

# Consortia in future Erasmus Programme

# Agenda

- My Background in Erasmus+ and mobility...
- Proposal for development of future role of Consortia in Erasmus
- Collection of points of discussion and selection of points to be worked on in workshop
- Group work on selected points
- Joint discussion

# My Background

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Erasmus for Young  
**Entrepreneurs**

**EU-PLACE  
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**Networking/  
Synergies**



**Erasmus+**



**Lifelong  
Learning**

**Head of regional contact point of  
Erasmus-Traineeship Consortium**

**European Projects ->  
Online Academy**

# Situation today – need for change

Perspective: Receiving (non-higher education) organisations

- are confronted with a great number of higher education institutions from E+ programme countries, which are all subject to different regulations regarding traineeships
- do not have a central contact point in their region/country to contact about organisational, legal and other issues concerning trainees from abroad coming with an E+ grant
- **-> barriers, especially for SMEs and for growth of mobility numbers**

# Situation today – need for change

Perspective: Sending organisations

- have little contact to their host organisations abroad due to the distance and the individual nature of traineeship mobility → **quality assurance issue**
- are not aware of E+ trainees from abroad who undertake traineeships in enterprises in their regions → **missed opportunities for incoming students and host organisations**

# Situation today – need for change

Perspective: Students/Trainees

- do not have local contact points other than their host organisations, who could help with local legal, logistic, organisational and cultural information, including contacts to their local and regional peer group
- > **barrier for inclusion of less mobile students**
- > **local students planning to go abroad, miss opportunity to benefit from contacts to incoming trainees**
- > **missed opportunities for Erasmus goes to School and other actions**

# Situation today – need for change

Perspective: Coordinating organisations of consortia

- have extra work to apply for accreditation and to manage the consortium on a day-to-day basis without any incentive or compensation for the extra effort through the E+ programme
- get less organisational support compared to organise mobility outside a consortium as (OS) decreases with a higher number of mobilities
- -> **barriers to consortia building and growth**
- -> **barriers to use critical mass for added value activities (intercultural training ....)**

# Situation today – need for change

Perspective: Consortia

- are only regional/national → **transnational communication (of e.g. traineeship offers) is not institutionalised**
- Have no incentive to involve further stakeholders such as chambers, business and employer associations, student associations, host organisations... → **missed cooperation opportunities for programme promotion (including alumni relations) and further development**



# Further needs for change?

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# Potential Opportunities

of having regional contact points abroad (**inclusion and accessibility**)

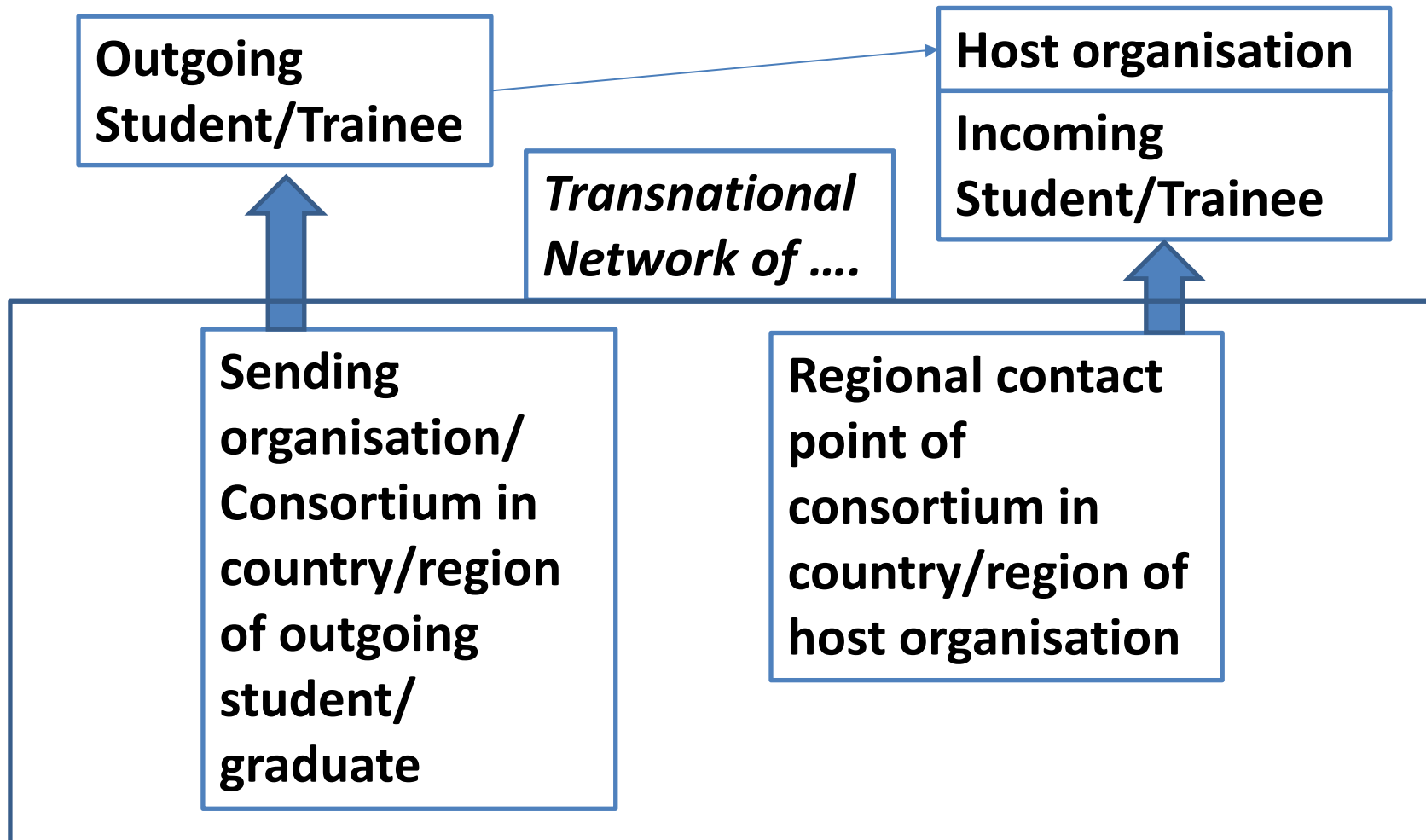
- Motivate more organisations to host trainees from abroad (especially SMEs)
- Reduce barriers to traineeship mobility by providing more support to incoming trainees (students and graduates)
- Assure quality by more direct contact to host organisations (same language, same country/region)
- More consortia increase accessibility of programme to small higher education organisations
- Critical mass of mobilities organised by consortia allow alumni activities and further support services (e.g. preparatory and accompanying and follow-up training offers)
- Transnational networks of consortia allow better communication of traineeship offers, exchange of good practice, training of new consortia....

# Further opportunities?

- ....

# Proposed changes/solutions –

turn 3 party in **4 party system** of organising traineeship mobility



# Implementation

- **providing the same amount of OS per individual traineeship mobility** dealt with the sending E+ consortia independent from the number of mobility grants (reduce disadvantage to organising mobility outside consortia)

# Implementation

- **providing organisational support (OS) for role of regional contact point for host organisations and incoming trainees**
  - a. OS without mobility grant:**
    - per recruited traineeship offer published in EURAXESS and reported in Mobility tool?
    - per incoming student for support services (to be defined and checked by student on-line report) and reported in mobility tool?
  - b. OS with mobility grant as today for outgoing trainees**
  - c. OS with mobility grant only for recent graduates (who have no link anymore with sending university, when they go abroad)**

# Implementation

- **providing organisational support (OS) for role of coordinating organisation**
  - OS per consortium member or per member sending organisation?
  - OS in form of small scale projects?
    - on regional/ national level?
    - on transnational level – to build transnational networks of consortia?

# Potential Points for discussion/group work

1. How should regional contact points be implemented?:
  - Which services should be offered to incoming trainees and host organisations for which amount of grant?
  - How can it be reported, how do we want to be monitored by NAs and the EC? ;-)
  - Do we want to pay mobility grants to incoming students, graduates....?
  - How would it work concretely step by step if OS is paid without payment of mobility grant?
2. How could/should transnational consortia be organised?
3. How can we avoid that universities with high numbers of mobilities (compared to consortia) feel discriminated by an increased support of consortia?
4. How can we even better communicate the added value of consortia towards the implementation of policy goals (accessability, inclusion, higher numbers (of graduates), promotion of civic skills and European identity, tracking of alumni, synergies with Horizon2020/Marie Curie....)?
5. Any other point?



# Thank you!

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