EUROSTUDENT V Results: Mobility and Internationalisation

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Introductory
methodological notes
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Definition of international student mobility

• Educational mobility across national borders → physical stay abroad

Types of international student mobility

• Basic distinction:
  - Temporary mobility of students returning to their home institution (study-related experience abroad / credit mobility)
  - Mobility to complete an entire degree abroad (degree mobility)

Sources: Kelo et al. (2006); Teichler et al. (2011)
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Types of temporary international student mobility

study-related experiences abroad/foreign study-related experiences

- enrolment abroad/foreign enrolment
- non-enrolment periods

- internship/work placement
- language course
- research stay
- summer school
- other study-related experiences

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 187)
Results
2) Results: International student mobility rates

Students who realised a temporary study-related experience abroad
Share of students (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 191)
2) Results: Social selectivity of international mobility

Foreign enrolment rates by educational background
Share of students with higher education background (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 193)
2) Results: Social selectivity of international mobility

Foreign enrolment rates by educational background
Share of students without higher education background (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 193)
2) Results: Social selectivity of international mobility

Enrolment abroad

- **Foreign enrolment rate** is higher among students with higher education background in all countries but Armenia, Serbia, and Ukraine.

- Share of students still **planning to study abroad** is higher among students with higher education background in all covered countries.

Internship

- Share who **realised** an internship is higher among students with higher education background in all countries but Armenia and Norway.

Language course

- Share who **realised** a language course is higher among students with higher education background in all countries but Armenia, Lithuania, Norway, and Serbia.

**Source:** Hauschildt et al. (2015, pp. 192-194, 207)
2) Results: Obstacles to enrolment abroad

Additional financial burden
Share of students who have **not been** enrolled abroad and do **not plan** to enrol abroad considering the selected issue as (quite) big obstacle to enrolment abroad (in %)

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2) Results: Obstacles to enrolment abroad

Separation from partner, child(ren), friends
Share of students who have not been enrolled abroad and do not plan to enrol abroad considering the selected issue as (quite) big obstacle to enrolment abroad (in %)

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2) Results: Recognition

Recognition of credits gained during (most recent) enrolment abroad
Share of students who have been enrolled abroad (in %)

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Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 201)
2) Results: Internationalisation at home

Domestic study programmes in foreign languages
Share of students whose domestic study programme is mainly taught in a foreign language (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 202)
Summary and conclusion
3) Summary and conclusion

• **Mobility rates** vary notably across countries
  - Advisable to have similar benchmarks and policies?

• Mobility is **socially selective**
  - Possibility of reaping benefits of mobility is unequally distributed across social groups
  - Compensatory measures needed?

• Financial strain and social ties perceived as **most critical obstacles**
  - Further enhancement of funding and better information needed?
  - Will relevance of social ties increase as lifelong learning student populations get older?
3) Summary and conclusion

- **Recognition** of enrolment abroad is common in most EUROSTUDENT countries, but large potential to improve procedures in some countries
  - What degree of non-recognition is tolerable/intended?

- Low/high shares of students **studying in a foreign language** come along with low/high mobility rates
  - Internationalisation at home not only alternative to, but also preparation for physical mobility?
References


Thank you for your attention!

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Results: Funding of enrolment abroad

Students who realised an enrolment, internship, or a language course abroad
Share of students (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 191)
2) Results: Obstacles to enrolment abroad

Insufficient skills in foreign languages
Share of students who have not been enrolled abroad and do not plan to enrol abroad considering the selected issue as (quite) big obstacle to enrolment abroad (in %)

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Results: Funding of enrolment abroad

Primary source of funding for (most recent) enrolment abroad
Share of students who have been enrolled abroad (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 199)
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Students utilising funds from their parents, family or partner for their (most recent) enrolment abroad by social background

Share of students who have been enrolled abroad (in %)

Source: Hauschildt et al. (2015, p. 200)