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Arqus Joint Programmes Staff Training

Module 1

A very initial introduction to the why and how

0 Training outline

Beginner's level

Module 1

Initial introduction
to the why and how
February, 2024

Module 2

Preparing the grounds
for a successful
programme
implementation
February, 2024

Module 3

Preparing relevant
documents
March, 2024 (twice)

Advanced level – Starting in Spring, 2024

Curriculum
Design

Cooperation
agreement
design

Finances

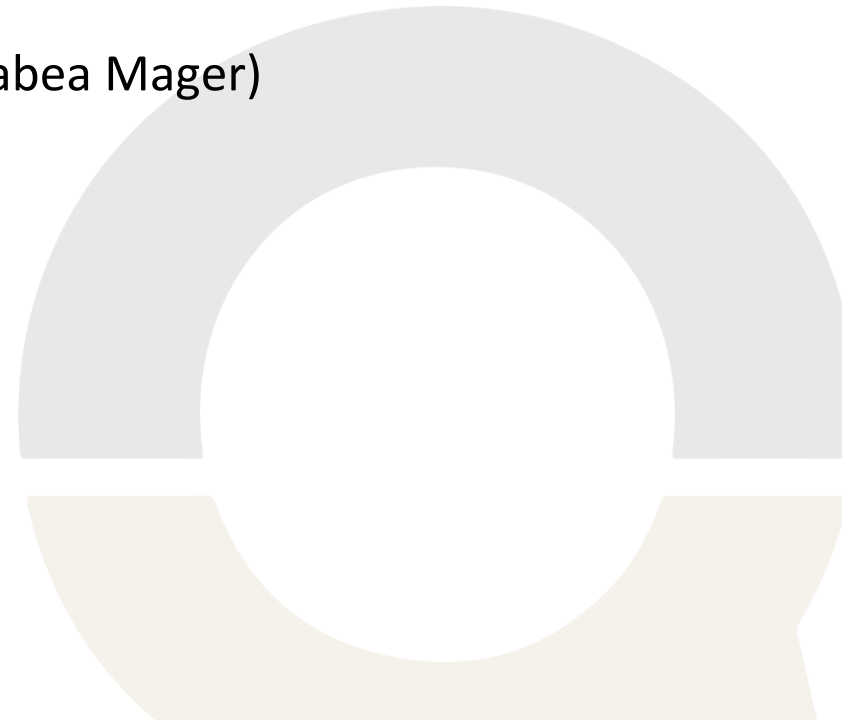
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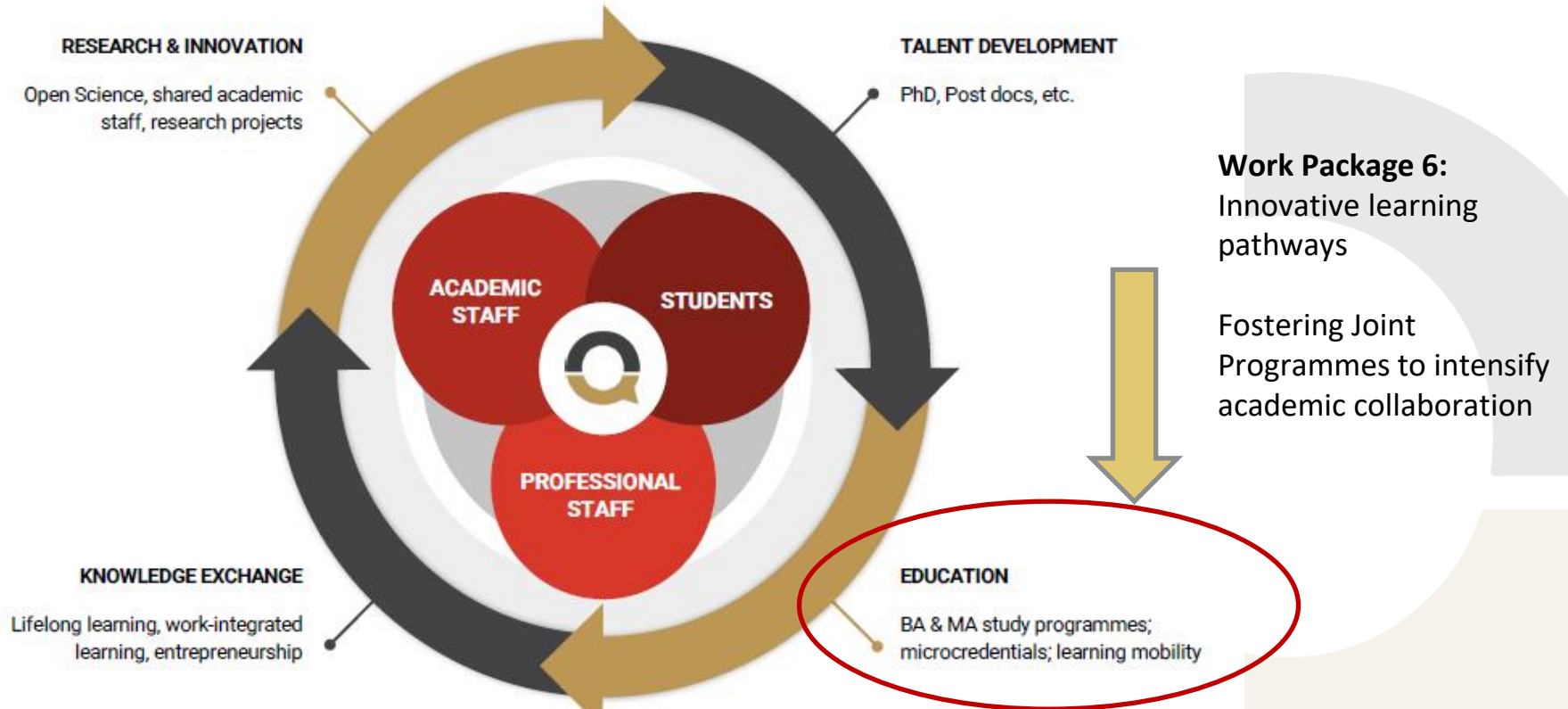
Contents of Module 1

Presentation (Ulrike Krawagna and Tabea Mager)

1. Key terminology
2. Knowing why: Motivation
3. Key elements
4. Finding your format
5. Identifying partners
6. **Feedback and Discussion (All)**

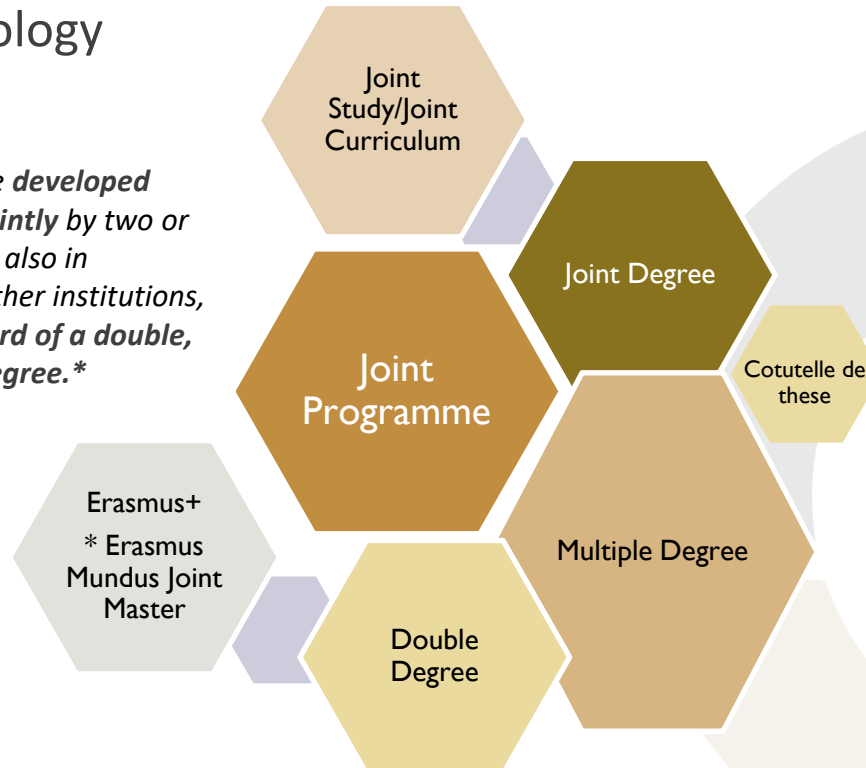


[European University Alliance Argus](#) and Joint Programmes



1 Key Terminology

*A study programme developed and/or provided jointly by two or more HEIs, possibly also in cooperation with other institutions, leading to the award of a double, multiple or joint degree.**



Joint
Degree

- A single diploma (document) issued by at least two HEIs offering an integrated programme and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located
- **Certifies the completion of one joint programme**

Double
Degree

- Two national diplomas issued by two HEIs and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located
- **Certify the completion of one joint programme**

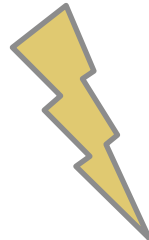
Multiple
Degree

- More than two national diplomas issued by more than two HEIs and recognised officially in the countries where the degree-awarding institutions are located
- **Certify the completion of one joint programme**

1b Double, joint, multiple degree – the Arqus situation

- **All three types are allowed by legislation and in practise at the institutions**
- Specific requirements may apply at some partners (i.e. U Graz: min. of 30 ECTS under jurisdiction of Graz to issue joint degree while other partners can co-sign a degree without having taught the student; U Vilnius: joint degree requires programme accreditation while double degree does not)
- there is a gap between pragmatic and strategic approach

double/multiple degree is perceived as easier to implement and manage; students value the „standard“ format because employers are familiar with it



joint degree tends to be encouraged as institutional and political mission

Why are you interested in Joint Programmes?

Please answer in one or two key words.

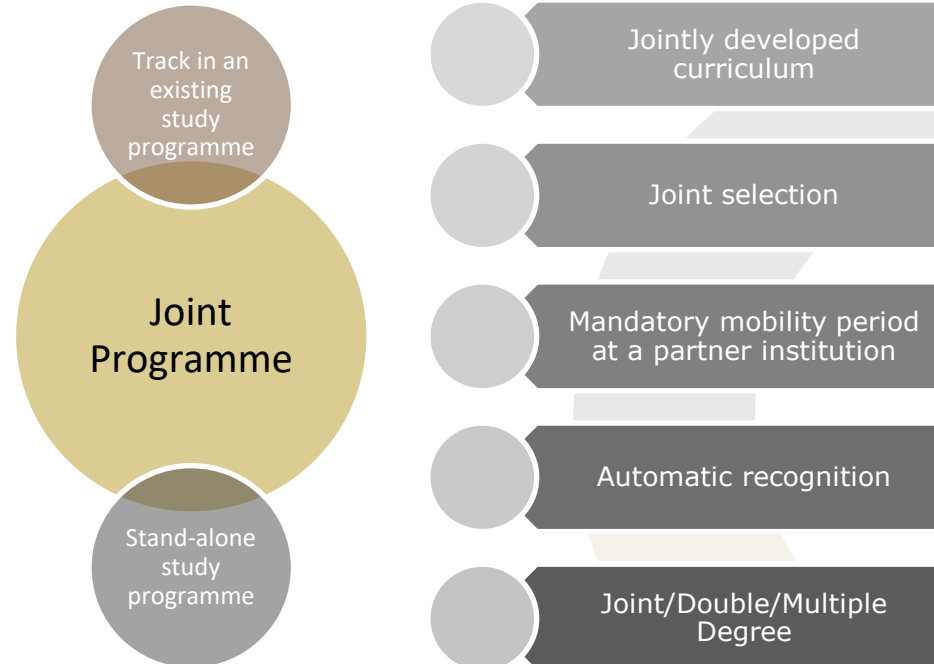
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2 Motivation

- Sharing your **uniqueness** to profit from **complementarity** and foster excellence
- Include specific contents your institution cannot offer – **enlarge capacities**
- Increase the overall **attractiveness** and **quality** of your educational offer
- Provide **intercultural** competences to students and **increase structured mobility** (students & staff) – Internationalisation at home/ international classroom
- Facilitate further **cooperation in research** via in-depth knowledge
- Gain international **visibility** and **reputation**
- Reinforce **international cooperation**
- Increase student **recruitment** from a specific area
- Support **employability** by an enriched curriculum and an international degree
- Gain **third-party funding access** (Erasmus Mundus, national programmes)

3 Key elements



3b Stand-alone programme or programme track – the Arqus situation

- Arqus partners offer both but vary in their reasoning/requirements
- Aspects to consider
 - stand-alone programmes are **more visible**, better PR opportunities
 - **admission requirements** are also more transparent for students
 - programme tracks **might** be easier in terms of **formal set-up and accreditation**

3c JP according to study cycles – the Arqus situation

- Arqus partners are quite active in JP, may have several Erasmus Mundus implemented
- Most joint programmes are offered on **master's level**, bachelor's level is underrepresented
- JP on **doctoral level are complex**, most partners work with cotutelle de these
- Get in touch with your **local contact** early on (contact list at the end of the presentation)

5 Identifying partners

- Take trusted partners with whom you have been collaborating in exchange or projects
- Beware of partner requests coming in just before major funding deadlines
- Use Arqus expertise and common grounds established since 2018
- Find further partners via these or through additional tools*

→ Take time to get to know them!

* <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search>



6 Guiding questions for the discussion

Which questions do you have now, after this presentation?

Impulses

- Have any of the presented slides caused confusion or concern? Why?
- Which challenges concerning Joint Programmes have you encountered so far?
- What do you know about the regulations on JP in your institution?
- Do you know whom to approach if you want to set up a JP?
- Which programme type seems to be more relevant for your/ your University case (double/ multiple/ joint programme) and why?
- How to deal with JP at doctoral programme level?

Your local contacts for Joint Programmes

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