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BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMS

Implementing the new Erasmus+

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BLENDED INTENSIVE PROGRAMS (BIPS)

A program that is jointly developed by a group of HEIs to teach and/or train groups of students or staff by using innovative and digital ways of delivery

- Developed and implemented by at least 3 HEIs from at least 3 E+ program countries
- Combined with short term mobility grants (students)
- Physical mobility 5 – 30 days for students, 1 – 60 days for staff
- Virtual component before, during or after the physical mobility

6,000 – 8,000 EUR in OS

THE GRANT

- The minimum number of participants must receive an Erasmus+ short mobility grant from their home university
- OS calculated as 400 EUR per participant, with a minimum of 15 participants (6,000 EUR), and funding capped with 20 participants (8,000 EUR)
- OS intended to cover costs related to the preparation, design, development, implementation and follow-up of the programme



BENEFITS

- Opens up more opportunities for learners to take part in blended mobilities
- Inclusion
- Encourages development of blended courses
- Financial incentive for smaller faculties to build blended programmes

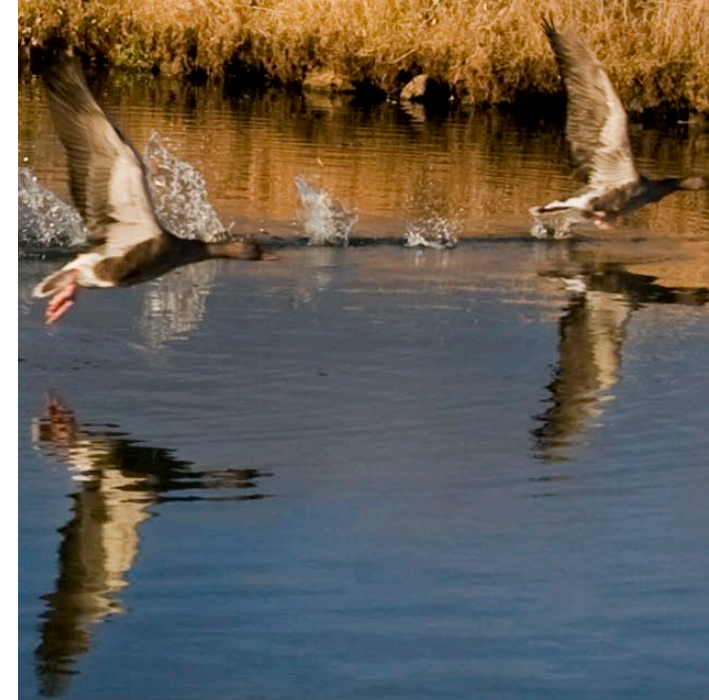


THE BIP COURSES AT UNI. ICELAND

- Conference seminar for masters students in Ethnology/Folkloristics
 - Master's level
 - Nordic cooperation
 - 7 partner/sending universities
 - Planned: 30 students
Confirmed: 23 students
Cancellations: 4 students
Total today: 19 students
- Soft skills course
 - Graduate students from any discipline
 - Aurora Alliance (European University Initiative)
 - 5 partner/sending universities
 - Planned: 94 students.
Confirmed: 46 students

OBSTACLES WITH IMPLEMENTATION

- **Systems at the University not ready for short mobility stays**
 - Nominations
 - Applications
 - Registration
- **Heavy administrative work**
 - International Division, Student Registration, IT
 - Nomination and application deadlines fall outside the regular workflow
- **Beneficiary Module not ready**
 - Difficult to monitor the number of students receiving E+ grants
- **Digital IIAs not ready, some difficulties with OLA**
- **Guidelines from NAs different between countries**



MAIN CRITICISM

- Structuring of the grant for Blended Intensive Programmes
- Grant is for planning and implementation (in part)
- Cancellations mean the grant amount decreases or is cut altogether
 - Stressful for course organiser
 - Financial risk to faculty involved and/or the university
- Universities can plan for enough students but cannot easily guarantee the numbers
 - Iceland as a destination unique in this regard?

Can we encourage BIPs at the University under these requirements?



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