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Erasmus Mobility for All: Step-by-Step support for Students with Disability

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European Disability Strategy 2010 to 2020

- Adopted on 15 November 2010. Persons with disabilities have the right to participate fully and equally in society and economy. Denial of equal opportunities is a breach of human rights.
- Education and training : promote inclusive education and lifelong learning for students and pupils with disabilities



Facts and Figures

- 15% of world population have some form of disability, 2-4% of which have severe functional limitations (WHO, 2011, 29).
- 4% of UG students in Ireland have disability
http://www.ahead.ie/inclusiveeducation_accessingthirdlevel.php
- EU average of students with disability on Erasmus 0.13%; UL average 0.31%



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Basic Ingredients

- “willing purchaser, willing buyer”
- Relates to overall policy on Erasmus within individual institutions
- Is Erasmus commonplace?
- Is Erasmus system in place and functioning?
- Is the study period recognised through transcript of results and academic progression?



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6 Step Mobility Programme

- Identify Special Needs requirement
- Request to partner Universities
- Match student to University
- Compile funding application to HEA
- Employ standard Erasmus procedures
- Maintain communication with student



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Step 1



- Obtain information
- Facts
- Documents
- Costs
- Personal Assistant(s)
- Academic Assistant(s)
- Travel
- Accommodation



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Step 2

- Determine which partner Universities
- Subject area of degree
- Language requirement
- Preferences
- Contact Universities describing needs
- Confirm responsibility for funding application





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Step 3



- Assess response
- Visit University to evaluate facilities
- Accessibility of accommodation to lectures
- Disability Services
- Liaison with Academic Department



Step 4

- Obtain supporting documentation
- Letter from medical specialist or other confirmation of condition
- Letter or e-mail from partner University confirming acceptance of student
- Draw up final cost estimate
- Submit all the above to National Agency



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Step 5



- Nomination
- Information sessions
- Documentation, e.g. outgoing information package
- Application procedure
- Accommodation
- Module selection



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Step 6

- See-saw communication
- Friendly relations
- Receipts
- Payments
- Records
- Final Report

