

SMiLE began as a joint pilot project launched by the URV Department of English Studies and a High School, IES Martí i Franquès, and it counts with the support of the Department of Education of the Catalan Government, Generalitat de Catalunya. In the future, it will broaden its activities to primary schools.

More information:

www.urv.cat/en_noticies/120/the-smile-programme-takes-erasmus-students-into-school-classrooms
wwwa.urv.cat/deaa/lista/l2c.html
<http://smileprogramme.blogspot.com.es/p/welcome-to-smile.html>

➔ The impact of staff training courses in universities' change towards internationalization



The European Commission believes that a systemic change can be achieved through staff mobility. But is mobility the only way? Or even the best way?

Since 2011 Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV) gives internationalization training courses to administrative staff in their own language and at their home institution. This way, administrative staff, who have not yet opened their minds to internationalization, can be targeted (without the need for English or leaving their homes) and, in time, this will change the institutional mindset of universities. This course can be given as an alternative or in addition to international staff mobility. The positive results achieved have led the university to export this "best practice" to other institutions in Spain and abroad.

This project also includes a system by which the effect that this training is having on an institution's mindset can be analyzed.

For more information on this project: <https://suctiproject.wordpress.com/>

➔ USEK is bringing the world on its campus!



August 2014 is considered by the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik as the time in which the university had the prime opportunity to reach a new stage in its internationalization journey. On this landmark date, USEK was selected to participate in the 12th cohort of the Internationalization Laboratory of the American Council on Education (another Member of the IAU), an all-time first for a university outside the Americas!

Within this framework, USEK worked on the integration of internationalization within its curriculum and research and on enhancing its collaborations. This further advanced the international dimension of USEK strategic plan with the aim

of ensuring a maximum international exposure of students, in order to empower them to become more accomplished global citizens.

USEK is pleased to announce that its first international university week will be held at the end of 2015.

For more information: www.usek.edu.lb

➔ Double degrees – the pilot project of St. Petersburg University of Management and Economics (UME)



From international relations to internationalization is the slogan of UME. The university has made a long way from occasional contacts to active cooperation with more than 50 European and American universities that became the basis for students and staff mobility, internships, different projects.

The crucial step in UME internationalization is the double degree programs allowing students to get both Russian and European degrees. These projects provide young specialists with opportunity to adapt to new conditions of the global world: widen their knowledge, give practical experience through international trainings, and increase their employment prospective. UME most reliable partners in double degree cooperation are Turku University of Applied Sciences (Finland), Coventry University (GB), University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt (Germany), Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale (France).

We invite the IAU members to participate in the double degree programs with UME!

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➔ When the internationalization of higher education becomes a matter of national strategies...

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It is only recently that the national authorities of the main host countries of international students, US (2012), UK (2013), Germany (2013) have presented for the first time a National Strategy on the internationalization of higher education institutions. A new strategy for the public authorities of these great university countries that is part of a decision to stimulate or carry out international activities in higher education institutions in order to position themselves as best as possible in the world competition.

In the European countries, this national movement is widely encouraged by the European Commission which also published