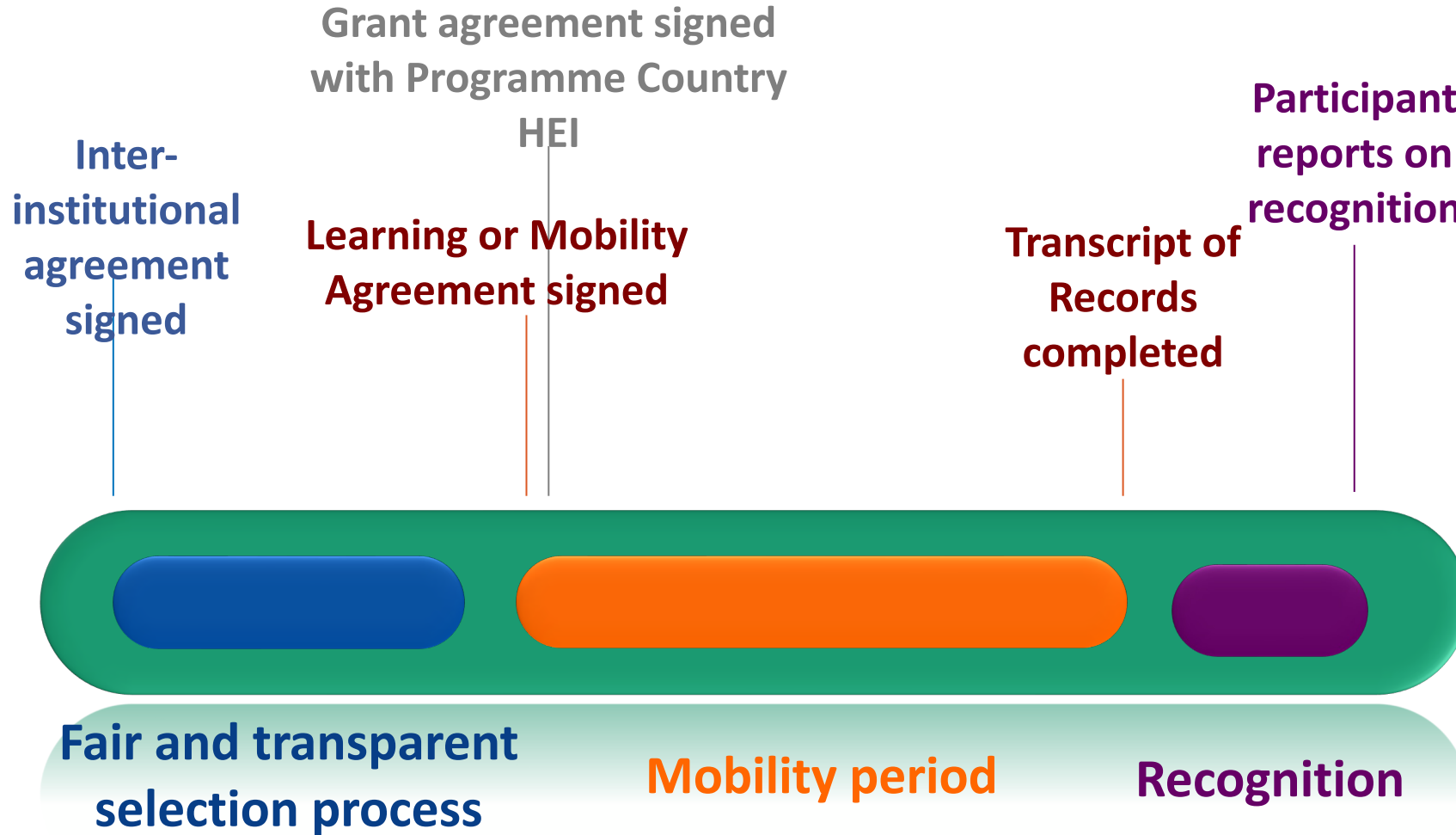


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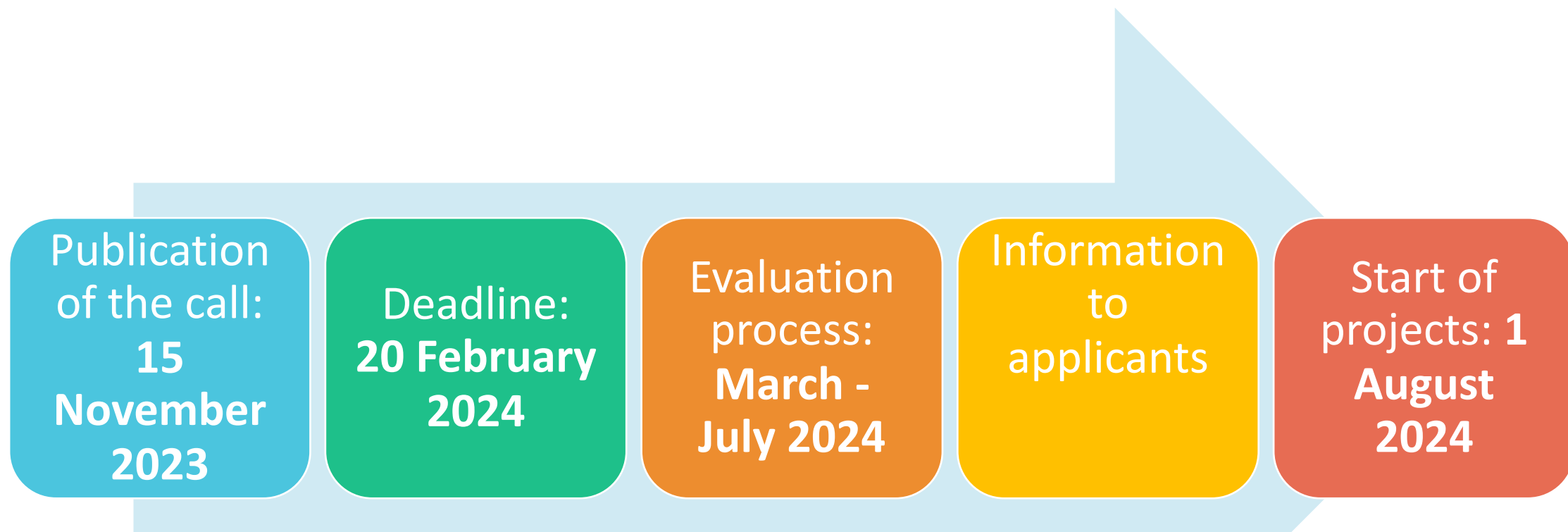
- Upon successfully passing the established quality criteria, they will be allocated **an ICM grant spread in different regional envelopes**
- For every partnership with a secured budget, an **Inter-Institutional Agreement** is needed between the main applicant in Europe and every partner university in third countries before mobilities can start.



ICM project implementation



Timeline



Testimonial & Experience from Our University

| TIPS: FINDING PARTNERS & PLAN

- **Write and seek** partners among Program Country Universities
- **Activate** existing agreements and **explore** international relations offices.
- Emphasize the need for **accreditation and preparation** before applying.
- Match most **relevant courses**
- May consider **staff mobility** before student exchanges
- Ask for **regular assistance** from the Program Country partner

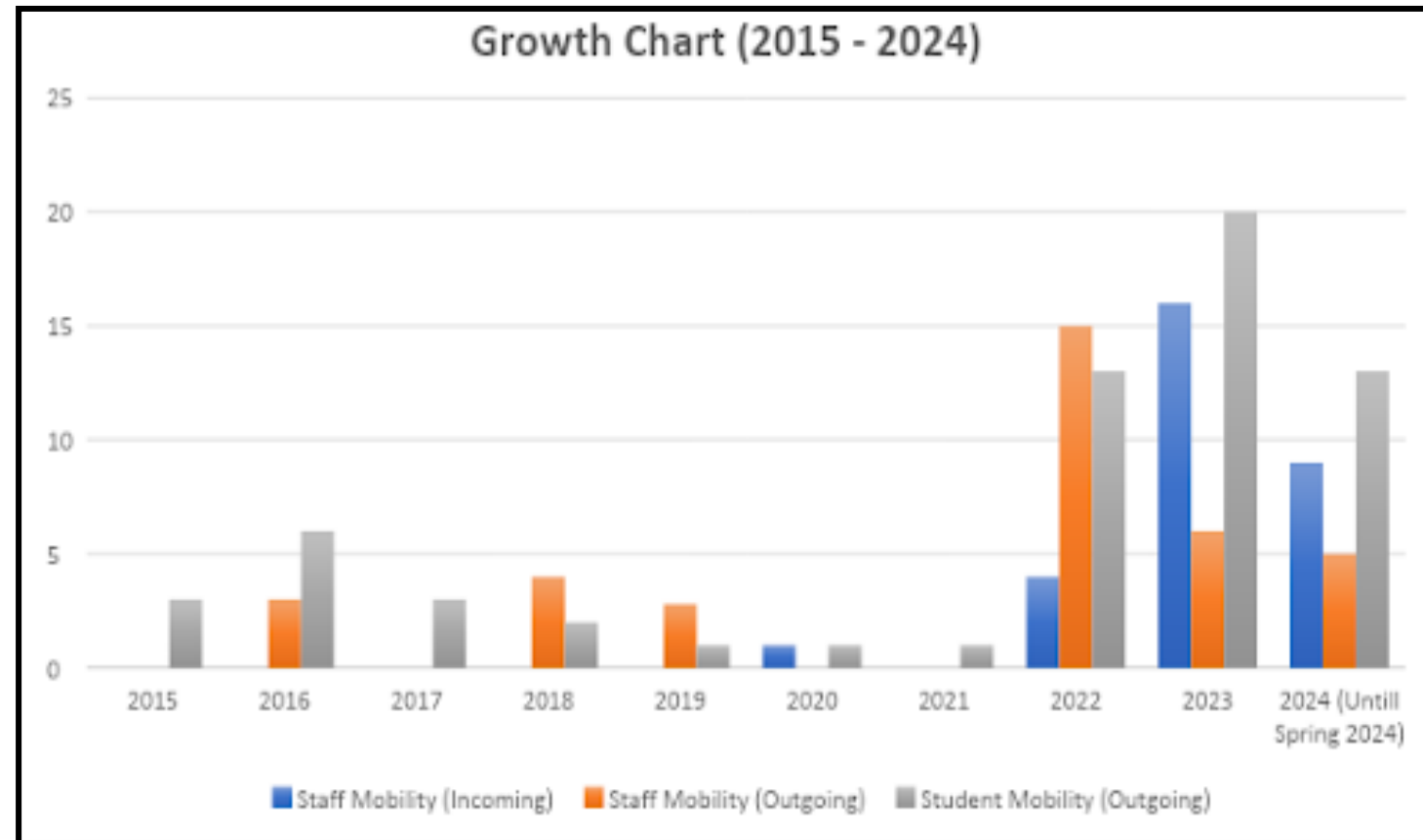
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- Set **Internationalization** as one of the strategic Priorities
- Joined global gatherings to **connect**
- **Open** to exploring partnerships for a shared vision & exchanges
- ICM is one of the **focused** mobility concerns to work
- Tried, failed, and **learned** better application techniques
- **Continued.....**

Testimonial & Experience from Our University

Erasmus Growth Chart (2015 - 2024)



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 **USP**
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE
SOUTH PACIFIC

**Shaping
Pacific
Futures**



Pacific Context

The South Pacific is the Southern Hemisphere portion of the Pacific Ocean - Earth's largest oceanic division

It is home to large portions of Oceania (Includes Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia)

Approximately 18 different languages are spoken across the Region

On average almost a fifth of the population in the member countries, comprise of youth between the ages of 15 and 24

Our Story



Established in 1968 in Suva, Fiji

One of two regional universities in the world

USP is governed by its Royal Charter, Convention, statutes and ordinances and the USP Council

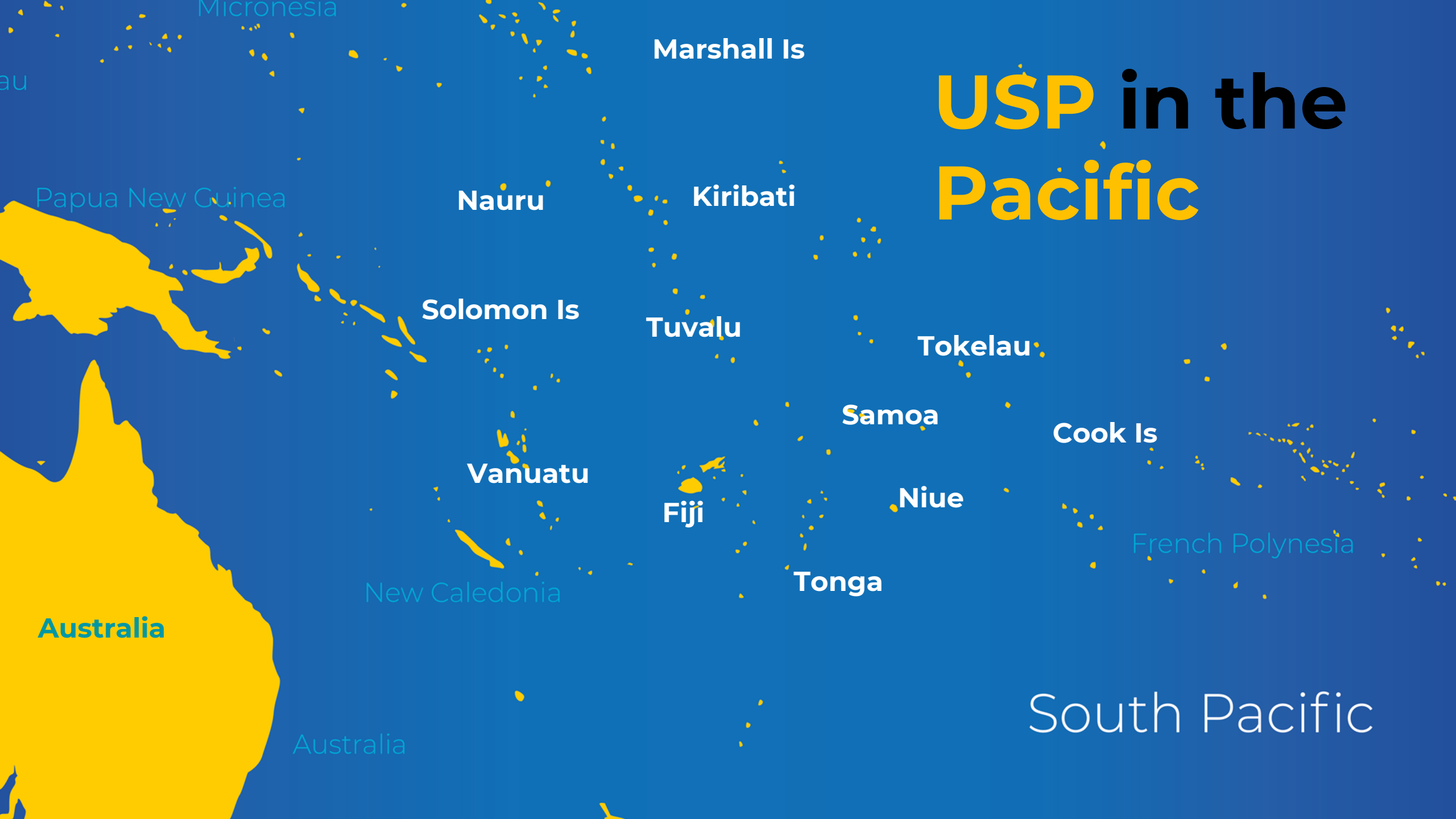
Has 14 campuses in 12 member countries

Over 20 nationalities attend USP

The region served by USP covers 33 million km² of the Pacific Ocean, an area more than three times the size of Europe

Populations of member countries vary from Tokelau with 1,500 people to Fiji with more than 900,000 people

USP in the Pacific



Marshall Is

Nauru

Kiribati

Solomon Is

Tuvalu

Tokelau

Samoa

Cook Is

Vanuatu

Fiji

Niue

New Caledonia

Tonga

French Polynesia

Australia

Australia

South Pacific

Our Schools



- Accounting, Finance & Economics
- Agriculture, Geography, Environment, Ocean & Natural Sciences
- Business & Management
- Law & Social Sciences
- Pacific Arts, Communication & Education
- Information Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Physics

Two Inter-Disciplinary Colleges

- Pacific Technical & Further Education
- Pacific Centre for Environment & Sustainable Development

Our Strategic Partnerships

Development Cooperation

- **Traditional/Core Development Partners**

Australia and New Zealand

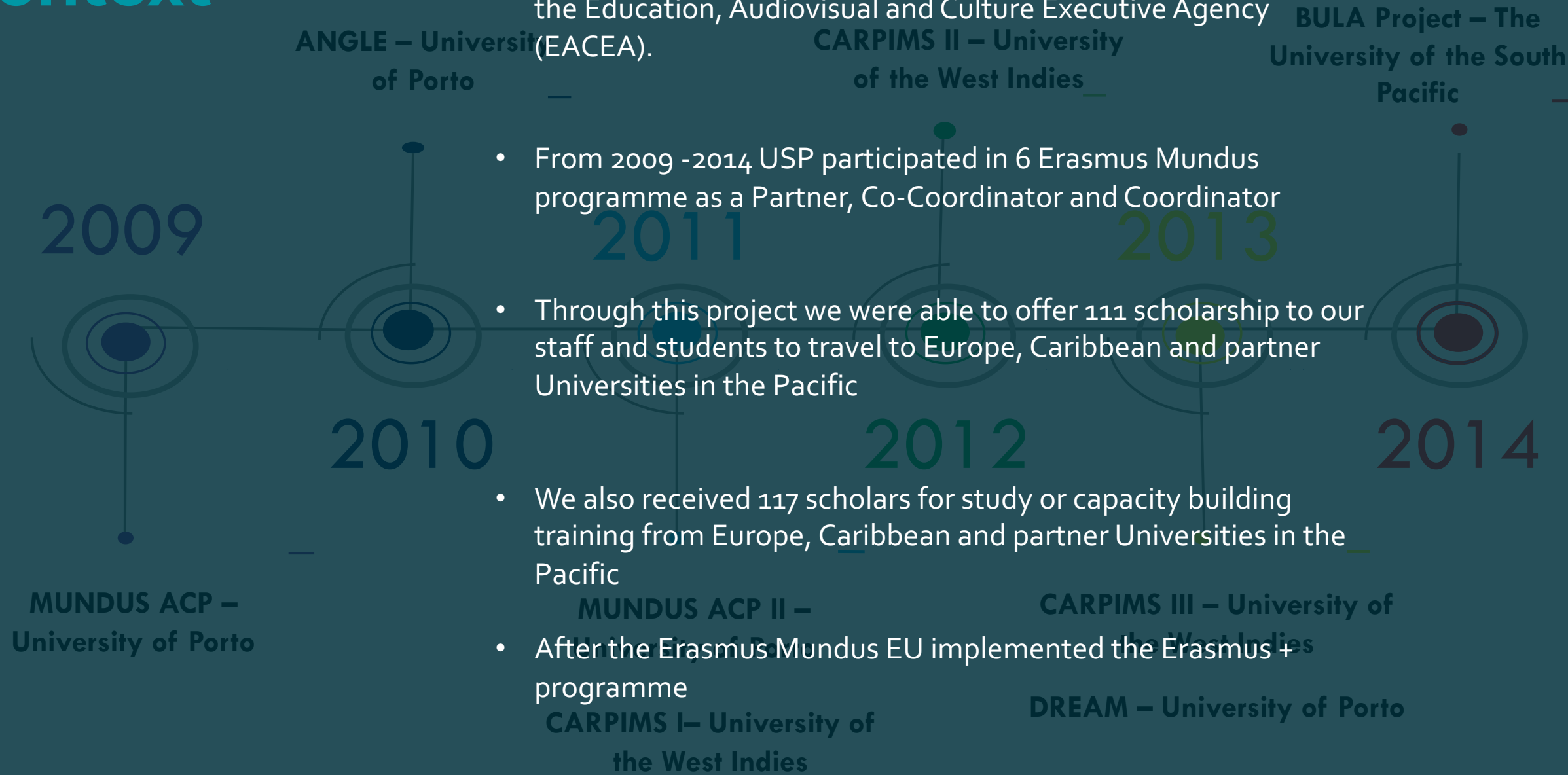


- **Non-Traditional Development Partners**

Japan, EU, Taiwan, China, US, France and others



Erasmus + Context



- The Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 Programme is a cooperation and mobility programme in Higher Education, implemented by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA).

- From 2009 -2014 USP participated in 6 Erasmus Mundus programme as a Partner, Co-Coordinator and Coordinator

- Through this project we were able to offer 111 scholarship to our staff and students to travel to Europe, Caribbean and partner Universities in the Pacific

- We also received 117 scholars for study or capacity building training from Europe, Caribbean and partner Universities in the Pacific

- After the Erasmus Mundus EU implemented the Erasmus + programme

Erasmus + Numbers

17

17

10

8

7

Total Erasmus +
Credit Mobility
projects

Students sent to
Europe for a
semester based
mobility

Staff sent to
Europe for a 1
week training
mobility

New partners
signed

Countries
across
Europe

Erasmus + Why

- Supports USP Strategic Plan for Global Engagement
 - International Partnership
 - Student Mobility
 - Research mobility
- Accreditation
- Capacity building for Staff and students
- Funding opportunities for mobility to Europe
- Visibility
- Access to resources



Our Erasmus + Partners – Credit Mobility

ONE TIME PARTNERS



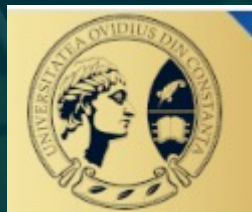
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Renewed Partnership



New Partnership

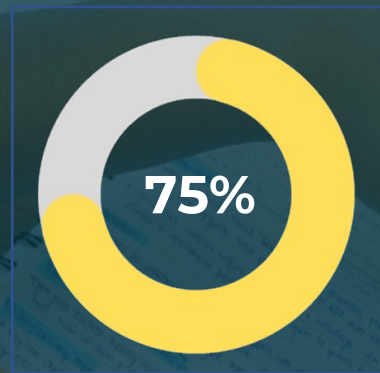


Research & Innovation

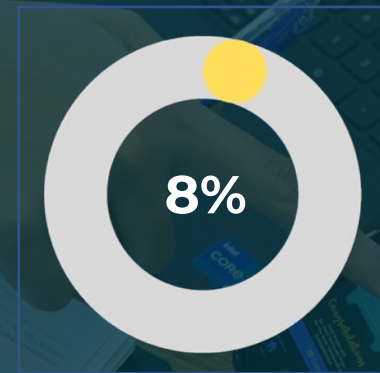


In the past year, USP has produced:

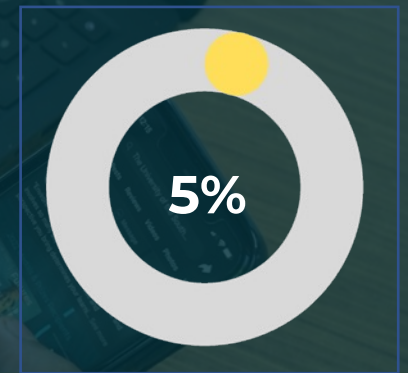
317 Research Outputs



Journal Articles



Conference Proceedings



Book Chapters

19% Co-authored by USP authors

76% Co-authored with international researchers

USP International



We welcome students from around the Globe to be part of our diverse University.



Student Exchange Programme



JENESYS Programme



International Students

Regional Integration

The **Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP)** was established with a mandate to improve cooperation, coordination, and collaboration among the various intergovernmental regional organisations to work toward achieving the common goal of sustainable development in the Pacific region.



**Dedicated Budget
for Erasmus +
Mobility**



**Increase numbers of
incoming student
mobilities**

**Increase
Participation in
CBHE
Programme**



**Project
Coordinator**





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SOUTH PACIFIC

Over 5 decades of shaping Pacific Futures.

Thank you

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