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ERASMUS+ KA107  
INTERNATIONAL CREDIT MOBILITY

METU EXPERIENCE



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MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

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## Student body:

- More than 26.500 students
- ≈ 2.000 international students from 94 countries
- ≈ 400 incoming exchange students per year
- ≈ 450 outgoing exchange students per year

## International Cooperation:

600 collaborative agreements with partners worldwide

## 2 years of Erasmus+ KA107 experience:

2015-2017 Period:

- Budget: 2.683.622 € (61% of the country budget)
- 37 partner countries

2016-2018 Period:

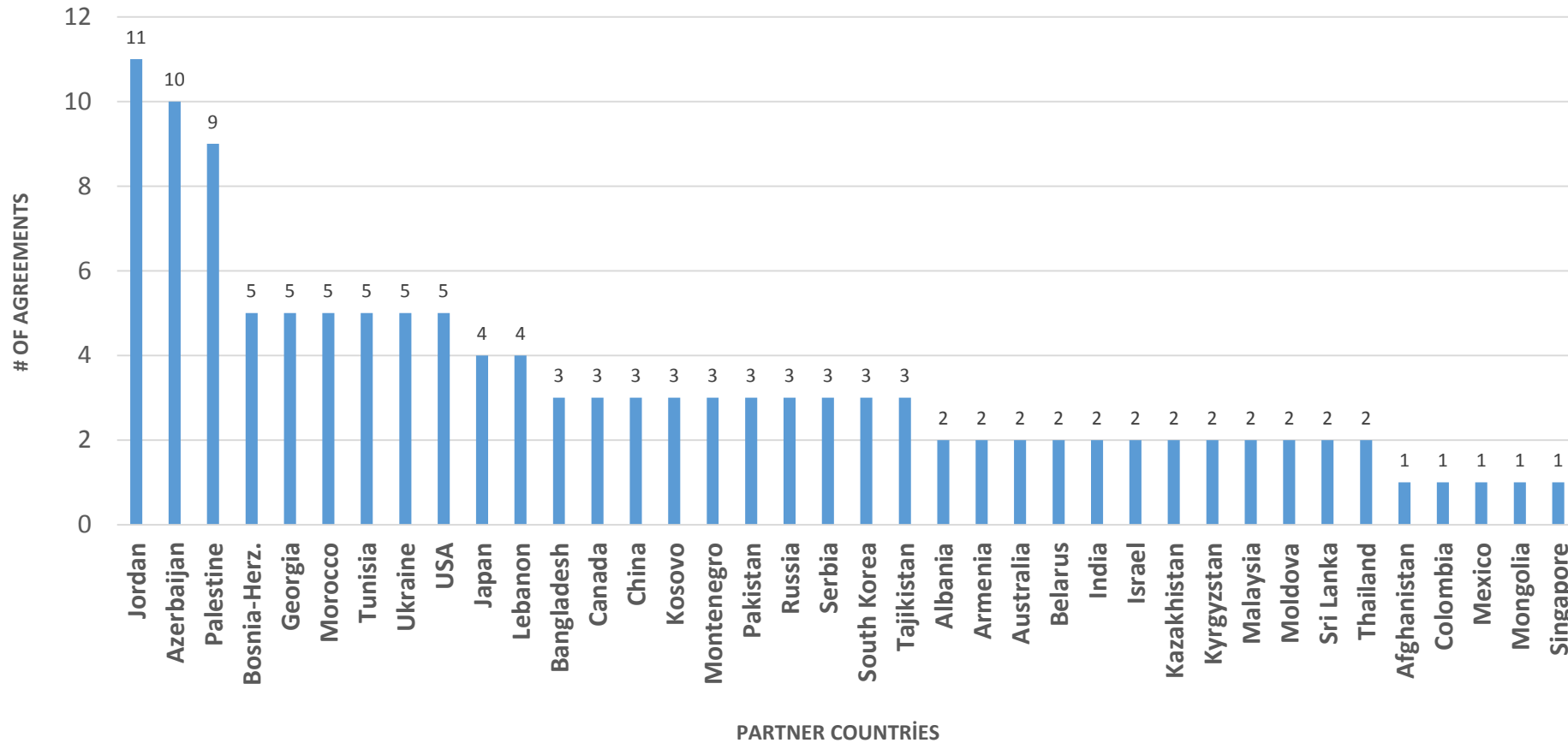
- Budget : 1.106.251 € (23% of the country budget)
- 36 partner countries



# Erasmus+ KA107 Agreements



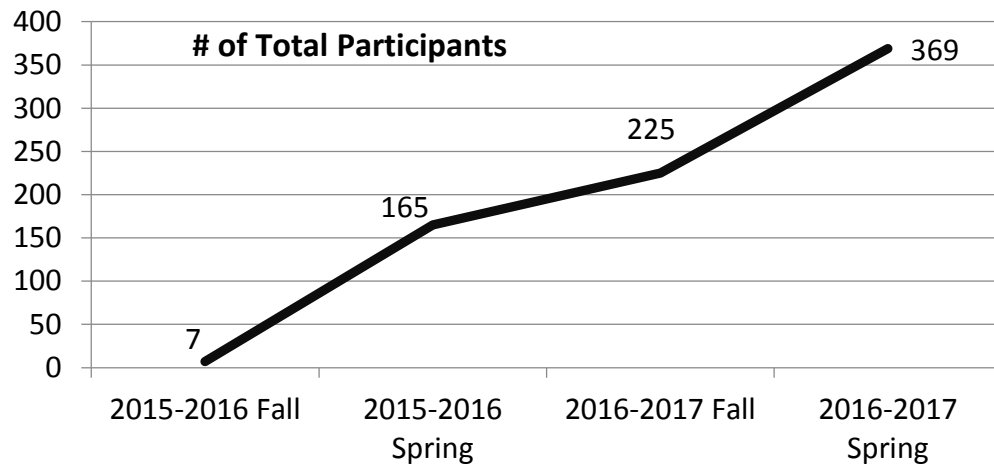
- 38 partner countries  
- 127 agreements



# Mobility in Numbers



	Incoming Student	Incoming Teaching	Incoming Training	Outgoing Student	Outgoing Teaching	Outgoing Training	TOTAL
2015-2016 Fall	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
2015-2016 Spring	142	20	0	0	3	0	165
2016-2017 Fall	193	18	0	9	5	0	225
2016-2017 Spring	164	47	50	45	20	43	369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>766</b>



# What paved the way for such a deep involvement?



- ❑ Well-staffed and experienced International Cooperations Office
- ❑ Previous experience in Erasmus and non-Erasmus exchange programs:
  - Erasmus (intra-European) since 2003/2004 (pilot project in Turkey)
  - Erasmus Mundus External Cooperation Window (EMECW) between 2007-2013 in 7 different geographical consortia (covering more than 30 countries)
  - Overseas exchange programs since 1990s
  - Mevlana exchange program since 2013
- ❑ English as the medium of instruction
- ❑ World-class education in a wide range of disciplines
- ❑ Lively social and cultural life on campus



**COMMON AIM:**  
**STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENT ON BOTH SIDES**

*Partner Countries → sending side*

*METU → receiving side*

**PARTNER'S PERSPECTIVE:**

1. Provide students with international learning opportunities in a top-quality university
2. Increase number of students who participate in mobility programs to as high as 35% in 5-10 years
3. Provide faculty members with international teaching and research opportunities
4. Diverse education environments
5. Familiarize with cultures and languages and appreciate different worldviews
6. Having graduates as active global citizens equipped with a broad knowledge of the world and a sense of social responsibility

### **METU'S PERSPECTIVE (HIGHLIGHTS OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2021)**

1. Strengthen collaboration with existing partners and intensify cooperation with top universities of the world → MoU inflation → elimination of inactive ones
2. Shift our portfolio of cooperation in such a way that we will have more (active) agreements with top-500 HEIs
3. METU faculty members tend to collaborate mostly with developed/industrialized countries (among top target regions are North America and Far East)
4. Increase **international research activities and joint publications** → **teaching mobility**
5. Attract **international researchers** both for short term visits and long term employment → **incoming teaching mobility**
6. Overcome weaknesses among administrative staff: **insufficiency in terms of international perspective and English language practical skills**

### METU'S PERSPECTIVE:

- Increase the number of qualified international students and staff to **at least 10%** of its population (currently about %7)
- Attract **qualified international students from**
  - **neighboring regions** (e.g. Iran, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Tunisia, etc.)
  - **countries with which Turkey has historical and sociocultural affinities** (e.g. Western Balkans and Central Asia)
- Attract and retain talents → from mobility to diploma
- **Increase multicultural awareness on campus** and enhance the worldview of our students and staff by **offering them greater opportunities for international mobility**
- Benefit from the advantages of **internationalization at home** by fostering **incoming mobility**