



**Youth on
the Move**

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From the Green Paper on learning mobility to **YOUTH ON THE MOVE** – implications for mobility for students and researchers in the Baltic Sea Region



A Europe 2020 flagship initiative

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Baltic Sea Region? – Strategic and Innovative Mobility”*

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The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

- Adopted in **2009**
- Region have many **strengths in education**
- Need for **coordinated actions** in a wide range of policy areas
- The strategy can **contribute to improve education and qualifications** in the region as well as enhancing mobility



What?

- One of seven “flagship initiatives” in the **Europe 2020 strategy** for “smart, sustainable and inclusive growth”
- An EU “flagship initiative” to respond to the **challenges young people face** – adopted 15 September 2010
- An **integrated EU strategy for young people**, embracing both education/training and employment



Why?

- “**Europe’s future** depends on its 100 million young people”
- **Youth unemployment** is too high: over 20%
- Too many **early school leavers** (14.4% of 18-24 year olds have less than upper secondary education)
- Only 32.3% of EU population have an **higher education degree** (USA: > 40%, Japan: > 50%)
- By 2020, 35% of all jobs will require **high-level qualifications** (today: 29%)

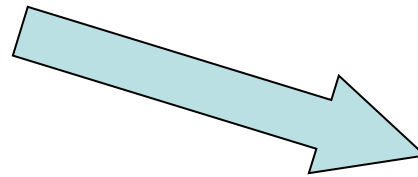


Europe 2020 targets

Early School Leaving (Age 18-24)

2009

14.4%



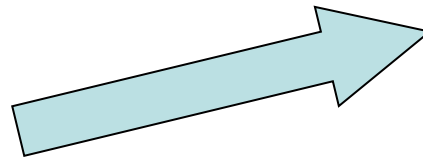
2020

10% at most

Higher Education Attainment (Age 30-34)

2009

32.3%



2020

40% at least



What's the EU going to do?

Framework strategy with four action lines:

1. “Modern education and training systems”
2. “Higher education”
3. “Learning and employment mobility”
4. “Youth Employment Framework”



Mobility - growing importance

- **20th anniversary of the Erasmus programme (2007)**
- **Council conclusions on youth mobility (2008)**
- **Bologna benchmark on mobility (2009)**
- **Green Paper on learning mobility (2009)**
- **President Barroso's vision (2009)**



Main results of the Green Paper consultation (I)

- Quality of **information and guidance**
- Promote **benefits of mobility**
- **Language** learning
- **Legal** obstacles
- **Portability** of grants and loans



Main results of the Green Paper consultation (II)

- Use of **quality charters**
- **Validation and recognition** of learning
- New **partnership** for mobility
- **Mobility targets**



The proposal for a Council Recommendation

- A proposal for a **Council Recommendation** on promoting the learning mobility of young people (adopted by Commission on 15 Sept.)
- **10 main areas**, reflecting results of Green Paper consultation
- **Planned adoption** under Hungarian Presidency, first half 2011
- Monitoring through **Mobility Scoreboard**



Other Learning Mobility actions

- **Guidance on the rights** of mobile students
(European Court of Justice rulings)
- **EU benchmarks** on Mobility
- **European Skills Passport**
- A Youth on the Move **card**
- A new Youth on the Move **website**



Who is paying?

- Existing **mobility programmes**: Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus, Leonardo da Vinci, Comenius, Grundtvig, Marie Curie, Youth in Action
- **Public consultation** on the future EU programmes: **15/9-30/11**
- Youth on the Move website on EU learning and mobility opportunities:
http://europa.eu/youthonthemove/index_en.htm



Participation in Erasmus mobility 2008/2009

Student mobility: 1987/88: 3 000 students
2008/09: 198 523 students

in total: 2 million students in mid 2009

Staff mobility: 2008/09: 28 615 : teaching assignments
7 774 : staff training periods

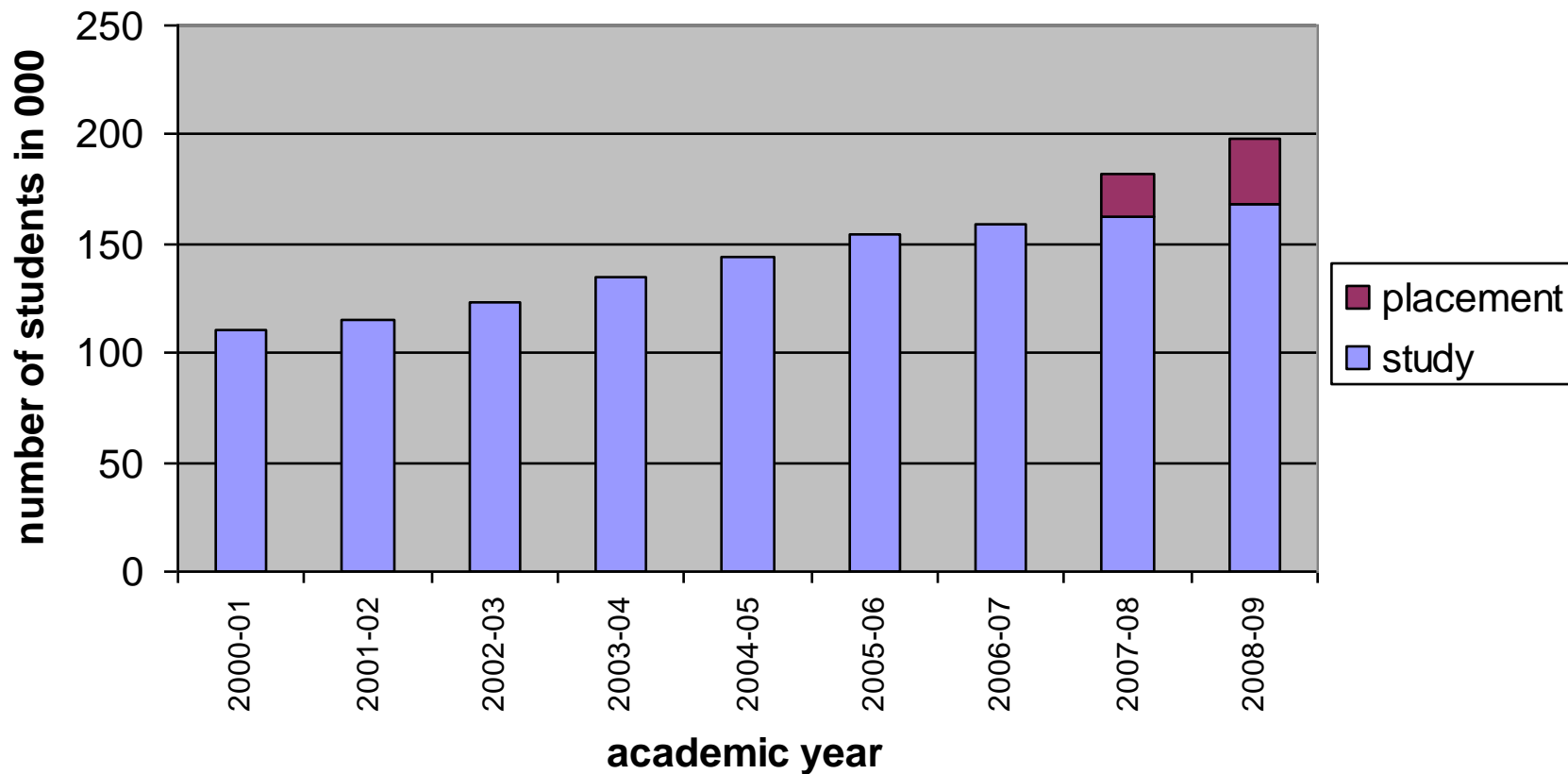
in total: 255 000 teachers and staff

>4000 **HEIs** in 31 countries + Croatia & FYROM (2009) & Switzerland (2011)

Target for 2012: 3 million students!



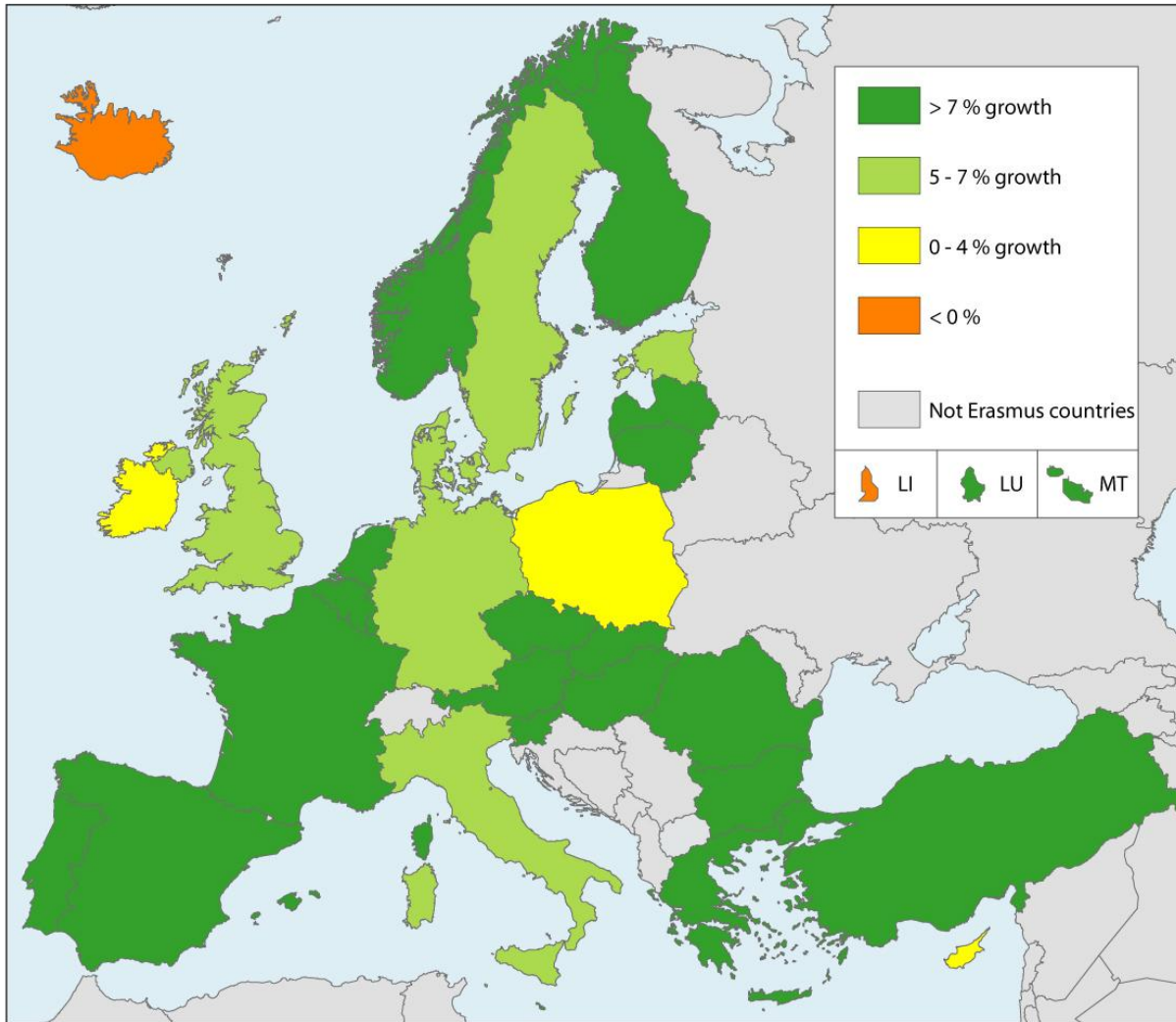
Trends in student mobility



Student mobility growth



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Growth in % in Erasmus student mobility numbers between 2007/08 and 2008/09