

Parallel Workshops

"How to improve the current Erasmus programme"

Workshop 4: **Funding**

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"Erasmus - the way forward and the Green paper on mobility of young people"

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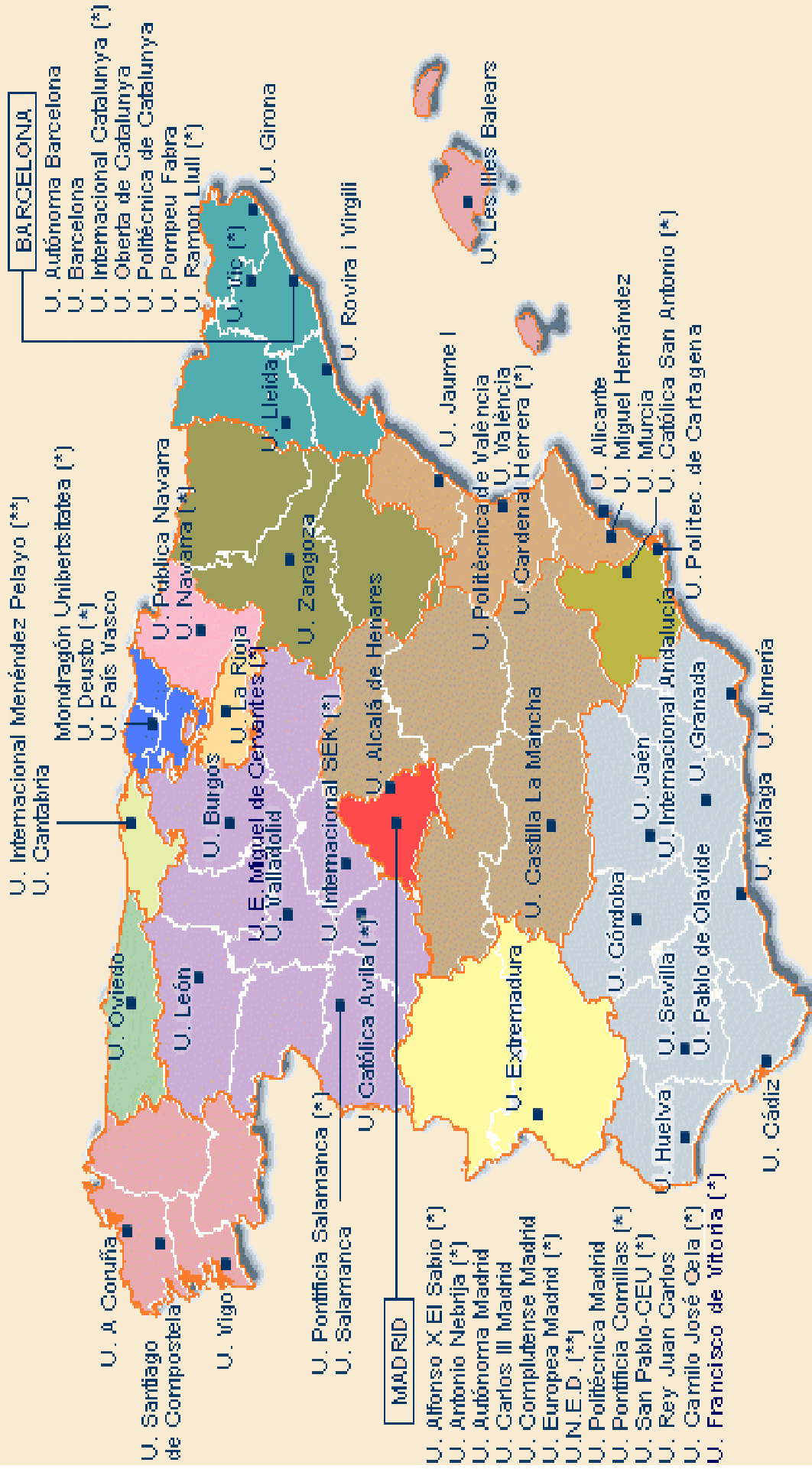
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Outline

- 1) Erasmus Mobility in Spain in short**
- 2) How important is student funding for mobility?**
- 3) Some “new ways” of trying to increase student mobility**
- 4) Conclusions**

1) Erasmus Mobility in Spain in short

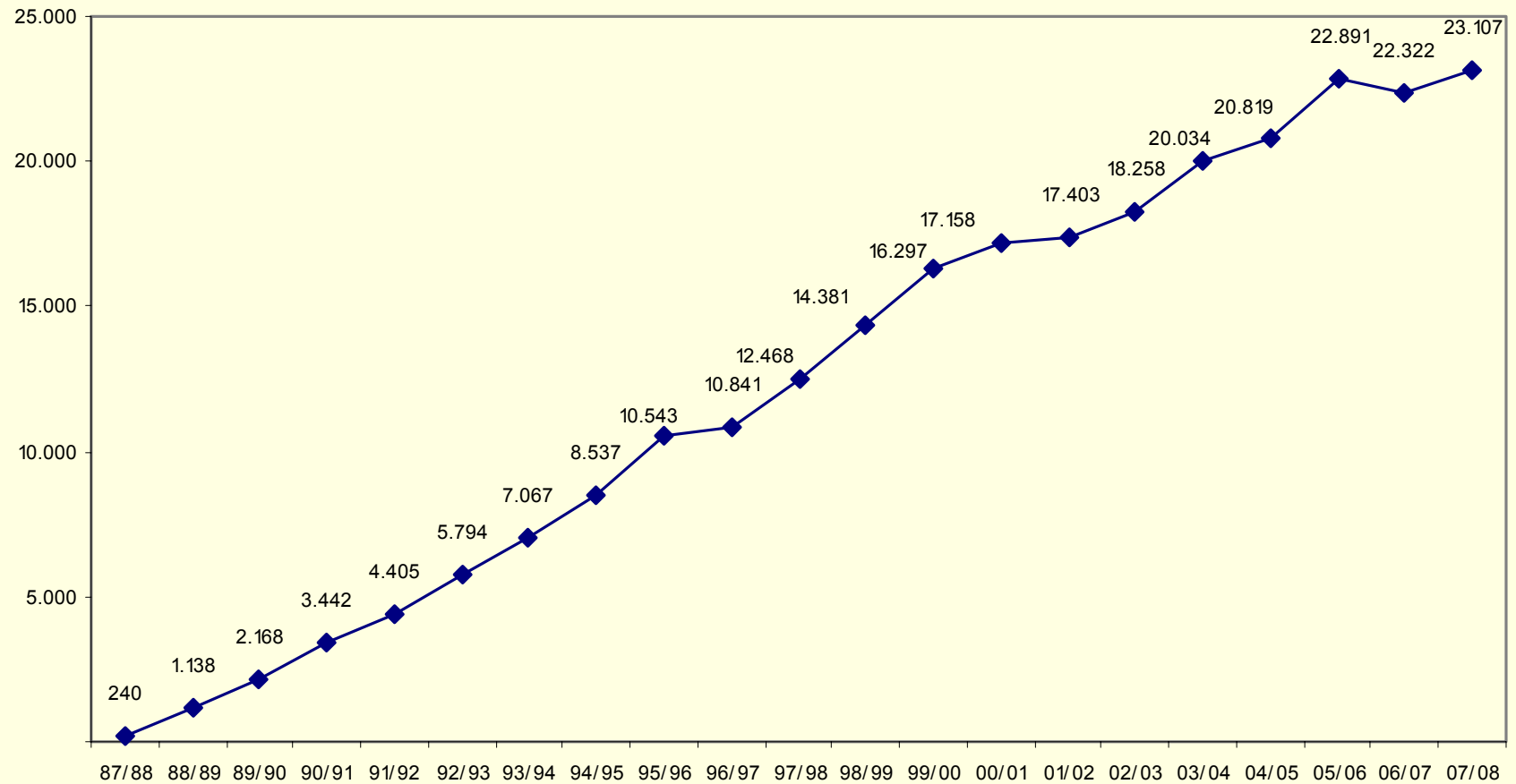
| <i>Type of University</i> | <i>Number:77 (June 2009)</i> |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Public | 52 |
| Private | 18 |
| Catholic Universities | 7 |



(*) Private and Catholic Universities
 (**) State Universities belonging to the Central Administration

Outgoing students (1987/2008)

SMS (Student Mobility for Studies)



Erasmus Mobility Funding 2005-2008

(thousand EUR)

| Academic Year | European Commission | Ministry of Education | Regional governments | Universities' own funds | Financial system | Others |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------|
| 2005-2006 | 17,759 | 5,615 | 6,684 | 7,100 | 3,540 | 0,848 |
| 2006-2007 | 21,469 | 17,767 | 5,704 | 5,674 | 3,349 | 0,283 |
| 2007-2008 | 29,619 | 32,331 | 8,560 | 6,463 | 4,137 | 1,433 |
| 2007-2008 (%) | 35,8% | 39,1% | 10,3% | 7,8% | 5% | 1,7% |

2) How important is funding allocated to students for mobility?

HOWEVER, THIS RESULTED IN A SMALL INCREASE OF OUTGOING STUDENTS SO FAR. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALMOST DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FROM 2006-2007 TO 2007-2008 BUT ONLY 3.5% MORE OUTGOING STUDENTS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED 60 MILLIONS EUROS EN 2008-2009 AND WILL ALLOCATE 66 MILLIONS EUROS IN 2009-2010.

****WE CAN CONCLUDE THE SAME IF WE TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INCREASE OF FUNDS FOR STUDENT MOBILITY IN SOME REGIONS (Andalucia up to 1,200 euros per month).***

****WE DO NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE DATA YET FOR 2008-2009 (aprox. 24,700 outgoing students, 7% more) AND WE STILL HAVE TO SEE THE RESULTS IN 2009-2010.***

****IN RICH COUNTRIES STUDENTS SEEM TO REACT VERY LITTLE TO AN INCREASE IN FUNDING ALLOCATED TO THEM.***

*****WE MIGHT NEED TO CHANGE OUR FOCUS FROM ONLY INCREASING STUDENT GRANTS, TO ALSO IMPROVE FUNDING FOR TEACHERS AND HEI.***

3) Some “new ways” of trying to increase student mobility

- 1) Universities should get incentives to encourage them to send more students abroad. Incentives should be important enough to change the structure of benefits and costs for them.*
- 2) Academics as Erasmus Coordinators should have recognised all the efforts related to increase the international mobility. If we want more involvement of Academics in student mobility we need to change the current situation.*

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- 3. *We have to avoid that many of our students think that Erasmus mobility is a “low profile” mobility. We must introduce quality assurances in our mobility programmes (it cost money).***
 - 4. *We should improve and help our International Offices. They have to feel that they are also key players and they have to avoid to see more incoming students as a burden.***

5) We must do our best to make our teachers more mobile (it cost money). If they see the benefits of being mobile they will talk about it in the classroom. Maybe we have to help again to create more networking between academics in charge of mobility (Internet is not enough)

4) Conclusions

- ❖ *Increase the funding allocated to students in order to increase mobility is important but probably is not enough.*
- ❖ *We need to explore ways of increasing student mobility with more funding but allocated to HEI and Academics.*

Thanks for your attention