

# Erasmus+ Consortia - Best practice and benefits

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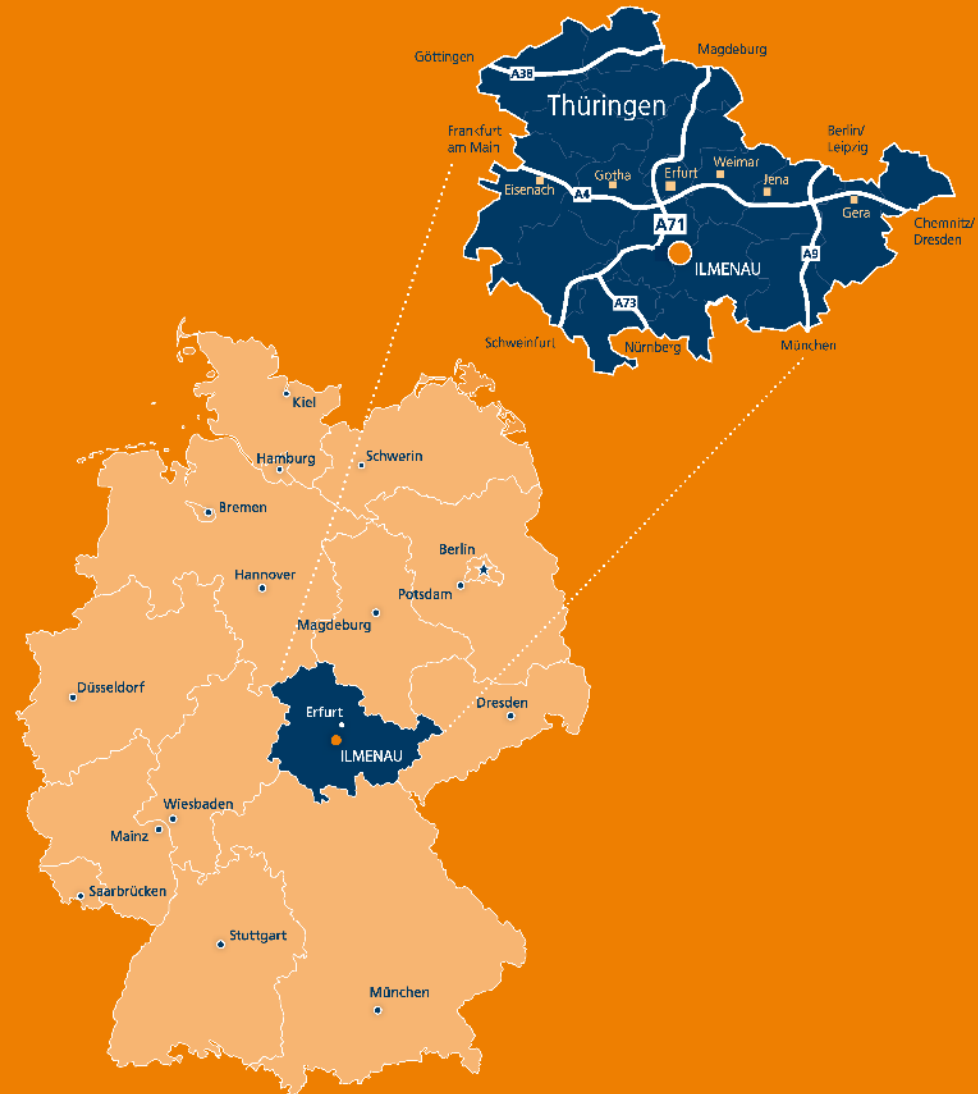
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Thuringia



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University  
Ilmenau



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## Students

as of 10/31/2022

- 4,889 students, of which 1,888 are international students from over 100 countries
- 881 are first semester students



## Staff

as of 12/01/2022

- 98 professors
- 778 academic staff, of which 341 are third-party funded
- 598 technical and non-academic staff

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3. Advantages and challenges
  - Administrative and financial
  - Networking
4. Communication
5. Discussion and exchange of experiences

# Erasmus+ Consortia

## The idea behind....

- bundling forces and knowledge
- saving personell recourses
- putting attention to Erasmus+ SMP within a (state) government
- close contact to other EU stakeholders on regional level



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# Erasmus+ Consortia

## Types of consortia

regional

subject related

university type related



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# Erasmus+ Consortia

## EU-Praktikum THÜRINGEN

### Office of the regional consortium of Thuringian universities

- coordinates Erasmus+ internships in Europe on behalf of the Thuringian universities
- located at the International Office of the TU Ilmenau
- own accreditation as consortium
  - Project management funding line Erasmus+ KA131 SMP towards NA DAAD (= Erasmus+ student mobility internship)
  - Erasmus code of the consortium: D Ilmenau01\_K



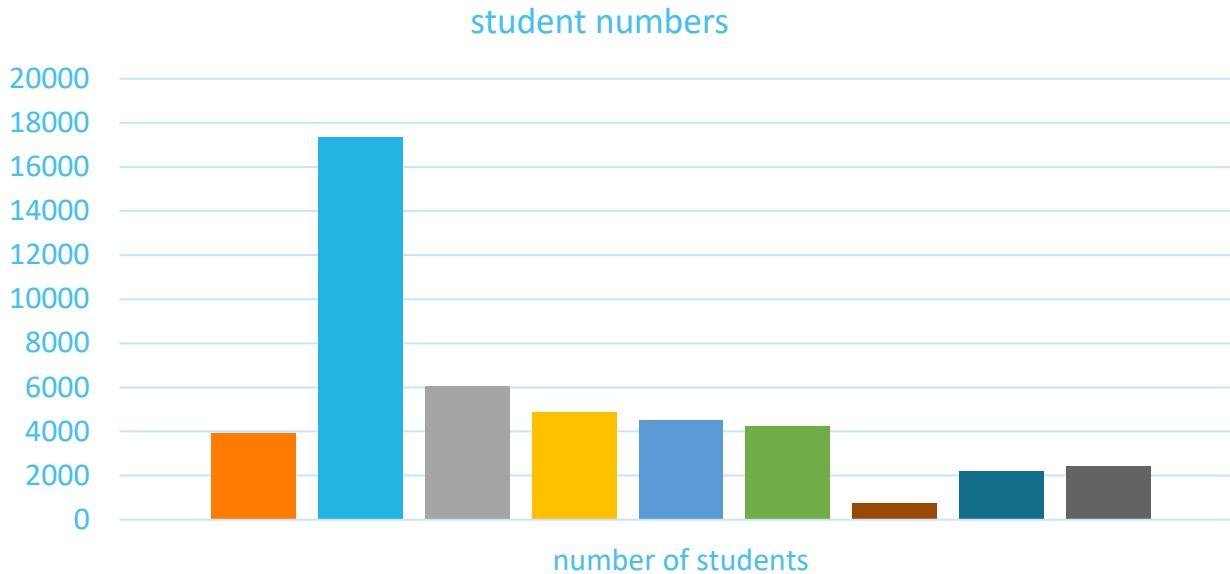
**Bauhaus-Universität Weimar**





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## Consortium members



**46.355 students**  
in Consortium

**~ 250 mobilities**  
per Erasmus+ project

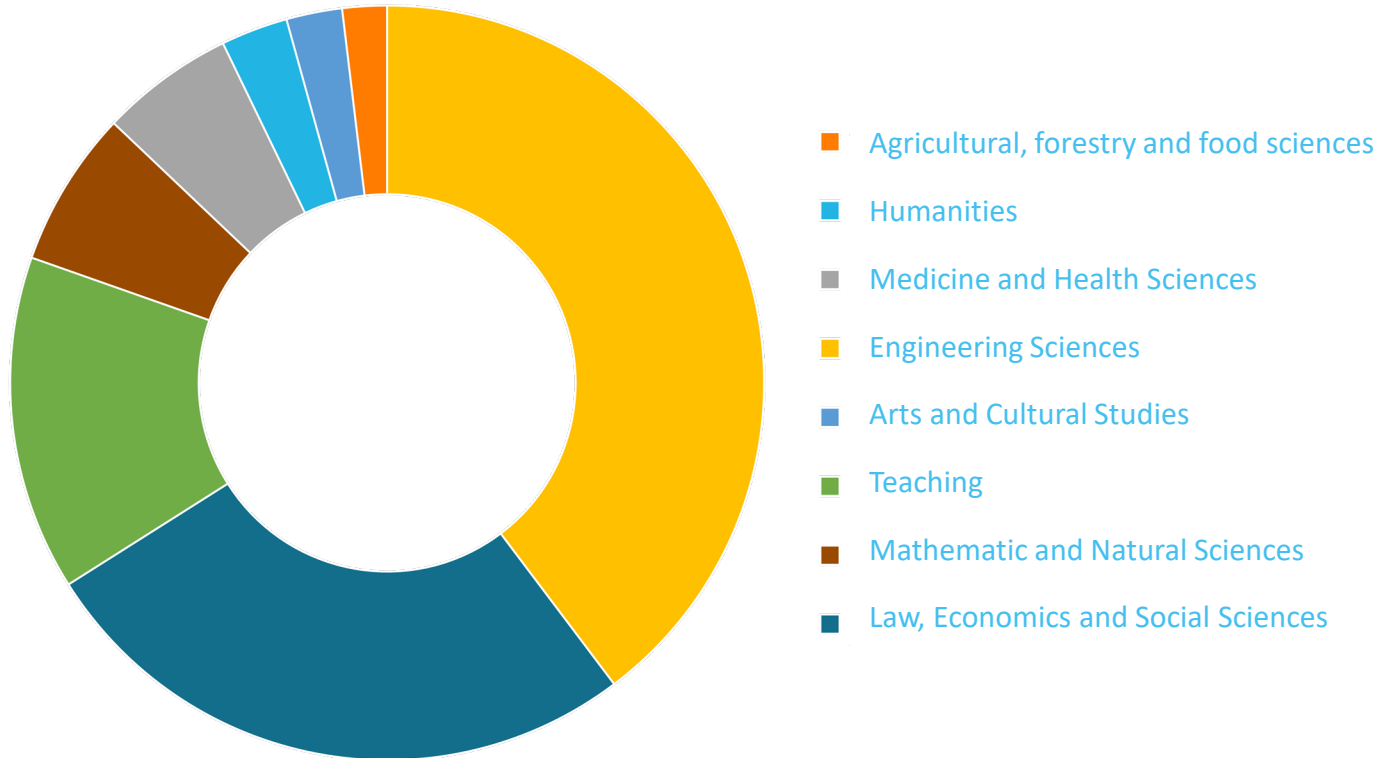
### Top 5 Erasmus countries:

1. Spain
2. Austria
3. Netherlands
4. France
5. Portugal

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## Fields of study

Overview by subject groups in 2022



# How To

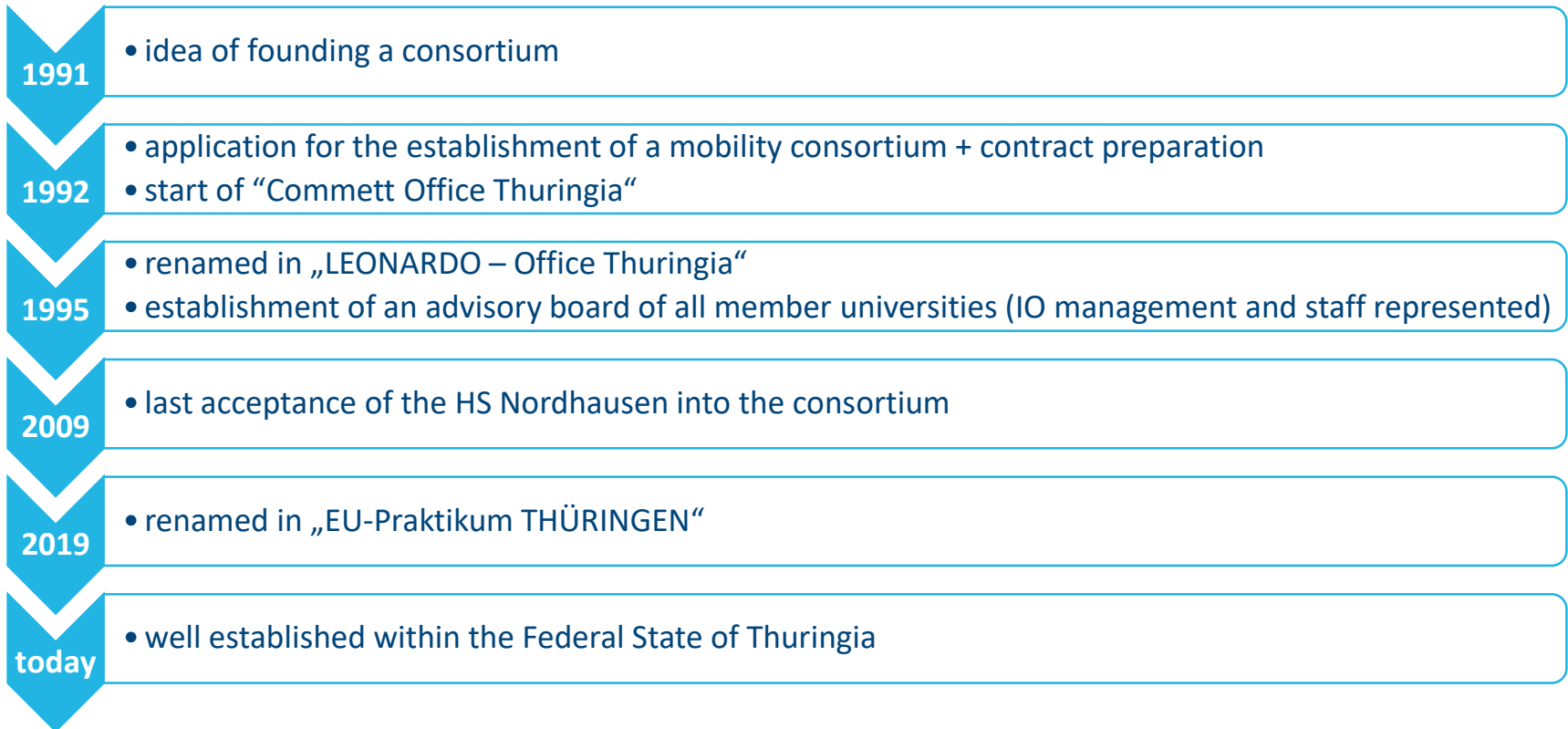
## Organizational implementation

- **Commitment** of the universities involved
- For a regionally anchored network formation – **support by responsible ministries**
- **Draft of legal agreement** to work together within a consortium
  - Financial aspects (e.g. staff costs, location and working costs)
  - Responsibilities of the consortium leader and each member
  - Reporting requirements
  - Networking around
  - Signed by all legal representatives of each institution



# How to

## Implementation of EU-Praktikum THÜRINGEN



# How to

## Application process (ECHE & accreditation)

Programm: **Erasmus+**

Application type: **KA130**-HED - Erasmus accreditation for higher education **mobility consortia**

### **Mobility consortia can be formed if:**

- ❖ Main organization is located in home country
- ❖ All members of the mobility consortia are located in the country
- ❖ Minimum: 3 members, 2 of them have to send students abroad
- ❖ All members are ECHE holders

### **Application:**

- Completed application form
- Declaration of Honour (printed version, signed by Legal Representative, scan, , upload)
- Signed mandates by all consortia members
- Application on accreditation have to be submitted in advance of a KA 131 application
- Deadline: each year February – accreditation for whole period of the Erasmus+ program (until 2027)

# How to

## Application process (ECHE & accreditation) part 2

Content of the application form:

1. Consortium summary (incl. English translation) – will be published later on dissemination platform of EU and used by EU
2. Participating organizations incl.
  - a general presentation of each (aims, target groups, activities)
  - activities, experience and relevance for the network
  - skills and expertise of key staff/persons of your organization related to the purpose of this consortium



# How to

## Application process (ECHE) part 3 – Consortium Description

Objectives and purpose

election of consortium members – if applicable: competences and experience of enterprises and other organizations

Consortium management

Preparation of participants

Roles and responsibilities of each consortium member

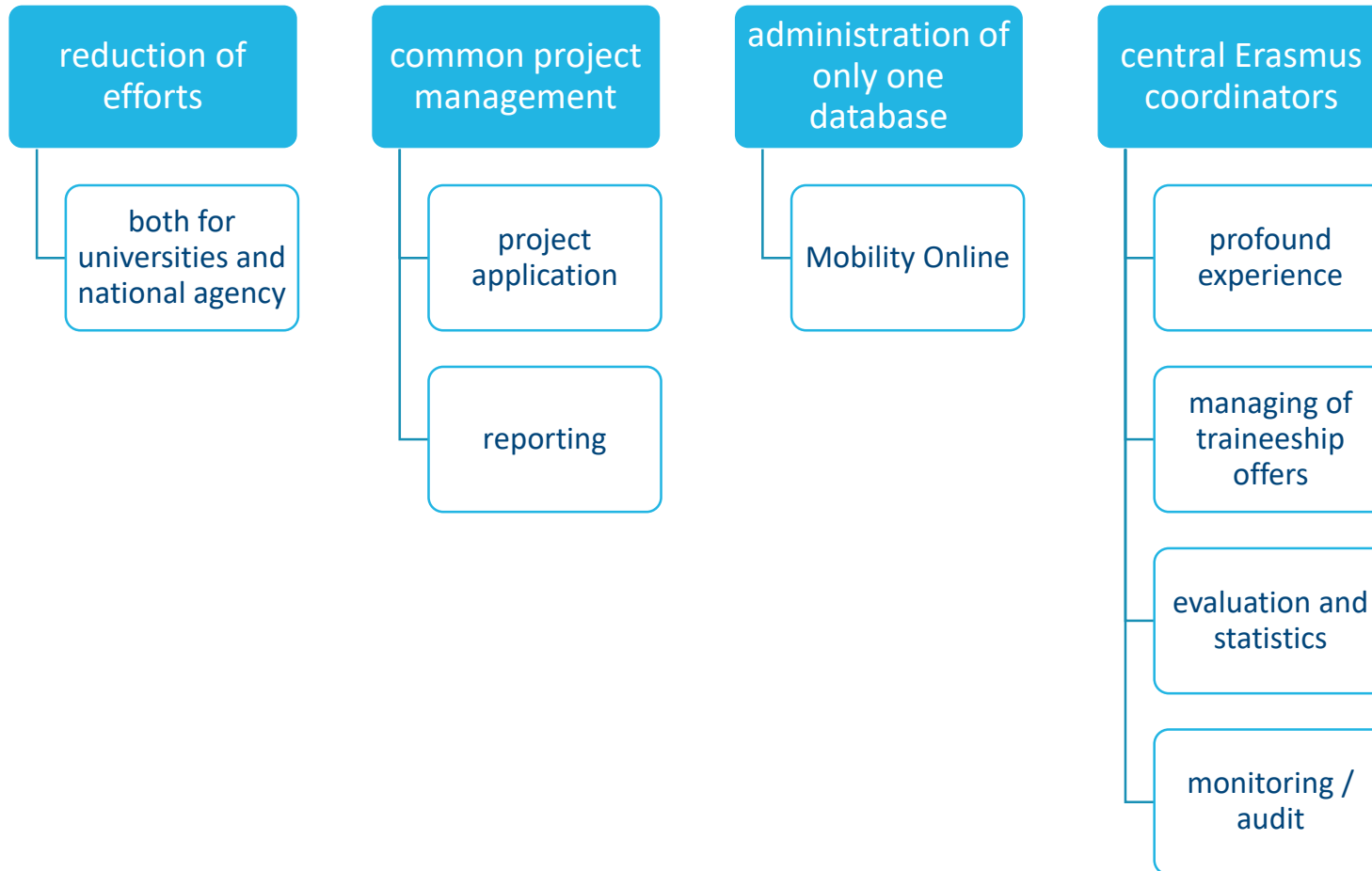
Impact on the participants + impact on local, regional, national, international level

Dissemination of results

Evaluation

# 3. Advantages and Challenges

## Administrative and financial benefits





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## Administrative and financial challenges

separate accreditation

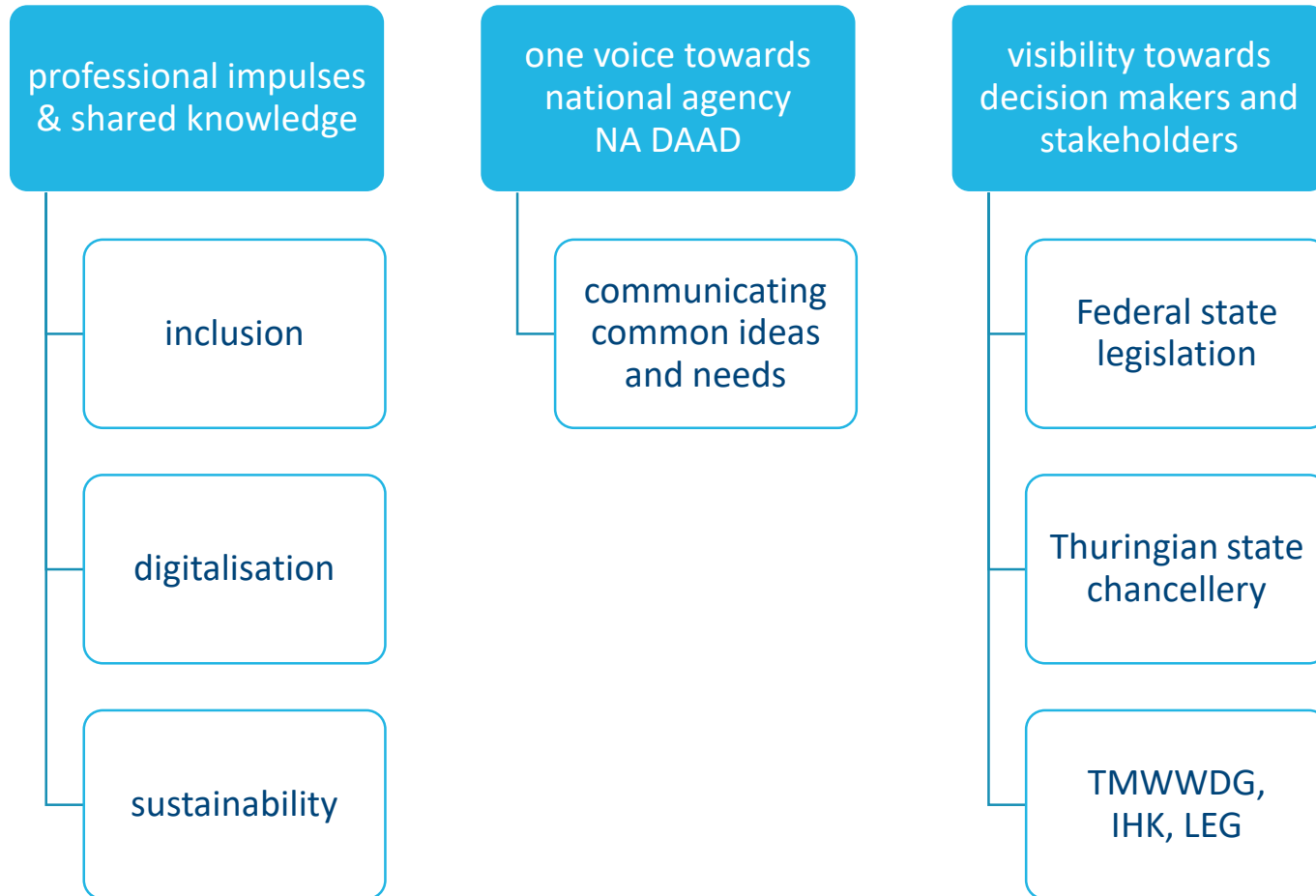
Erasmus+  
administration  
structures do not  
necessarily apply to  
consortia

agreement on  
procedures

dealing with different  
structures at different  
universities

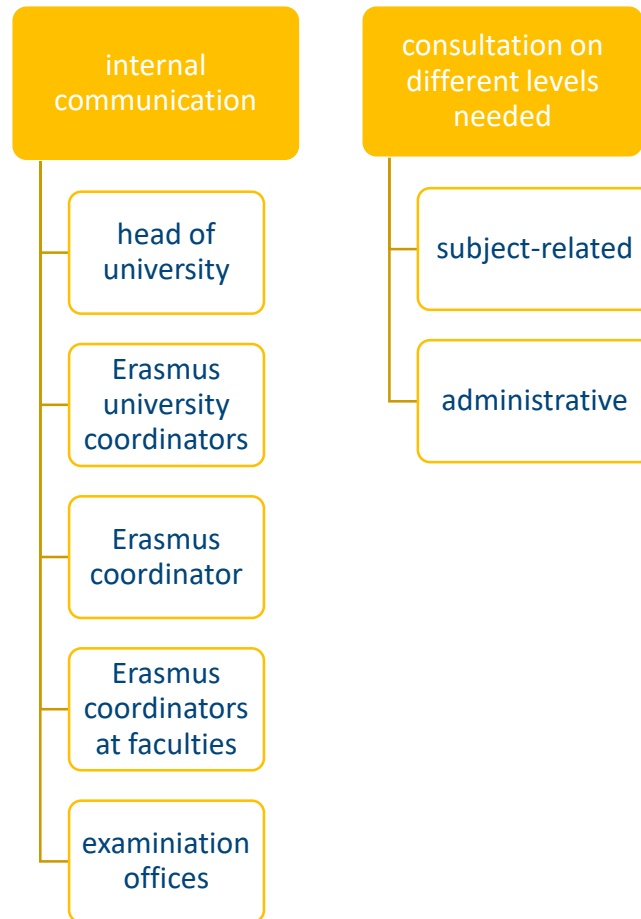
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## Advantages in networking



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## Challenges in networking



# 4. Communication

## Timeline 2022

### January

- Annual statistics

### February

- Network meeting of Erasmus+ consortia (Germany)
- Information event for Erasmus+ coordinators
- interim report project 2020
- project application 2022

### March

- Virtual Erasmus+ traineeship meeting

### April

- Leo-Net virtual coffee
- Information desk at Europafest Saalfeld (EIZ)
- Annual report

### May

- Online information event for students (Europawoche)
- Network meeting of Erasmus+ consortia (Germany)

### June

- 3rd fund redistribution project 2020
- interim report project 2021
- start of project 2022 Projekt 2022
- Information events for students at universities
- LEO-NET annual seminar 2022 + member meeting

### July

- Network meeting of Erasmus+ consortia (Germany)

### August

- internal recalculation and redistribution of project means

### September

- Consortium meeting EU-Praktikum THÜRINGEN
- Network meeting of Erasmus+ consortia with NA DAAD

### October

- Erasmus+ annual meeting (NA DAAD)

### November

- Information events for students at universities
- Mobility Online pipeline implementation

### December

- Start of online application for project 2022

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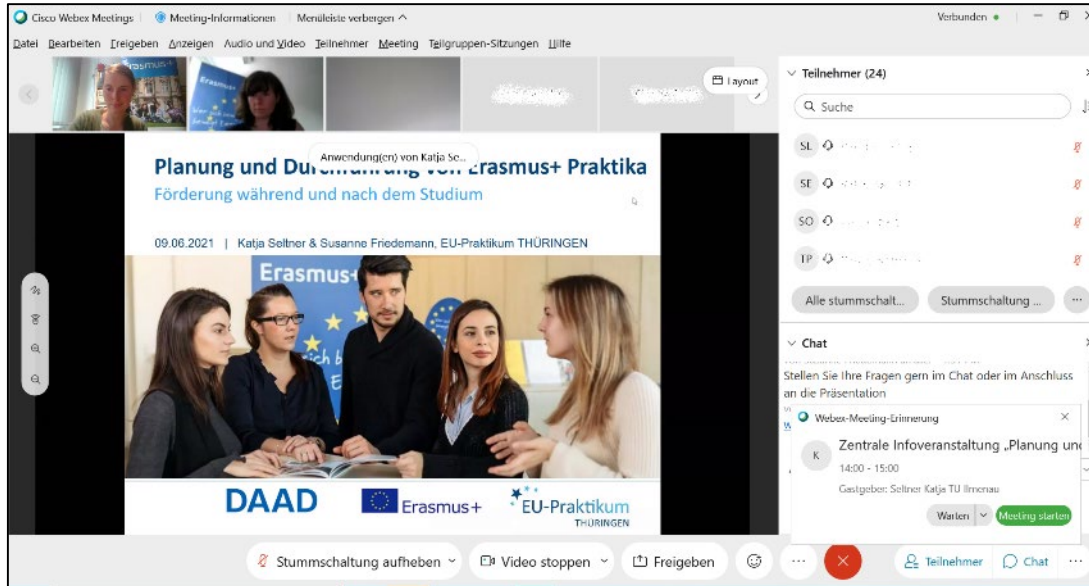
## Activities



Europafest in Saalfeld, 04/2022

# 4. Communication

## Activities



Online information event during Europawoche Thüringen, 05/2022

# 4. Communication

## Activities



LEO-NET Annual Seminar & Member Meeting, 06/2022

# 4. Communication

## Activities

- communication routines



students /  
Erasmus+ coordinators

- information events (online/presence)
- consultation hours (online/presence)
- mailing lists
- online communication



consortium EU-Praktikum THÜRINGEN /  
network of consortia

- sharing annual stats
- consortia meetings
- exchange of experience
- mailing lists



national agency

- accreditation
- project application and management
- project reports
- auditing
- participation in relevant events (Erasmus+ annual meeting, workshops, consultation)



politics

- reporting to ministry
- exchange / meetings with EU stakeholders within Thuringia
- annual reports
- participation in networking events



## 4. Discussion

In short:

Consortia structures are beneficial!

# What are your experiences?