



Internationalisation in bachelor's degrees

Together towards a culture of internationalization in our undergraduate educations Hege Aarlie

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## About the project



- The project is a collaboration between Child Welfare, Social Work and Social Educator undergraduate programmes
- Project impact: Target population for project is 330 final years students and 90 members of faculty at Western Norway University of Applied Sciences
- > Duration: Four years

Overarched aim: integrate internationalization in our study programs and promote a culture of internationalization in mobility among both students and faculty staff

## **Background for application**

#### Government ambition:

- The government proposal «En verden av muligheter» («A world of possibilites»)- sets out a long-term goal for 50% for student engagement in international mobility by 2025
- Western University of Applied Sciences development strategy plan for 2021-2023 target for student mobility: 30 % by 2023

#### Baseline:

- Percentage of Western University of Applied Sciences students involved in international mobility in 2019 = 12.4 %
- Percentage of Child Welfare, Social
  Work and Social Educator students = 8.4 %
- The pandemic has of course had impact on mobility. The positive part of it – gives us the opportunity to think new stratgies



# This project is founded by the Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and skills

- The directorate is the executive agency for the Ministry of Education and Research within the higher education and higher vocational education sectors and is responsible for the national skills policy.
- The directorate shall contribute to enhance the quality of education and skills, strengthen international collaboration

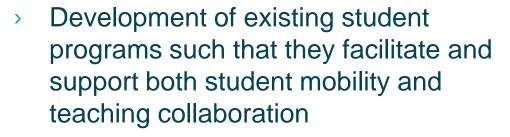


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# Key project activity

- Further development of professional international collaboration agreements with three European universities
  - Odesse University of Applied Science
  - Inholland University of Applied Science
  - > Saxion University of Applied Science
  - And



- Development of collaboration platforms for staff
- Ensure information regarding mobility is easily accessible for current and prospective students



## Project structure: four work packages

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Establish a culture of international mobility among students and staff

Establish and implement lasting structures for increased student mobility Develop a comprehensive study program, integrating student mobility 1. Explore digital solutions to support and promote international collaboration

2. Document and publicise project progress

# **Project milestons**

## Year 1

- Establish partnerships with faculty members at each of the three partner universities
- Develop and coordinate programmes of study for the three target undergraduate programmes

## Year 2

- > Launch faculty exchange
- > Develop international modules and international teaching arrangements

## Year 3

 Students engaged in exchange at partner universities

#### Year 4

 Implementation and establishment of planned interventions within the broader Institute for Welfare and Participation



