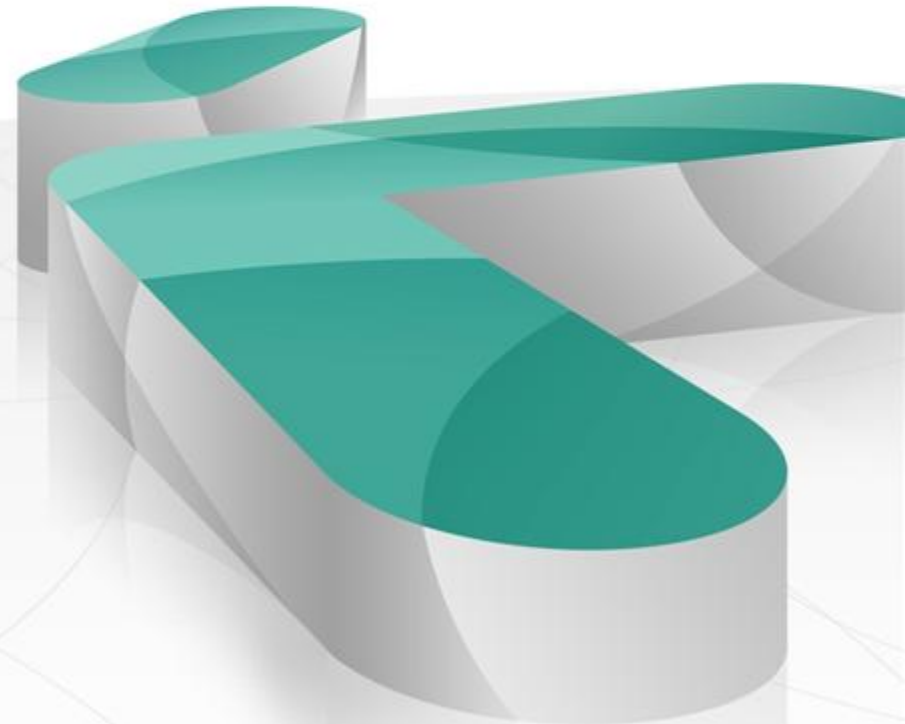


Erasmus Versus Nordplus: Nordic-Baltic Cooperation in International Projects

Experience of Kauno Kolegija/University of Applied Sciences

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Main Facts

- Higher education institution since year 2000
- More than 7000 students and 600 teachers at present
- 46 study programmes organized in 6 academic divisions in the areas of social sciences, biomedicine, technologies, humanities and arts.
- Studies last from 3 to 4 years, 180 national credits (equal to ECTS)
- Graduates obtain PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR degree



Scope of International Cooperation

Cooperation with more than 160 partner institutions.

- About 150 Bilateral Agreements under Erasmus programme.
- 17 institutional bilateral agreements (BY, CN, DK, FI, LV, NL, NO, PL, RU, UA, UK)
- More than 200 outgoing Erasmus students, around 100 incoming Erasmus students

Participation in:

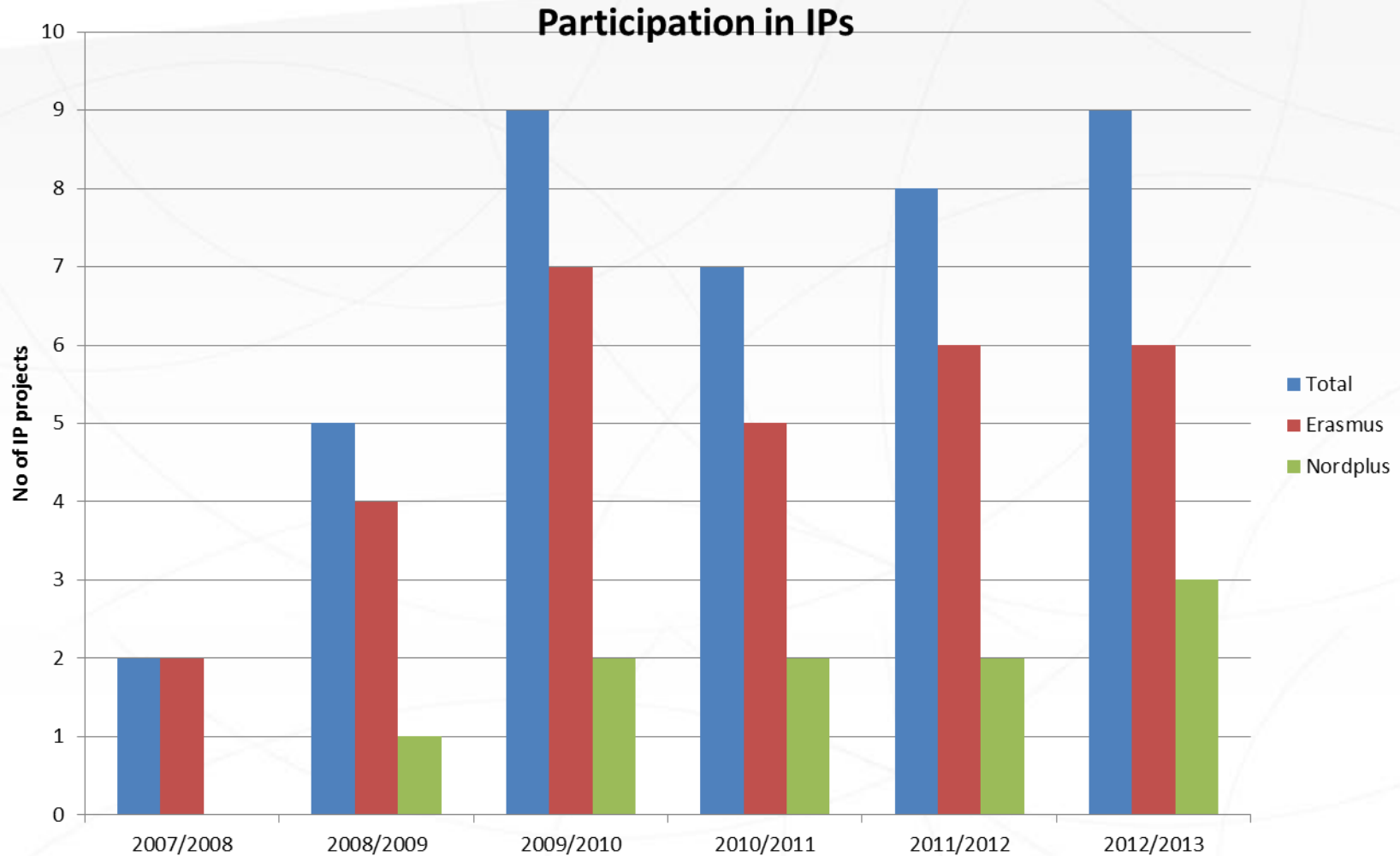
- EU LLL/Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Grundtvig, Comenius since 1999
- Nordplus since 2008

Number of implemented projects in 2007-2013:

- 40 IPs (30 -under Erasmus; 10 – under Nordplus)
- 6 Leonardo da Vinci projects, 4 –Grundtvig, 2 – Comenius, 2 – other Nordplus, etc.

Department of International Relations – 3 persons, project coordinators at the faculties.

Participation in IP under Erasmus and Nordplus



Baltic Cooperation in the Projects (1)

Erasmus programme:

Erasmus IPs –usually one partner from the region, but there are exceptions

- Tartu Health Care College (Estonia) - our partner in “WellTour”.
- Riga Medical College of the University of Latvia - a partner in IP “Prevention and Care for People in Chronic Conditions – a Transcultural Approach”
- Narva College of the University of Tartu, Estonia - coordinator of „Cross Curricular Creativity”. Kauno kolegija is the partner.
- Tartu Health Care College (Estonia) and Riga Stradina University (Latvia) are partners in Erasmus network ELLAN -European Later Life Active network.

Baltic Cooperation in the Projects (2)

Nordplus programme:

Networks:

- EkoTekNord (Baltic partners: Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Tallinn)
- Nordejordemodern (Midwives of the North) joined research “Fathers role during pregnancy and delivery” with Riga 1st Medical college (Latvia), Tartu Health Care College (Estonia), etc.
- GeroCompetence -the main aim of the network is to enhance and develop competence in the issue of good ageing in collaboration with education, research and the practical settings.

Projects:

- Quality Assurance and Development of Partnership in Medical Education (Riga 1st Medical College) – development of Pharmacist’s assistants and Nursing educational programmes
- NOBANET (Baltic partner: Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences)
Aim –to create and widely disseminate new knowledge on internationalisation of Nordic and Baltic SME’s

Impact

- Students and teachers from different universities within the network getting together and working with a chosen theme.
- Cooperation with industry (involving social partners, internationalisation of SME's)
- Usually focus on intercultural, environmental or other innovative aspects, development of entrepreneurial skills, creative thinking, etc.
- Enabling a dynamic interplay between the participants from the network and industry, and opens possibilities for future internships for the students.
- Helps to keep more intensive cooperation with partners (strategic partnerships, further projects)
- Combining activities in both: Erasmus and Nordplus programmes helps to expand mobility between Nordic-Baltic countries (especially short-time)
- A bridge towards Joint Programmes
- Close cooperation between different departments inside the institution (e.g. Erasmus IP „WellTour“; „The Use of Modern Printing Technologies in Marketing and Management“, Cross-Border Health Care in Europe“).

Challenges

- Budget and co-financing
- Documentation (getting information from partners)
- Paper work
- Dissemination
- Extra work load for teachers
- Independent work in the Faculties
- Keeping the same personnel hooked on partnership



Important

- Conditions of the contract
- Financial and Administrative Handbook
- Priorities of the Call
- The rules and requirements of the coordinating institution (especially concerning the payment to partners)
- Close cooperation with partners, information transfer, etc.

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