

# *University of Ljubljana*



*Cooperation beyond EU: successes and challenges, funding, tips*

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# *Ljubljana*

- **The capital** of Slovenia
- **Area:** 275 km<sup>2</sup>
- **Population:** 283,000



# *University of Ljubljana*

- Comprehensive, research oriented University
- **37.874** students
- **6.093** employees
- An annual budget of **332** mio €



# *University of Ljubljana*

- Established in **1919** with **5** member faculties
- At present the University of Ljubljana consists of **23** faculties and **3** arts academies
- **Study fields:** Art, Fine Arts, Natural Science, Technology and Engineering, Social Sciences, Humanities, Medicine, Health Sciences, Sport



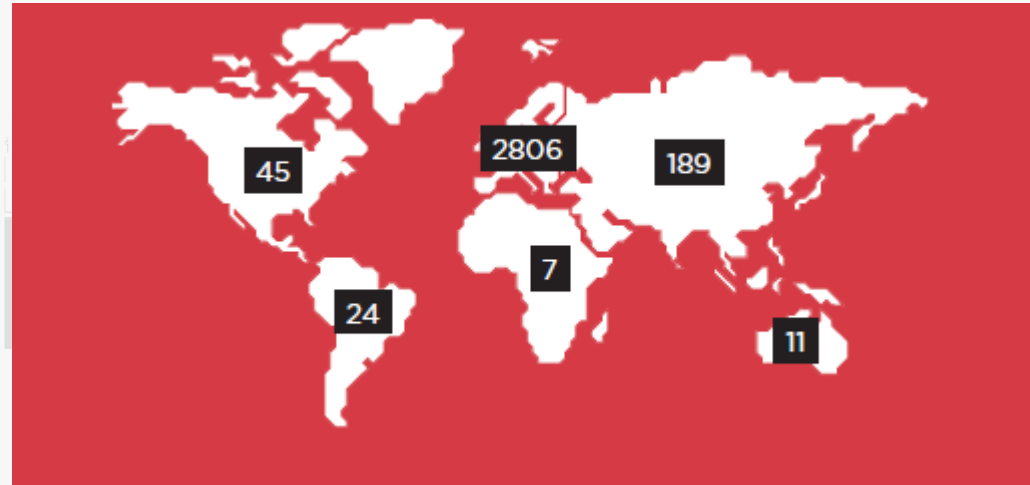
# *UL Internationalization Strategy*

- 2012 – 2020 programme
- Defined actions and goals
  - setting up strategic partnerships with excellent universities in the region,
  - increasing the number of foreign teachers and researchers,
  - increasing the number of exchange students and foreign full-time students,
  - increasing existing co-operation in networks,
  - increasing the number of top scientific publications and enhancing cooperation in European projects, ...
- Decentralized/ Centralized implementation
- Bottom-up and top-down approach

# *International partnerships with emphasis on China, South Korea and Japan*

## **Agreements**

- 3 strategic partnerships (Kyungpook National University, South Korea; Nanjing University, Sichuan University, China)
- Agreements on central level: 16 Japan, 5 South Korea, 10 China
- Agreements on departmental level: 14 Japan, 5 South Korea, 7 China)



**World coverage**

## Areas of cooperation defined in agreements

- Exchange of students and staff
- Joint research activities and projects
- Joint conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia etc.
- Joint courses and / or curricula
- Double degrees



# *Bottom up approach*

A lot of individual cooperation on departmental level – joint researches, exchange of teachers and students, double degrees:

- Department for Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts - Suro-Tan Course - The Slovene Short Course for exchange students, hosting app. 20 Japanese students per year.
- Faculty of Computer and Information Science – double degree with Kyungpook University
- School of Economics and Business – exchange of students and summer school



# Challenges

- A lot of activities not registered centrally,
- Bottom up approach seems more fruitful (we see that in Erasmus+ ICM application)
- Lack of finances (ICM helps a lot)



# *Top down approach*

- Internationalization strategy of the university and priority countries (China, South Korea and Japan among them)
- A lot of interest from different Asian universities, specially from Japan and China
- Hosting delegations from universities in China, Japan and others
- Visits of our leadership and deans of the faculties to different universities

# *Challenges*

- Agreement is signed on central level if there are more than 3 faculties interested (we have to ask all faculties if they are interested)
- Cooperation is not very active, except for exchange of students from partner universities
- Faculties are very autonomous in selecting their partners



# *Implementation ICM (1)*

## Selecting partners

- Previous bilateral cooperation
- Project based / research cooperation
- Target cooperation (historical, political and economical preferences)
- Bottom up approach (faculties)
- Added value / win-win situation
- Well-known partners and newcomers
- Limitations (defined by NA and Erasmus+ programme)



# *Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility*

## **CHINA**

- 2015 – 17 mobilities, 2016 – 10 mobilities, 2018 – 9 mobilities (SMS, STA)
- Study fields: Business, Law, Languages
- Partners: Beijing Foreign Studies University, China University of Political Sciences and Law, Xiamen University, Shanghai University of International Business and Economics, University of Jinan

## **SOUTH KOREA**

- 2015 – 3 mobilities, 2016 – 2 mob., 2017 – 5 mob., 2018 – 6 mob.
- Study fields: Economy, Computer and Information Science, Social studies, Politics
- Partners: Kyungpook National University

# *Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility*

## **JAPAN**

- 2015 – 1 mob. , 2018 – 13 mob.
- Study fields: Anthropology, Business, Languages, Medicine
- Partners: University of Tsukuba, Akita International University, Hiroshima University of Economics, Rikkyo University, University of Tokyo, University of Miyazaki



# *Funding*

- National budget for different kind of international activities
- Individual research funds
- Erasmus+ ICM
- Bilateral scholarships with Japan and China - Slovenian Government announces a limited number of scholarships for exchange of foreign students. Based on the agreement on cooperation in the field of education between Slovenian Government and foreign Governments.
- Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of Republic of Slovenia – Scholarships for study visits

# *Confucius Institute - CI Ljubljana*



- A non-profit organization established for the purpose of promoting and teaching Chinese language and culture
- More than 300 Confucius Institutes and 200 Confucius classrooms in 94 countries
- CI Ljubljana is located at our School of Economics and Business
- The main purpose of CI Ljubljana is to promote Chinese language and culture among students, the community and companies, encourage business opportunities in China and act as a bridge between the Slovenian and Chinese business environments.
- In close cooperation with the Department of Sinology at the Faculty of Arts



## *Confucius Institute - CI Ljubljana*

- **Educational Delegations** (every year 13 representatives of universities and faculties go on one week working visit to China for the purpose of visiting potential partners)
- **Summer School Shanghai** for students: since 2010 over 400 students from Slovenia
- **Confucius Institute Scholarship** (for students who want to do exchange or full degree in China)
- **Chinese Government Scholarship**



*Questions and comments*



*Thank you for your attention!*