



**Report for the Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility Program (2017 Project)**

**at the Athens University of Economics and Business**

The Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), submitted successfully its proposal for the academic year 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 Program's duration after the approval of the Hellenic National Agency was 26 months; it started on 01/06/2017 and ended on 31/07/2019.

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

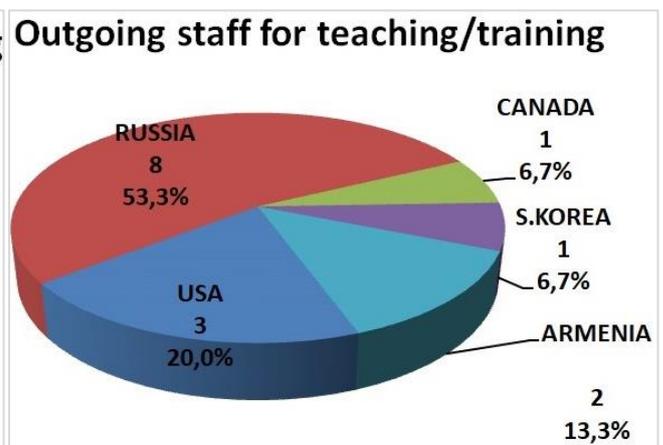
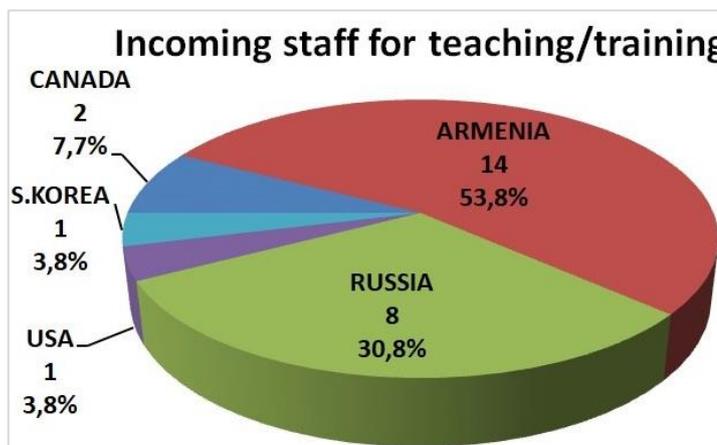
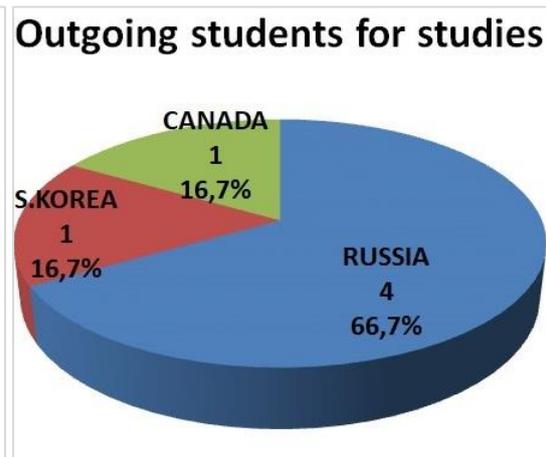
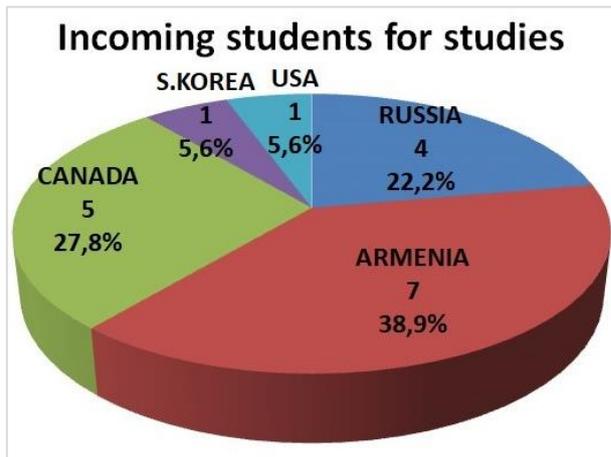
AUEB, as the Project Coordinator, established partnerships and signed Inter institutional Agreements with the following non-EU Higher Education Institutions:

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

More specifically, the following numbers and types of mobility were carried out during the 2017 Project:

- a) 24 AUEB and Partner Universities students carried out a student mobility period with full academic recognition of their learning outcomes through the implementation of the ECTS system
- b) 11 teaching staff members carried out successfully a teaching mobility period abroad
- c) 30 teaching / administrative staff members carried out successfully a training mobility period

It is worth mentioning that under the Erasmus+ ICM Program, 17 staff members from Partner Institutions located outside the EU participated actively in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Erasmus+ Staff Training Week, that was organized by AUEB's Erasmus+ Office in June 2018 and June 2019 respectively.



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 2017-2018 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.