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Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

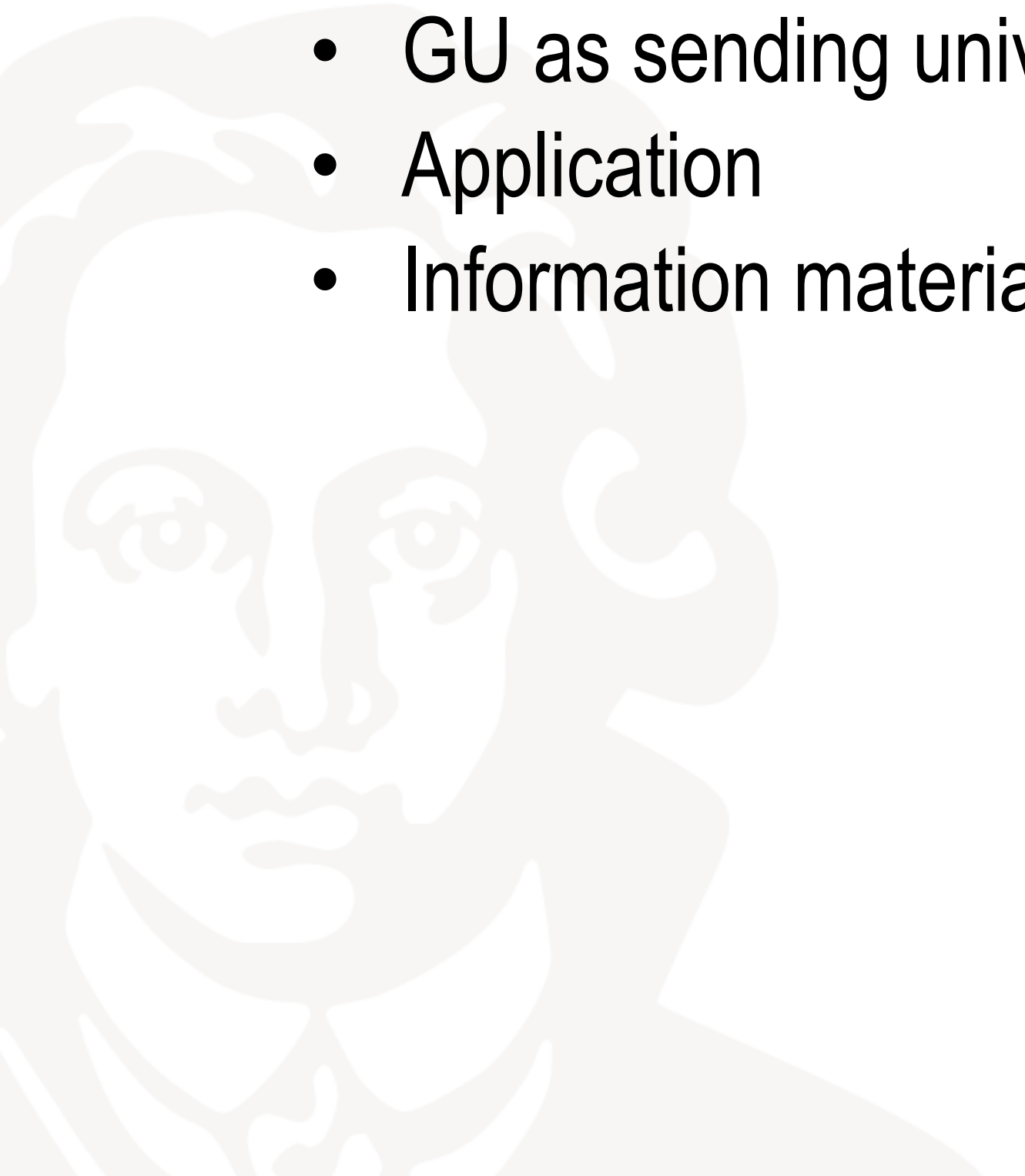
An Erasmus+ Projekt



Erasmus+

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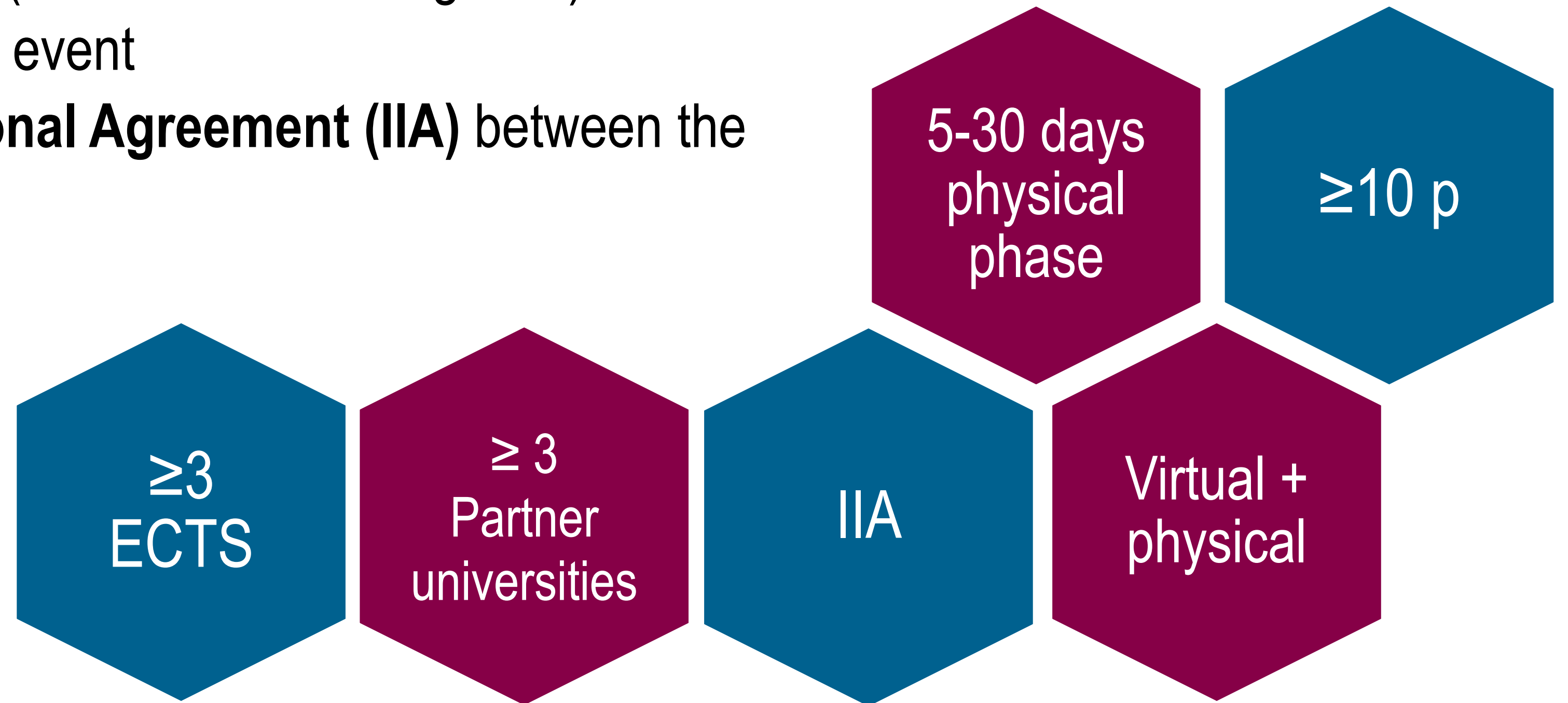
BIP – Goals

The Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) is a funding line for short-term programmes in the Erasmus+ programme generation 2021 - 2027 with the

- Aim of developing joint teaching projects with European partner universities
- Strengthening university partnerships
- Introduction of hybrid learning settings
- Enabling students who are unable to go abroad for a longer period of time to gain experience abroad
- To offer students an exchange with international fellow students

BIP - Prerequisites

- Participation of at least **three partner universities** from three different Erasmus+ [Programme countries](#)
- Consisting of a **virtual and a physical phase**
- Physical/mobile learning phase of at **least 5 to a maximum of 30 days**
- At least **10 mobile participants** (students or learning staff)
- Award of at least **3 ECTS** for the event
- Conclusion of an **Inter-Institutional Agreement (IIA)** between the sending and host universities



BIP - Organisation

Development of a teaching format (e.g. seminar / event / summer school) for students and staff in a consortium of at least three European universities.

Distribution of roles of the partner universities

Coordinating university

- One university
- Plans and organises the BIP
- Is normally also the host university

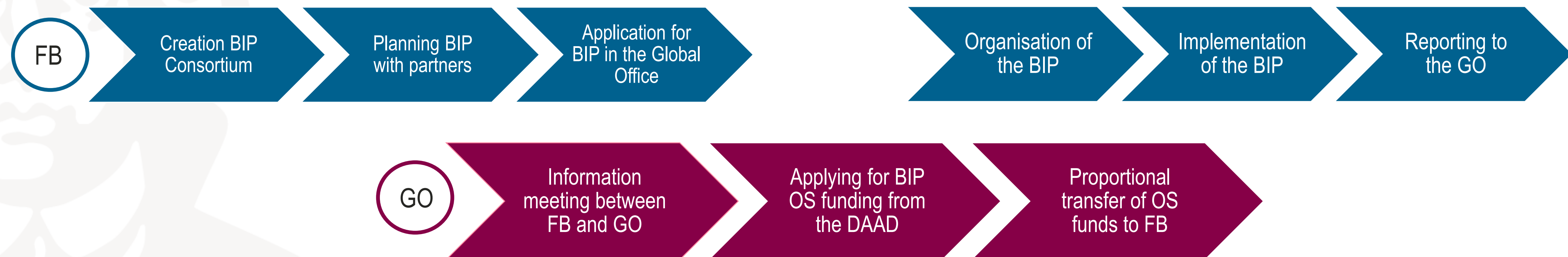
Sending university

- At least two universities
- Sends and supports learning BIP participants

BIP – GU as coordinating university

Tasks of the coordinating (host) university = Incoming BIP

- Planning and realisation of the virtual and physical components
 - Planning the content
 - Planning the teaching programme
 - Planning the framework programme
 - Provision of information on accommodation
- Inclusion of the course in the course catalogue so that at least 3 ECTS can be awarded
- Preparation of a certificate/Transcript of Records
- Application for Organisational funds (OS funds)
- Compliance with the minimum number of 10 mobile participants



BIP – GU as coordinating university

Funding

The **coordinating university** receives Erasmus+ **OS funding** for the organisation and planning of the programme. These amount to **between €4000** for 10 mobile participants **and €8000** for 20 mobile participants. These are divided as follows

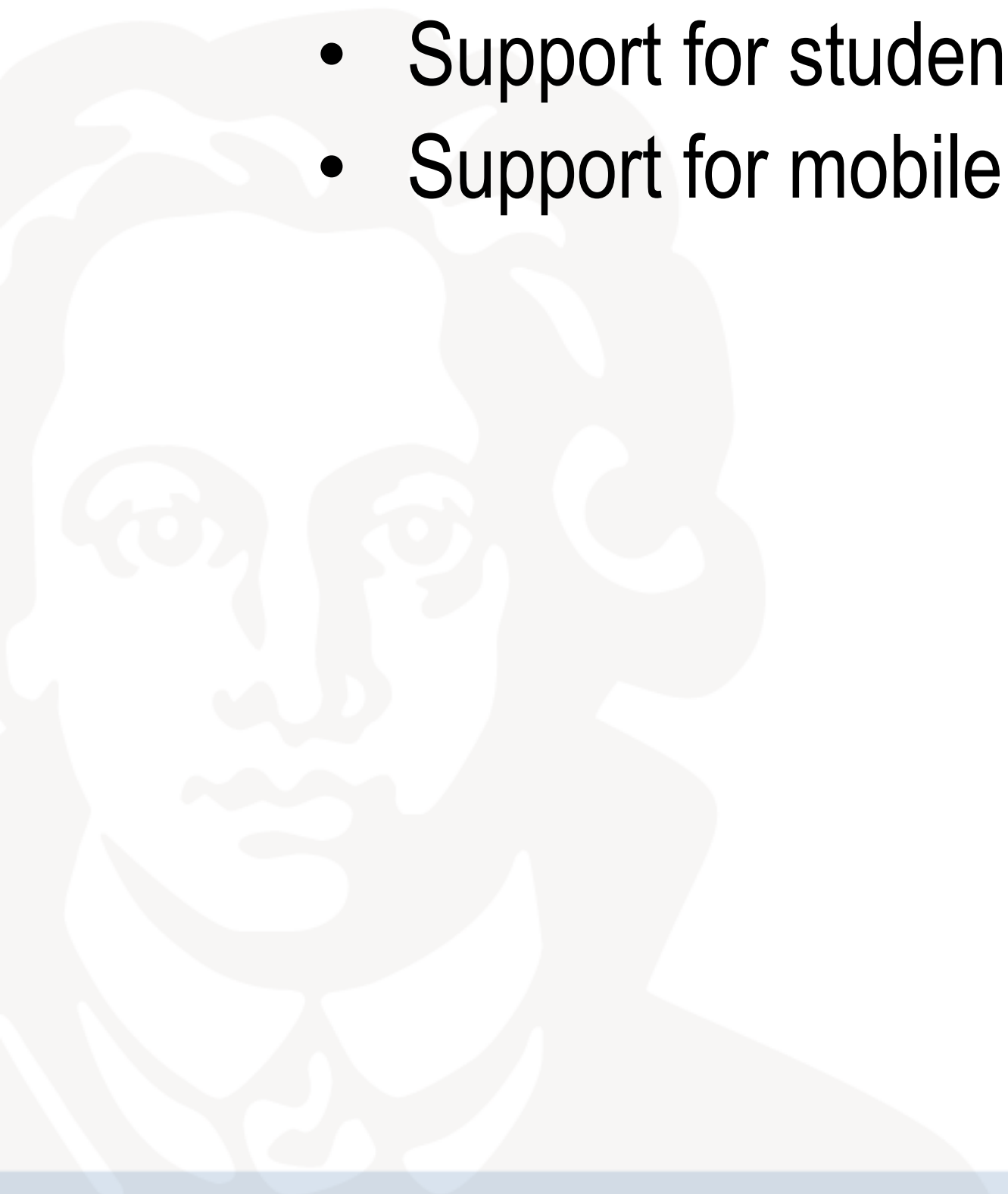
1. Administration fee for the Global Office
2. Budget for the departments for specific use, e.g. for admissions, supporting programme, rooms, invited experts, HiWis, catering

→ It is not permitted to use OS funds to support mobile participants. These are financed by the sending university.

BIP – GU as sending university

Tasks of the **sending university** = Outgoing BIP

- Selection and nomination of the students to be sent
- Support for students through Erasmus+ student mobility funds
- Recognition of at least 3 ECTS
- Support for students in the Erasmus+ application process
- Support for mobile teachers through Erasmus+ teacher mobility funds



BIP – GU as sending university

Funding

The sending university uses its standard Erasmus+ mobility funds to support the short-term mobility of its sending students.

Standard delivery rate

Day 1-14: 79€ per day

Day 15-30: 56€ per day

For participants with fewer opportunities

+ one-off 100-150€

+ Travel allowance according to distance travelled

For sustainable travelling:

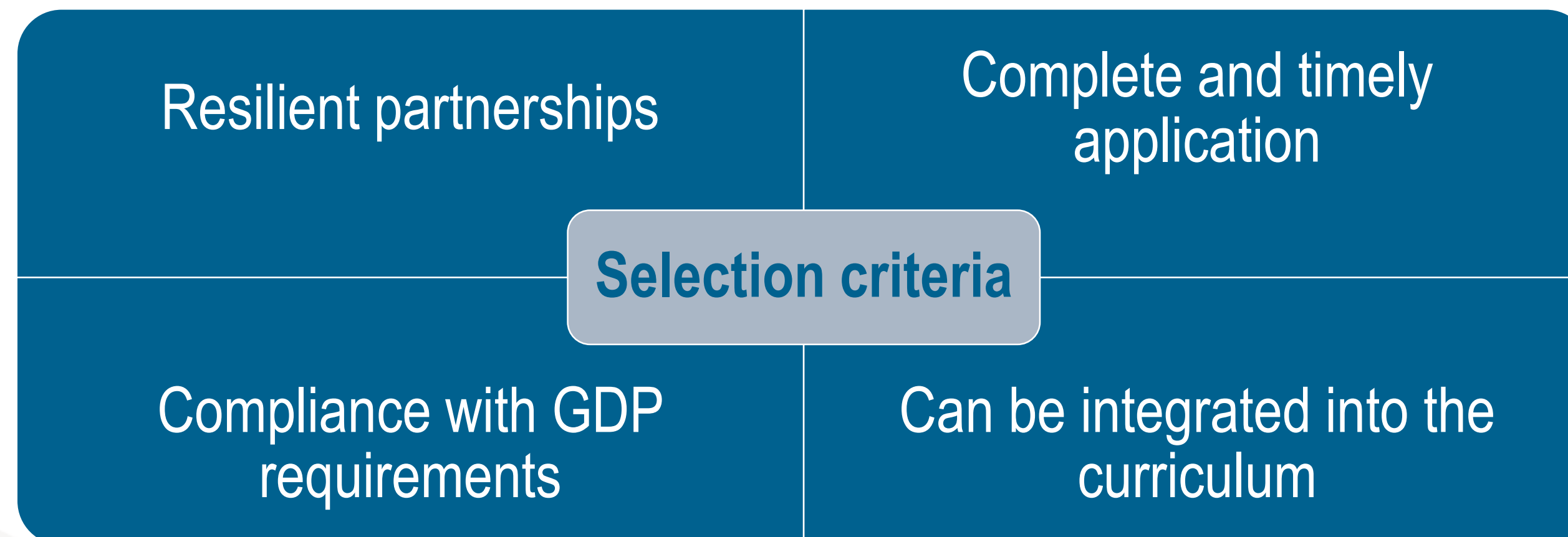
+ one-off 50€

+ 1-4 additional subsidised travel days

Reisedistanz	Standardreise	Green Travel
10 und 99 KM	23 EUR	-
100 und 499 KM	180 EUR	210 EUR
500 und 1999 KM	275 EUR	320 EUR
2000 und 2999 KM	360 EUR	410 EUR
3000 und 3999 KM	530 EUR	610 EUR
4000 und 7999 KM	820 EUR	-
8000 KM oder mehr	1.500 EUR	-

BIP Application

- The annual application deadline for the following academic year is **15th January**.
- The application forms can also be found on the homepage and must be sent to erasmus-bip@uni-frankfurt.de
- The Global Office examines the applications and makes a selection of potential BIPs and applies to the DAAD (max. 3 BIPs as coordinating university).
- You will receive the **acceptance and rejection letters** in **May/June** as soon as the GO has been informed of the funding amount by the DAAD.
- The BIP must be carried out between October of the same year and September of the following year. It can also take place during the lecture-free period if it is nevertheless assigned to the curriculum of a semester).



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All information about the BIP can be found here:

<https://goethe.link/erasmus-bip>

Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

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- + ERASMUS-Charta



Im Rahmen der Erasmus+ Programmgeneration (2021 - 2027) wurde die Förderlinie Blended Intensive Programmes (BIP) eingeführt. Diese ermöglicht Kurzzeitgruppenmobilitäten, die eine Kombination aus physischen und virtuellen Phasen beinhalten. Partnerhochschulen entwickeln gemeinsame Mobilitätscurricula und Aktivitäten, während die virtuelle Phase das gemeinsame Lernen unterstützt. Dies fördert internationale Zusammenarbeit, verbessert die Qualität der Lehre und stärkt die interkulturellen Fähigkeiten der Studierenden. Gleichzeitig bietet das BIP auch Studierenden, die keine Möglichkeit haben, einen Langzeitaufenthalt zu absolvieren, die Chance, wertvolle Auslandserfahrungen durch das Kurzzeitprogramm zu sammeln. Somit werden die Erasmus+ Aktivitäten inklusiver und zukunftsweisender.

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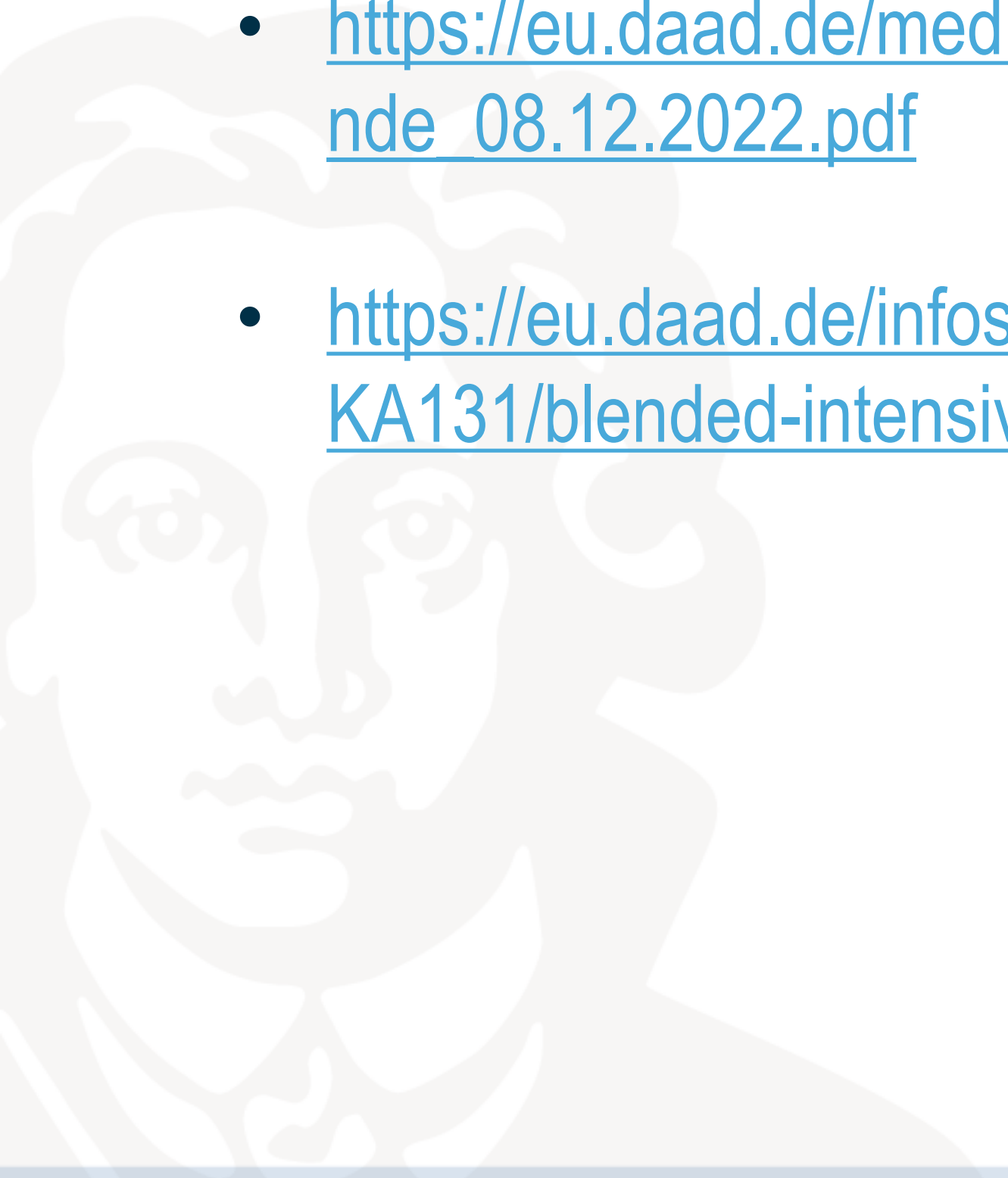


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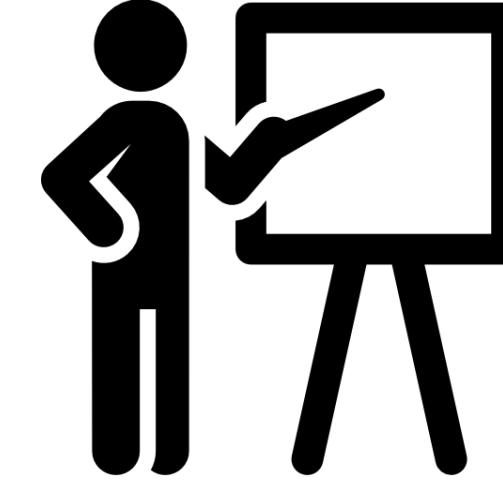
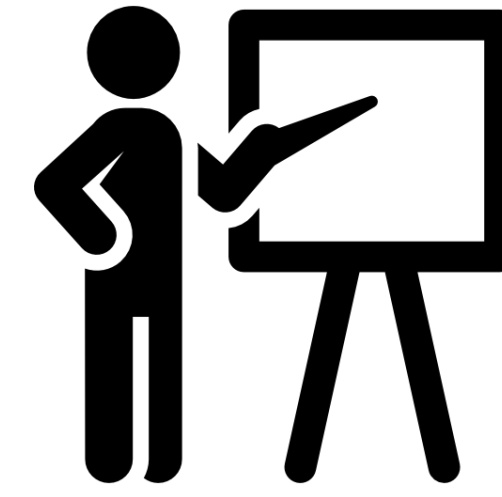
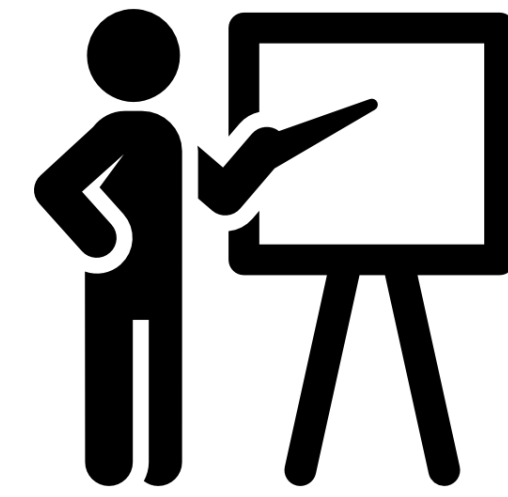
BIP - Information material

- https://eu.daad.de/medien/eu.daad.de.2016/dokumente/infos-fuer-hochschulen/projektdurchfuehrung/ausf%C3%BChrliche_informationen_zu_den_blended_intensive_programmes_ka131.pdf
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Support services offered by the Interdisciplinary Centre for University Didactics; IKH (Interdisziplinären Kolleg Hochschuldidaktik; IKH)

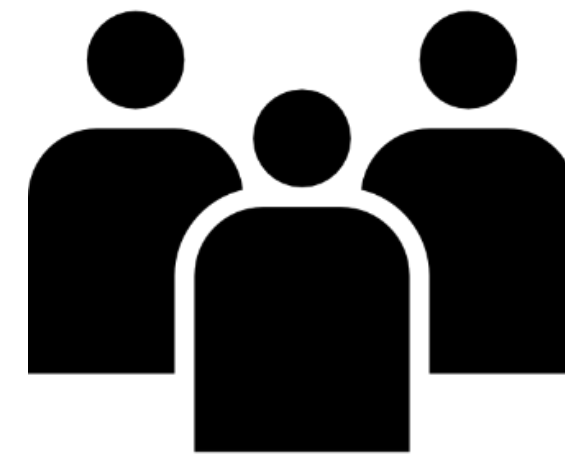
- Individual advice on the didactic planning of your BiP, e.g. on methodological and didactic planning and implementation (virtual exchange activities, team teaching)
- University didactic qualification through workshops, e.g.
 - Intercultural Communication in Higher Education Teaching (13.12.2023, 10-18 h)
 - International Teaching – your first steps on the 24.01.24, 9-13 h, together with the JLU Gießen
- If required, we are also happy to organise offers tailored to individual working groups



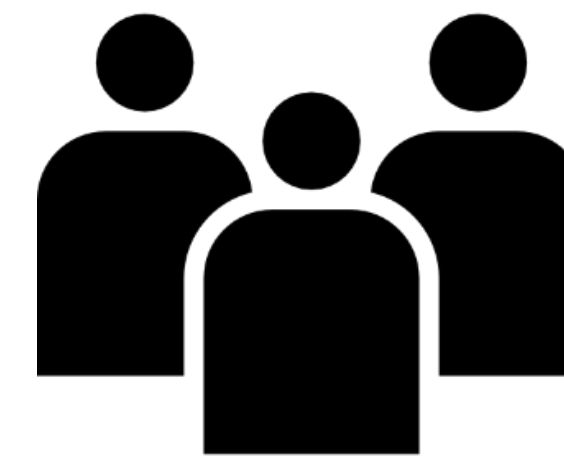
Exchange of teaching staff

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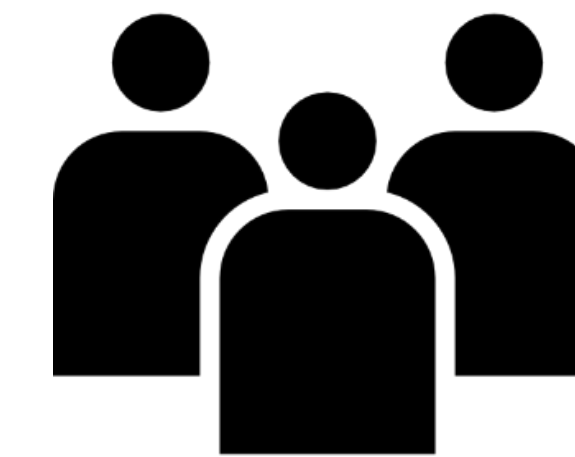
Virtual collaboration between students from three universities



GU students

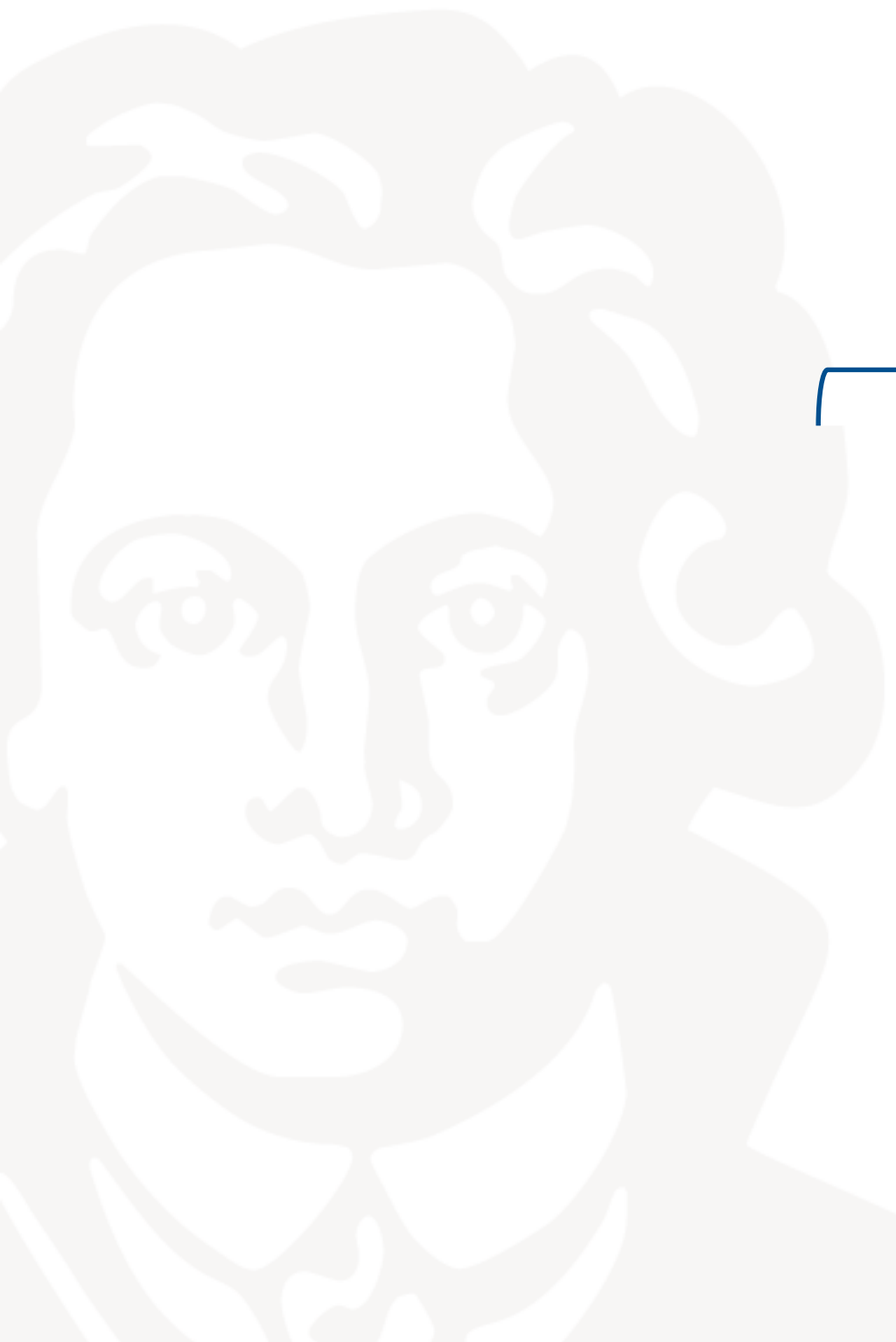


Students university B



Students university C

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Methodological and didactic issues BIP

e.g.

- Which learning goals should be pursued jointly with all partners, and which should be pursued depending on the university?
- What content-related and technical preparations must be made by the participating students?
- Which specific (collaborative) tasks are suitable for the face-to-face phases and which for the blended learning phases?
- How can student motivation be encouraged throughout all phases of the BIP programme?
- How should the examination be performed?

Questions:

Question: Is the programme intended for one-off support or for long-term support?

Answer: The programme is a one-off support, but the coordination of a BIP can rotate. If you have permanent partners, the BIP can take place several years in a row, alternating between the different partners. In this case, however, each partner must apply for its own BIP as the coordinating university for the year in question.

Question : What is subsidised?

Answer : The coordinating university receives a one-off organisational lump sum which it can use freely to organise the event. The sending universities use Erasmus mobility funds to support their students for the BIP.

Question : Can only ERASMUS partners participate?

Answer : Non-ERASMUS partners can also participate in a BIP, but their students do not count towards the minimum number of 15 participants and the partners do not count towards the minimum number of 3 partners. Furthermore, these universities cannot support their students with Erasmus+ funds as they do not have these funds.

Question : Is it possible to participate in one year both as a self-coordinating university and as a sending university (in another BIP)?

Answer : One does not exclude the other. You can do both in one year.

Question : Is the 15th January the internal deadline or the date on which the GO forwards the applications?

Answer : The 15th January is the internal deadline for the departments.

Questions:

Question: Is the application process for students supported via Mobility Online?

Answer: Yes, students participating in an Erasmus short-term mobility must complete a shortened application process for normal Erasmus+ student mobilities via Mobility Online. (incl. Registration, Learning Agreement, Grant Agreement, Confirmation of Period of Studies and Experience Report).

Question : According to the Erasmus cooperation agreements that I have received from the department, there is only room for 2 exchange students per semester at each partner university. This means that the minimum number of participants for an outgoing BIP cannot be financed via the normal Erasmus cooperation programme, right? Due to the minimum number of 15 students.

Answer : Although the prerequisite for BIP is that an Inter-Institutional Agreement exists between the coordinating university and the sending university, the places specified in the normal Erasmus partnership agreements are not affected for BIP places. These places are on-top and do not have to (but can) be contractually stipulated.

There are three ways to clarify the contractual issue for BIPs:

- There is an Erasmus agreement between the universities (the sending universities do not need an agreement with each other) and the BIP can take place without any problems.
- If there is no Erasmus agreement yet, the coordinating university can conclude two bilateral agreements with the two sending universities for the BIP.
- If there is no Erasmus agreement yet, or if there is an Erasmus agreement but you want to conclude an additional agreement for the BIP, then you can also conclude a multilateral agreement with all the partners involved.

Question : Do you have experience with the recognition of ECTS gained outside the GU?

Answer : So far, we have no experience of this in the Global Office, as the recognition of achievements for both long-term and short-term mobilities takes place in the departments.

Questions:

Question: How does the didactic expenditure pay off for the teacher and the department?

Answer: In addition to the additional expenditure involved in planning and implementing a new BIP, which is of course team-teaching and in a blended learning format, there are also a whole range of "benefits" for the teacher carrying out the course: e.g. 1) Proof of innovative and international teaching, which can also be an advantage for appointment procedures etc., 2) Opportunity for international networking with colleagues, which can also be used for research. In addition, there are also many benefits for the department/institute, including the promotion of internationalisation, expansion/maintenance of partnerships, etc., so it may make sense to promote this course by crediting it to the teaching load.

Experience reports show that both lecturers and students are equally enthusiastic about international teaching formats. Lecturers generally find the intensive collaboration in teaching with international colleagues exciting and stimulating; in addition, the above-average commitment and interest of the course participants is almost always emphasised and perceived as a particular incentive.

Question: How is the advertising expenditure for students handled?

Answer: The department is fully responsible for promoting a BIP programme. In the case of an incoming BIP, the department, as the coordinating body, must create and organise advertising materials such as flyers and information events for the partners so that the partners can promote the BIP to their own students. As the sending university, the department must use the partners' promotional materials to advertise the BIP to its own students. Our [Homepage](#) is primarily aimed at the faculties. However, you are welcome to share the "*Information area for students*" with your students. We will also create a shortlink or QR code for the homepage.

Questions:

Question: Will there still be 3 BIPs that can be applied for, even if demand increases?

Answer: As this will be the first year in which we offer this opportunity, we will only apply to the DAAD for 3 BIPs as coordinating university. If the experience is positive and demand increases, we can increase the number slightly in the future. However, other universities rarely organise more than 3-5 BIPs. The number of BIPs in which we participate as the sending university is not limited as long as the funds are sufficient.

Question: If more than three universities participate in the BIP, can they be from the same programme countries?

Answer: As long as three universities from three different Erasmus+ programme countries take part, other Erasmus+ universities from the same countries can also take part, as can other German universities, although German students are not counted among the 15 mobile participants.

Question: Do the same conditions (number of hours etc.) apply to lecturer mobility within the framework of a BIP as to regular Erasmus+ lecturer mobility?

Answer: Yes, it is the same programme with the same funding rules.

Report by Mrs Ortiz dos Santos (*Participation of the GU in a BIP in Lisbon as the sending university*):

Dear colleagues,

I would like to share with you my experience of the BIP to Lisbon that we participated in and I can confirm that it was a very enriching experience for both lecturers and students.

It is a BIP in collaboration with a Portuguese and a French university. And we are keen to apply to be a host institution. Our aim is to further develop co-operation with colleagues from Portugal and France and to use the BIP as an excellent opportunity to meet and prepare further applications. I'm sorry I'm not using my microphone, but my internet is unstable. Thank you very much