Franco-British Academic Partnerships

The case of the University of Provence : Aix-Marseille 1

Erasmus gets the lion's share

- 36 bilateral agreements

University of Bath, Bath Spa University, University of Birmingham, University of Sussex, University of Bristol, University of Kent, Anglia Ruskin University, University of Warwick, University of Durham, University of Edinburgh, University of Exeter, University of Surrey, St Martin's College, Leeds Metropolitan University, University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool Hope University College, King's College London, Queen Mary University of London, University of Westminster, Middlesex University, Royal Holloway University of London, London Metropolitan University, University of Northumbria at Newcastle, University of Wales Newport, the University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University, Oxford Brookes University, University of Paisley, University of Portsmouth, University of Salford, University of Sheffield, University of Southampton, University of Stirling, University of Sunderland, University of Wolverhampton, University of York

- accounts for over 1/3 of total student mobility

	2008-2009	2009-2010
Incoming students	79	78*
Outgoing students	115	118

Assessment

- **Student mobility** is stable
- **New partnerships** are being investigated (Queen's University, Belfast, Loughborough University....)
- **Combining Erasmus partnerships and research**: Erasmus partnerships can and do naturally branch out into other areas of scientific cooperation, like the joint organisation of symposiums or invitations to participate and give papers at conferences

Cultural transformations in the English-Speaking world (Oxford Brookes University and University of Provence (LERMA-EA853), 14-15 March 2008.

Female Spiritualities (Queen Mary University of London and University of Provence (LERMA-EA853), 12-13 June 2009.

Bicultural Literature conference commemorating the centenary of the Institut français in London, 2-3 December 2010. Convenor: Prof. Peter Barta, University of Surrey.

- **Areas of improvement : reciprocity under stress**

Narrowing of range of subjects available : outgoing students confronted with limited access to some schools and departments (English, History, Translation Studies....)

Recent tendency to overrule the decisions taken by academics in charge of "vetting" process conducted at home university; some applications have been questioned or turned down by International Office at host university

Integrated Joint Curricula/Cursus intégrés

- **LEA-Europe (Applied Languages Europe)**

An average of 20 students are selected annually, although in 2009-2010 the figure has dropped to 16.

UK partners until 2008-2009: University of Northumbria Newcastle, Liverpool John Moores University.

European partners: University of Limerick, Universidad de Granada, Fachhochschule Köln.

Year	Country	Programme
1	University of Provence	Applied Foreign Languages 1
2	Britain or Ireland	European Programme
3	Spain or Germany	European Programme
4	University of Provence	MA in Applied Foreign Languages

Assessment and new developments

- **No British partners in 2009-10** for a multiplicity of reasons: Modern Languages departments are facing difficulties, some exchange programmes were terminated
- **Future developments and new ambitions**: an enhanced programme, BA AEL '*Bachelor of Arts Degree in Applied European Languages*'

British partners: University of Northumbria Newcastle, Aston University

Integrated Joint Curricula/Cursus intégrés

- **French as a Foreign Language/PGCE**

Joint degree with the University of Cumbria: University of Provence MA in Linguistics and Cumbria PGCE

Joint degree with the University of Glasgow : University of Provence MA in Linguistics and Glasgow PGDE

2009-2010: 4 students

Programme structure

Year 1 in France

Year 2 in Britain