









ERASMUS + CONTACT SEMINAR HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION

Beyond Boundaries: Advancing Cooperation in Higher Education through International Credit Mobility and Capacity Building in Higher Education

Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Morocco









7-10 April 2025, UM6P Benguerir, Morocco



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We are also grateful to all the participants, speakers and attendees, Especially the Universities and Higher Education institutions who enriched the event with their presence and contributions. Your engagement and enthusiam have motivated us to continue organizing events that inspire and connect.

We look forward to the opportunity of collaborating again in the future and building on the success that we have achieved together. Thank you once again for making this event a memorable and impactful gathering.

National Erasmus+ Office - Morocco

ERASMUS + CONTACT SEMINAR "CENTRAL EUROPE & MOROCCO" MOROCCO, 7-10 APRIL 2025





1st Higher Education Cooperation Seminar between Morocco, Czechia, Austria and Hungary within the Erasmus+ program.





+93 participants from 4 countries representing

- 8 Austrian universities
- 12 Czech universities
- 16 Hungarian universities
- 43 Moroccan institutions and universities
- + 3 TV broadcast on national channel
- + 15 Articles on websites
- 5 best-of videos



"My participation will strengthen international collaboration, improve our training programs with best practices from the seminar, and highlight our institute's mobility experience over the past five years."

Abdessamad D. Higher Institute of Maritime Studies "Reinforce partnerships between Dar El Hadith El Hassania Institution and other similar institutions in order to exchange ideas and expertise."

Hssein K.
Al Quaraouine University





What do you think will be the impact of your participation in your organisation?







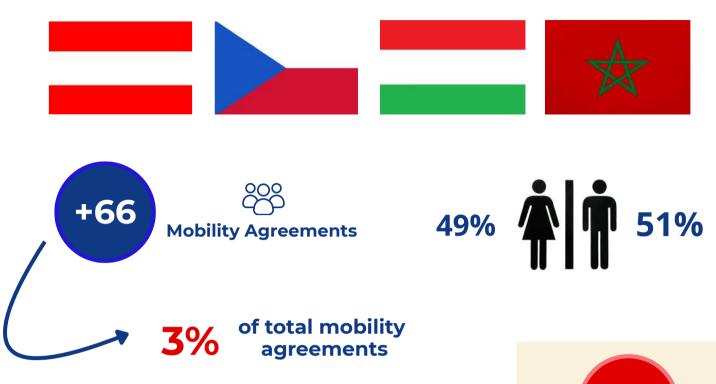
"My participation will enhance our capacity to design and manage Erasmus+ projects more effectively. It also opens up new opportunities for international collaboration, which will benefit both our institution and our students."

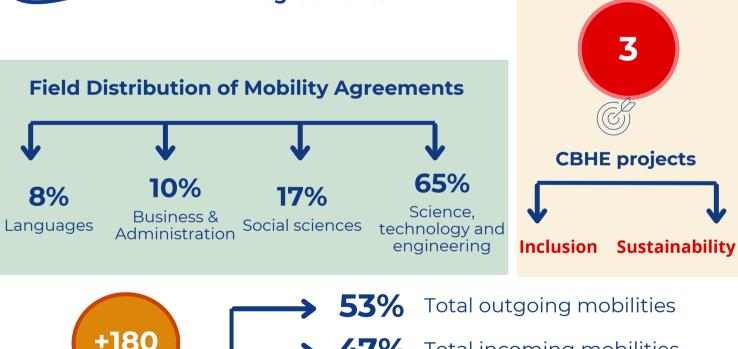
Amine A.
Chouaib Doukkali University

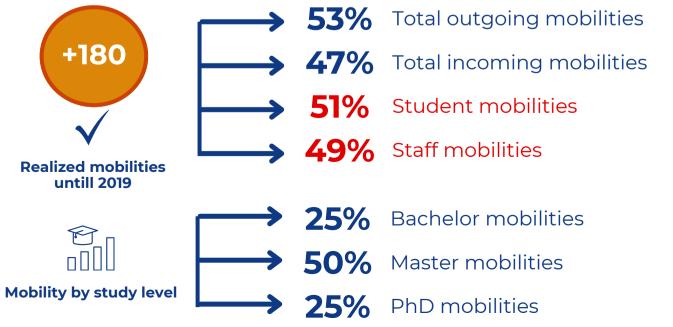
"A proposal was made, following my participation in the seminar, for project development sessions within the establishments belonging to my institution, in order to raise the awareness of teachers and encourage them to forge new collaborations, and to be more active within the community, so as to be able to consider and concretize a CBHE project."

Marwa E. Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University

COOPERATION THROUGH ERASMUS+ 2015-2024







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Context

As part of the Erasmus+ program, the European Union supports academic cooperation and mobility through strategic initiatives that facilitate exchanges between higher education institutions in Europe and partner countries. Contact Seminars are designed to promote networking and the development of new academic and scientific partnerships.

In this context, the Erasmus+ National Agencies of Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic, in collaboration with the Erasmus+ Morocco Office (NEO), organized a Contact Seminar from April 7 to 10, 2025, at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P) in Benguerir, Morocco. This event aims to strengthen academic cooperation and stimulate the development of joint projects under the Erasmus+ program.

This seminar represents a strategic opportunity for the internationalization of Moroccan universities and the strengthening of academic ties with Europe. This initiative aims to contribute to the creation of innovative projects and lasting collaborations in higher education and research.

Objectives of the Seminar

- Facilitate networking between Moroccan universities and those from Central European countries: Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic.
- Encourage the creation of new academic partnerships within the key actions of the Erasmus+ program.
- Promote the exchange of best practices in student and staff mobility, research cooperation, and the internationalization of higher education.
- Explore Erasmus+ funding opportunities to support mobility and institutional cooperation projects.

Participants

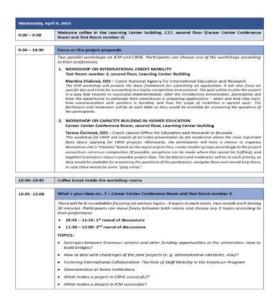
This seminar brought together A hundred universities International Relationships Offices representatives and professors from the following institutions:

- Moroccan universities (both public and private) interested in Erasmus+ cooperation opportunities.
- Hungarian, Austrian, and Czech universities.
- The Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research, and Innovation.
- Representatives of the Erasmus+ National Agencies and the Erasmus+ Morocco Office.

Modus Operandi

The seminar program maintained a balance between panel discussions, workshops, networking sessions, bilateral meetings, cultural and social activities (cf. program).









DAY 1

Welcoming and registration of participants

All 93 participants had been hosted in situ, three colors had been chosen to distinguish the participants :

Green for Morocco

- Yellow for Czechia republic
- Blue for Hungary
- Purple for Austria







Openning speeches

The event opened with formal speeches delivered by the Erasmus+ National Agency of Czechia, representing all the organizing partners, and by the Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), the host institution. These addresses emphasized the strategic importance and untapped potential of cooperation between Morocco and the Central European countries—namely the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary—in the fields of education, research, and innovation. The speakers underscored the shared commitment to fostering inclusive, high-impact partnerships and to leveraging Erasmus+ as a catalyst for academic mobility, institutional capacity building, and co-creation of knowledge. This tone set the stage for two days of meaningful dialogue, networking, and the exploration of joint opportunities.









High-level panel discussion

This high-level panel explored the international dimension, intercultural dialogue and sustainable cooperation, the benefits, opportunities, and challenges of academic collaboration between Morocco and Central Europe. The Ambassador of Hungary to Morocco, alongside the Director of the Austrian Agency for Education and Internationalisation and the Vice President for Research and Cooperation at Mohammed V University in Rabat, shared valuable insights. Together, they emphasized why fostering

sustainable academic partnerships in this region is not only strategic but also essential for addressing shared priorities in education, innovation, and regional development. They underlined the good reputation and impact of the Erasmus+ programme and the values it promotes and has helped to promote the diversification of bilateral cooperation. In this respect, Morocco, through its experience, history and geographical location, can play a role in the development of the EU-Morocco-Africa triangular cooperation













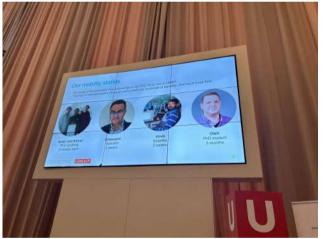
Panel discussion for success stories

Three success stories involving Moroccan and Central European universities, within both ICM and CBHE frameworks, were shared to provide participants with practical insights and valuable advice and good practices on how to successfully implement impactful international cooperation.

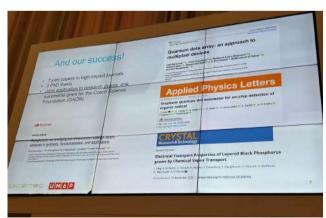
- → *ICM*: UM6P and BRNO University from Czech republic Cadi Ayyad University of Marrakech and EOTVOS University from Hungary.
- → **CBHE**: Project CBHE "INSIDE" involving Ibn Tofaïl University of Kenitra and an Austrian university.

















Special session "Opportunities for cooperation between Moroccan and Central European universities"

The Erasmus+ National Agencies of Austria and Czechia, together with the Erasmus+ National Office of Morocco, delivered practical presentations covering several key topics:

- An overview of the Moroccan higher education system, its strategic priorities, a review of Morocco's participation in Erasmus+ and useful tips and best practices for successful cooperation with Moroccan institutions. Additionally, data on existing Erasmus+ collaborations between Morocco and Central European countries were shared to highlight trends and opportunities.
- The presentation about International Credit Mobility (ICM) that provided clear explanations on how Erasmus+ mobility works in practice. Some central european and moroccan challenges were discussed (inclusion and geographical balance, qualitative aspect of mobilities, fostering stronger international partnerships,...).
- A detailed presentation was given on the Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) action, explaining its objectives, operational rules, award criteria and practical implementation within the Erasmus+ framework.





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Networking session

The structured networking workshops, featuring two dynamic rounds of speed-dating, created a vibrant and engaging environment for participants to initiate meaningful bilateral and multilateral partnerships, explore project ideas, and identify synergies for future Erasmus+ cooperation.

































A guided campus tour and a networking dinner concluded the first day in a relaxed setting. The event ended with a cultural excursion to Marrakesh and a farewell dinner, offering a memorable and informal setting to celebrate this collaborative momentum.

Day 2

Thematic workshops ICM & CBHE

The second day focused on capacity-building through two hands-on workshops dedicated to proposal drafting by making the different participants working together.















Thematic roundtables on cross-cutting issues

As part of the second day's agenda, participants engaged in four thematic roundtables focused on cross-cutting issues within the Erasmus+ programme. These parallel discussions provided a space for deeper reflection and the exchange of best practices across institutions and countries. Each roundtable concluded with, topic area of cooperation, practical recommendations and next steps to strengthen collaboration and impact within the Erasmus+ framework.









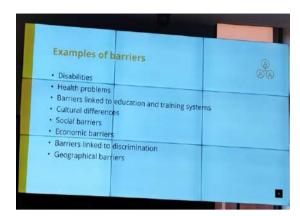














Special Session for Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters

A dedicated session on Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters (EMJM) offered participants an in-depth understanding of this prestigious and highly competitive component of the Erasmus+ programme. The session covered the structure, objectives, and funding mechanisms of EMJM, which supports integrated international study programmes delivered by consortia of higher education institutions from different countries. Experts shared success stories and tips on how to build strong consortia, design joint curricula, and ensure academic excellence and employability outcomes. Participants also explored ways Moroccan institutions can strengthen their role as full partners or associated members in existing and future EMJM projects, thereby enhancing the international profile of their master's programmes.









Closing session : what have we learned in the past two days?

The closing session was a truly moving moment, filled with inspiration, gratitude, and renewed energy for collaboration. As participants reflected on the intense two days of dialogue, co-creation, and partnership-building, a shared sense of purpose emerged: that education remains a powerful tool to bridge cultures, foster innovation, and drive sustainable development. The voices from across regions, Morocco, Central Europe, echoed a common aspiration to go beyond projects and build long-lasting academic communities. Many shared how the seminar had opened new perspectives, sparked unexpected synergies, and created friendships rooted in shared values. The session ended with heartfelt thanks to all contributors, and a collective commitment to carry this momentum forward together

⇒ The seminar ended by an Al generated song for that reflects all the energy of the seminar that you can listen to in this link or using the QR code :

https://suno.com/song/e62ee291-4c00-4dc6-8cf4-5ffc6b3520e0?sh=trRTOQSgMLauJ1Bo















Cultural and social activities

In addition to the formal program, participants enjoyed a rich cultural experience that celebrated the unique heritage of Morocco. A guided tour through the vibrant Medina of Marrakech allowed everyone to immerse themselves in the city's centuries-old history, colorful souks, and stunning architecture. The visit concluded with a festive dinner in a traditional Moroccan restaurant, where participants shared stories and laughter over delicious local cuisine, music, and warm hospitality. These cultural moments not only created lasting memories but also strengthened the spirit of international friendship and cooperation that underpinned the entire event. These activities aimed at facilitating participant interactions, fostering cooperation agreements, brainstorming new ideas for future collaboration, and strengthening interpersonal bonds.











Achievements and impact of the seminar

The different sessions organized helped the participants to:

→ Erasmus+ capacity building projects CBHE

- Understanding the framework of actions for the capacity building projects;
- Practical tips on writing a good proposal;
- Groups with representatives from programme and non programme countries were formed identifying common needs and vision
- Initial draft proposals were written down (project title, for example discussions are already started: (1) new opportunities for less empowered Africans volunteering entrepreneurs (2) Sustainable hospitality and tourism (3) sustainable land and seas (4) Mitigation of the migration effect

→ Erasmus mobility ICM session

Main challenges and outcomes / drafting future proposals:

- Management aspects
- Writing processus
- UE values and region strategies, inclusion, recognition
- Involvement of non-academic organization
- Impact assessment
- Networking
- Application writing steps
- Writing an application (basic steps, qualitative and quantitative parts, additional arrangement : inclusion, participants support, visa,
- Challenge to justify mobilities for inclusion
- People worked in teams

→ Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters session

- Needs and priorities;
- Network with reliability and shared vision;
- Interlink education, research, and innovation within internationalization actions;
- Follow up on the projects:
- Examples of EMJM projects;

→ Overall impact

In general, the seminar had an important impact on the participants and their institutions, in terms of:

Enhanced understanding of Erasmus+ opportunities

One of the primary impacts is the deepened understanding of the opportunities available within the program. Erasmus+ is a diversified initiative with various strands and actions, including student and staff mobility, joint master degrees, capacity building. Participants of the seminar gain insight into how these programs are structured, the benefits they offer, and the application processes involved. This knowledge is essential for effectively accessing and maximizing the opportunities provided by Erasmus+.

Networking and collaboration

Seminars bring together diverse groups of people with shared interests but varied experiences. For participants, this is an opportunity to network with european unievrsities who are either part of or interested in Erasmus+ programs. These interactions will lead to collaborations, sharing of best practices, and even the development of consortia for future Erasmus+ projects. Networking in such environments can also foster long-term partnerships and mentorship opportunities that extend beyond the seminar.

■ Motivation and inspiration

Learning about the successes of Erasmus+ projects and hearing firsthand accounts from previous beneficiaries would significantly motivate participants. During the seminar, we featured testimonials and case studies showcasing the personal and professional growth that individuals and institutions have achieved through Erasmus+ involvement during the seminar. These success stories are inspirational, providing a clear vision of what they too can accomplish through the program, thereby encouraging them to pursue similar opportunities.

Skill development

The seminar did not just inform about Erasmus+; through the specific sessions, the seminar was the opportunity to develop specific skills related to applying for and managing Erasmus+ projects. These might include grant writing, project management, cultural competency training, or digital skills necessary for coordinating international collaborations. This skill development is crucial, as it empowers participants to be more effective in their proposals and to manage projects successfully upon securing funding.

Increased internationalization

Participants from institutions that are looking to expand their international presence can use insights from the seminar to strategize their internationalization efforts. Understanding Erasmus+ will help them foster a more global campus culture, enhance their curriculum with international perspectives, and provide their students and staff with meaningful international exposure and competencies.

Impact perceived by the participants









Communication and diffusion

The diffusion of the event was done through our different channels:

→ Communication material

The organizers committed to a zero-paper event, embracing a fully digital approach. The only printed material was a single roll-up banner. Additionally, a digital brochure featuring key data on the cooperation between Morocco and the three Central European countries was prepared and shared with participants.





→ Website

- A web page was created for the event to promote and share all resources.: https://erasmusplus.ma/tca-2025/
- A *Padlet* was created to share resources with participants (presentations, contacts) and practical information: https://padlet.com/terezacechova/higher-education-cooperation-seminar-in-morocco-7-10-april-b-wmhxf35vunn0lmva
- A website was create by our co-organizers :
 https://dzs.attendu.com/event/ddfed1ce4f4b2c4015e2a066?p=67d04edf9d886b
 3102d34270&lang=en

Visit our web page :





→ Social media

We actively shared information, photos, posts, and reels across our various social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. The participants, the European Union Delegation, as well as the Ambassador of Hungary, also relayed content through their personal and institutional channels, significantly amplifying the communication outreach and visibility of the event.

The impact through social media was very important : more than **10000** reactions, comments, sharings and likes.

































→ Best of videos

Two video best-of were produced and shared among our social media, youtube channel and sent to our partners.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6lktSnm bXs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJEJoGuU 7ks&t=9s













Media coverage

The event received strong coverage in national press and media outlets, reflecting its significance and the high level of interest it generated within the academic and policy communities.

→ 2 TV coverage at the principal TV channels

★ https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=Cb2ihDJpbYU





لقاءات ايراسموس+ بين أوروبا الوسطى والمغرب: تحو تعاون أكانيمي جديدين جرير من 7 إلى 10 أبريل



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→ https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=qQcILfOQYP4





ايراسموس+ في بن جرير: جسور أكاديمية جديدة بين المغرب وأوروبا الوسطى



إيراسموس+ في بن جرير; جسور أكاديمية جديدة بين المغرب وأوروبا الوسطى



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Shared in the Moroccan Campus TV





→Press articles

More than 15 articles had been published in the different press





















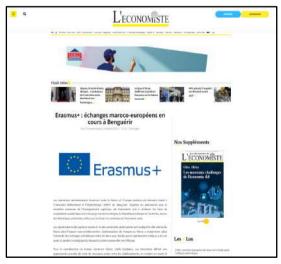














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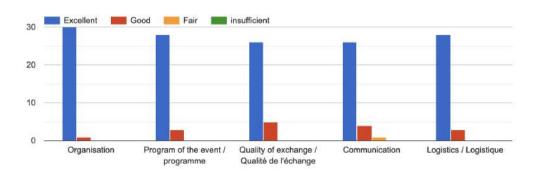




Feedback from participants and evaluation

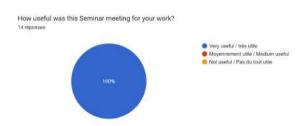
An evaluation form had been sent to the participants. All aspects of the seminar received excellent feedback, from the overall organization and the quality of the program to the social and networking activities. The networking session was highly appreciated and the Hand-on workshops as well.

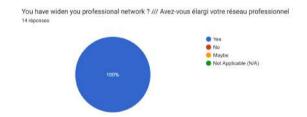
How do you rate the ?
99% are fully satisfied of al the aspects of the organization of the event



How useful was this Seminar (TCA) meeting for your work?

100% of the participants

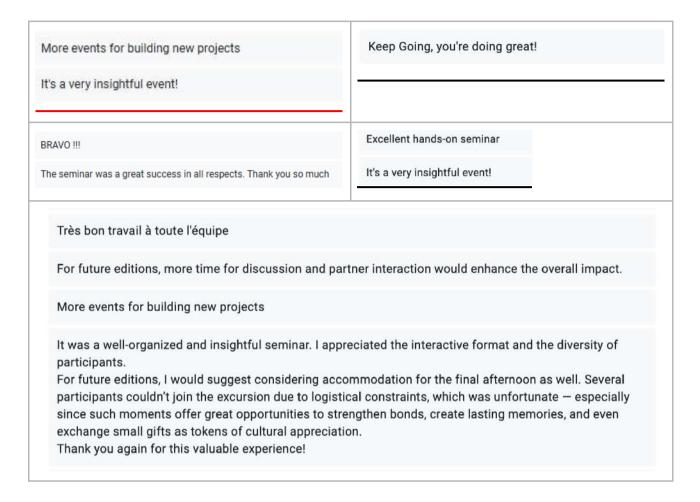




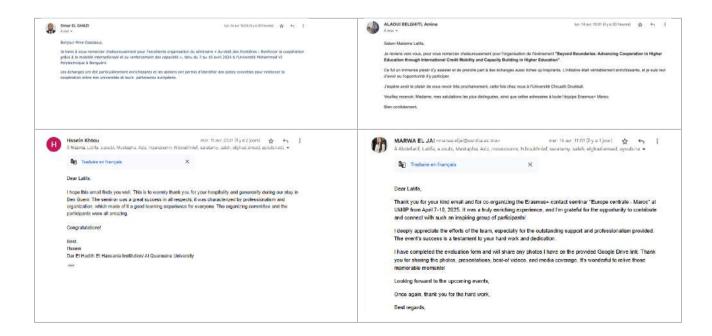
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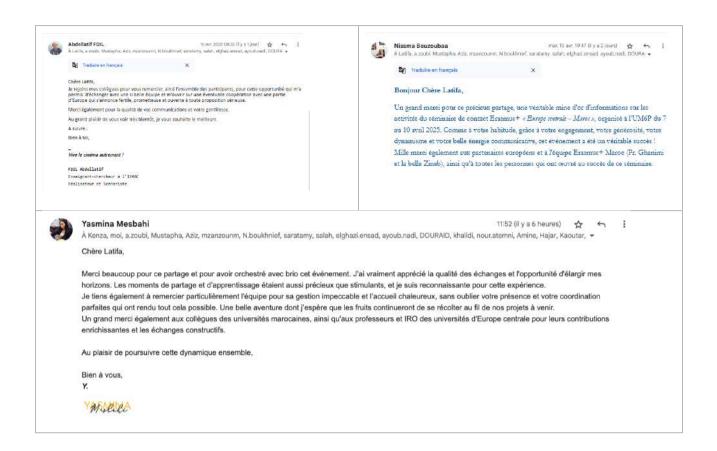
100% of the participants said YES!

→ Some testimonials collected in the evaluation form



→ Some emails received from the participants









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