The Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), submitted successfully its proposal for the academic year 2016-2017 in the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program with the objective to develop further its international collaborations at academic and research level, in the context of its internationalization and extroversion strategy.

The 2016-2017 Program’s duration after the approval of the Hellenic National Agency was 26 months; it started on 01/06/2016 and ended on 31/07/2018.

At AUEB, the Erasmus+ ICM Program was addressed to:

a) **students of all cycles**, offering them the opportunity to spend a study period at a Partner University with the use of the ECTS system which ensures academic recognition of the learning outcomes

b) **teaching staff**, who had the opportunity to carry out short duration teaching assignments of 5 working days at a Partner University and

c) **teaching / staff members**, who had the opportunity to spend a 5 days training period at a Partner Institution

AUEB, as the Project Coordinator, established partnerships and signed Inter institutional Agreements with the following non-EU Higher Education Institutions:

1. Université du Québec à Montréal - École des sciences de la gestion, Canada
2. Nanyang Business School, NTU Singapore, Singapore
3. Armenian State University of Economics, Yerevan, Armenia
4. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Business School, USA
5. Stetson University, School of Business Administration, Florida, USA
6. Stevens Institute of Technology, Howe School of Technology Management, New Jersey, USA
7. Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow, Russia
8. Soongsil University, Seoul, Korea

During the above mentioned period, AUEB received a total of 26 incoming participants (11 students, 6 teaching staff members for short duration teaching assignments and 9 staff members for staff training) from the non-EU Partner Universities. Eight incoming staff members participated in AUEB’s 5th and 6th Erasmus+ Staff Training Week, which were held in the month of June 2017 and June 2018 respectively.

A total number of 9 students and staff members of AUEB spent an Erasmus+ ICM period at non-EU Partner Institutions.
Incoming students for studies

ARMENIA 45.5%
RUSSIA 45.5%
CANADA 9.1%

Incoming staff for teaching/training

ARMENIA 40.0%
RUSSIA 26.7%
USA 13.3%
SOUTH KOREA 20.0%
Incoming and outgoing students who spent a study period abroad reported that the Erasmus+ ICM Program proved to be highly beneficial for them, as it gave them the opportunity to learn from the inside about the host country’s culture and educational system, interact, exchange ideas with their peers at the host Institution and further develop their intercultural, communication and academic skills.

According to the participant teaching staff’s testimonials, they had the chance to strengthen their cooperation at academic level with their colleagues at the partner institutions, develop further research projects, share experience and expertise, improve their skills and get acquainted with new teaching methods.

The mobile staff members considered their training period abroad inspiring and fruitful, as they shared best practices, exchanged experiences with their peers regarding their work method and got an insight in the partner institution’s structure and procedures.

Success stories and testimonials of the Erasmus+ ICM participants can be found on the Hellenic National Agency’s webpage: https://www.iky.gr/en/about-iky/success-stories

The impact of the 2016-2107 Erasmus+ ICM Program to students and staff was significant and it led to an increase in the demand for participation from these groups.

AUEB, focused on continuous progress and extroversion and taking into consideration the increasing interest of students and staff to participate in the Program, aims to enrich its partnerships with more non-EU Universities under the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program, by adding new Inter-Institutional Agreements to the already existing ones.