

Student exchange projects and international cooperation on student mobility

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The International Programme Office for Education and Training

- Swedish government agency under the ministry of Education and Research
- Mission: to support international cooperation within the area of education.
- Target groups: preschool, school, upper secondary school, higher education and vocational training
- Funders: the European Commission, the Nordic Council of Ministers, the Swedish International Development Agency (Sida) and the Swedish government
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Erasmus

- is the EU's largest programme for higher education and part of the Life Long Learning Programme (LLP).
- The programme facilitates work experience and exchanges for both students and teachers in Europe, as well as support for cooperation between Higher Education Institutions.

Erasmus student mobility

- Studies and placement periods for 3-12 months
- Students from EU countries, EFTA (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway), Candidate countries (Turkey, Croatia, FYROM)
- No restrictions because of nationality – anyone enrolled in regular courses in institutions of higher education in a participating country can apply

Total number of incoming third country students to Sweden within Erasmus 2010/2011: 197



Erasmus Mundus

- is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education
- The main aim is to enhance the quality of European higher education and promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries.
- Consists of
 - Action 1 (joint programmes)
 - Action 2 (partnership projects)
 - Action 3 (attractiveness projects)

Erasmus Mundus student mobility

- **Action 1:**

- Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses (EMMC)
- Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJD)

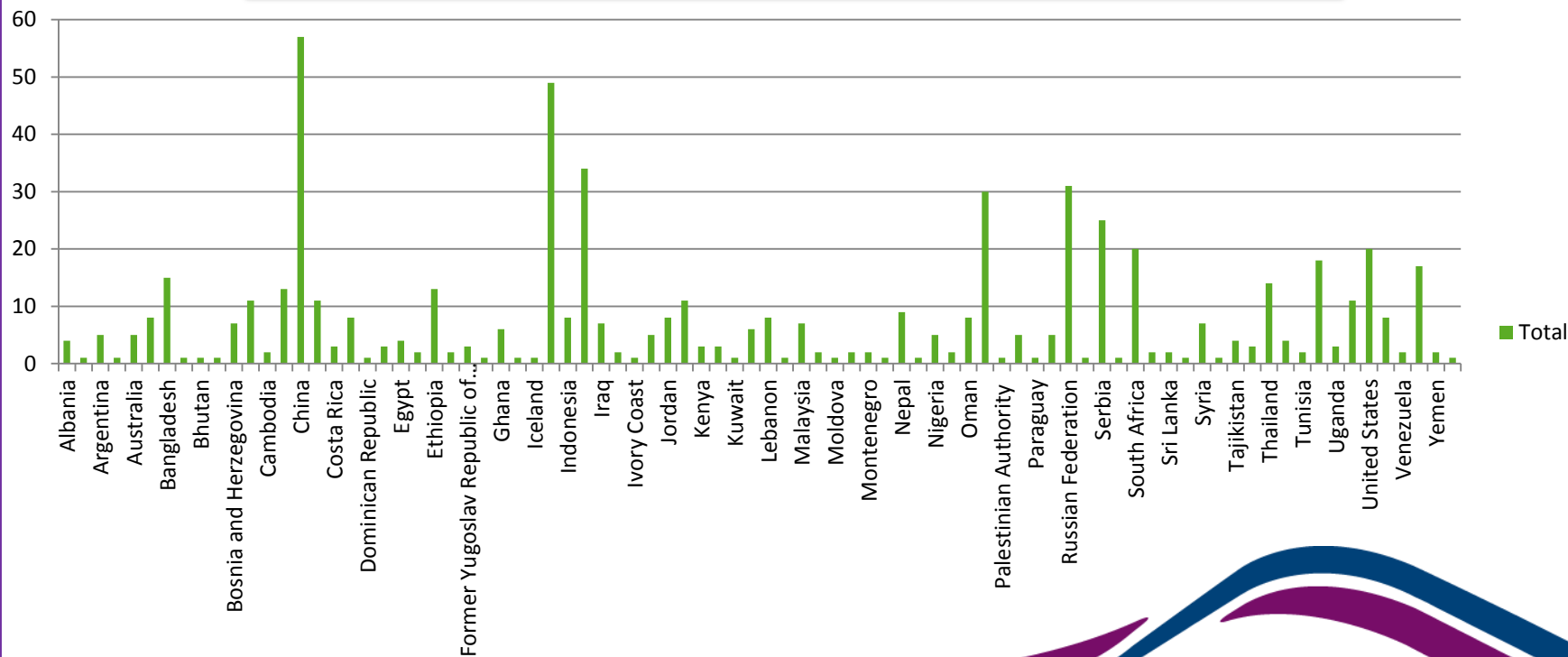
For students and doctoral candidates from all over the world

- **Action 2:**

- Students (undergraduates to post-docs) and staff (administrative and academic).
- Scholarships for students and academics to study/research/teach in one of the partner institutions

Erasmus Mundus

Incoming third country students to Sweden 2010-2011
Total : 620



IAESTE

- is an independent, non-profit and non-political student exchange organization providing students in technical degrees training abroad.
- IAESTE involves around 100 countries in all parts of the world.
- Since 1 April 2012, IAESTE is run by Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg

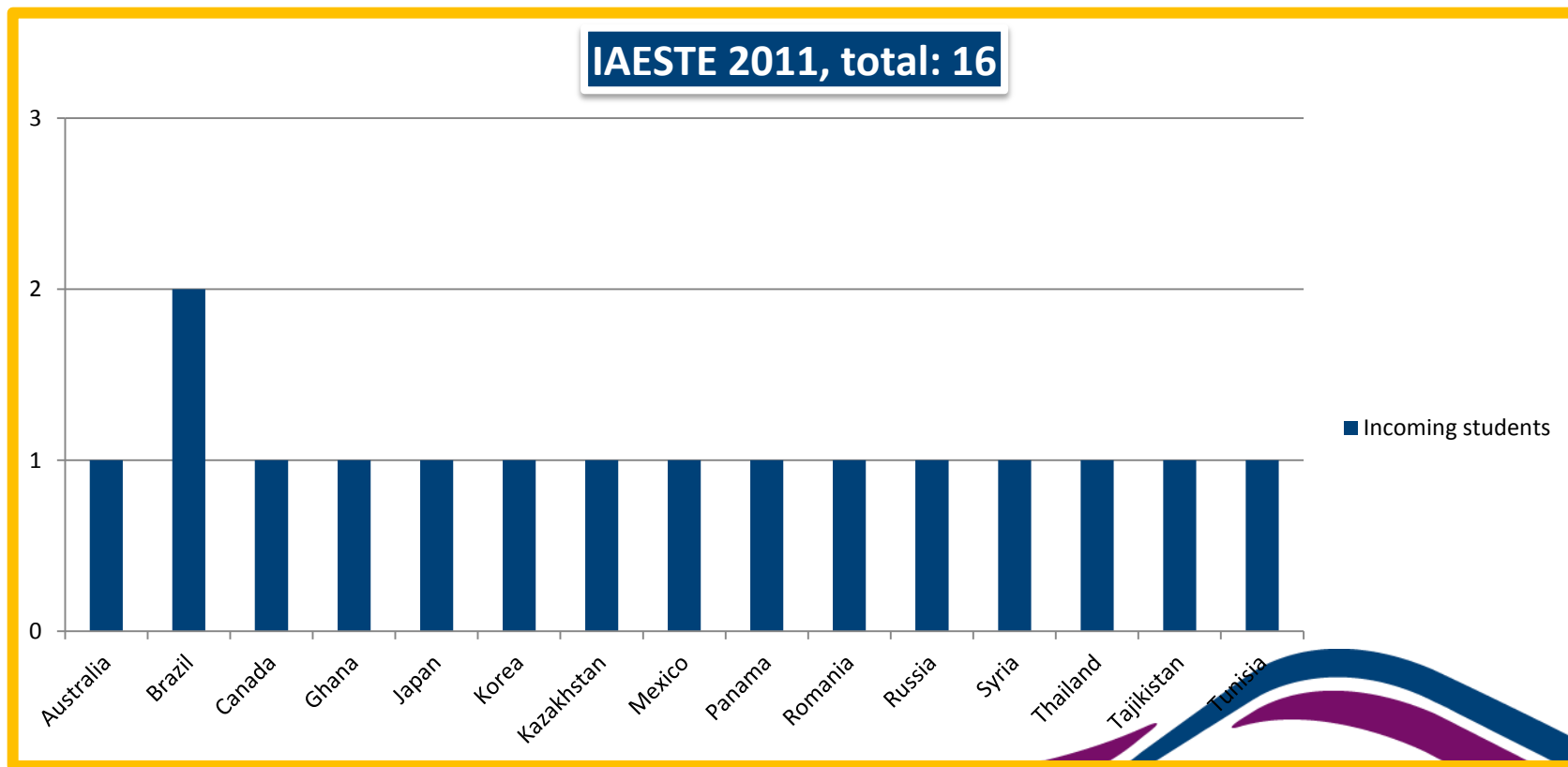
Problem examples

The requirement of biometric data created a lot of problems in 2011:

A student from Tunisia had to go to Kairo or Morocco to give the biometric data.

A student from Ghana had to go to Nigeria twice – first to leave the data and then again to pick up the card

IAESTE Incoming third country students to Sweden

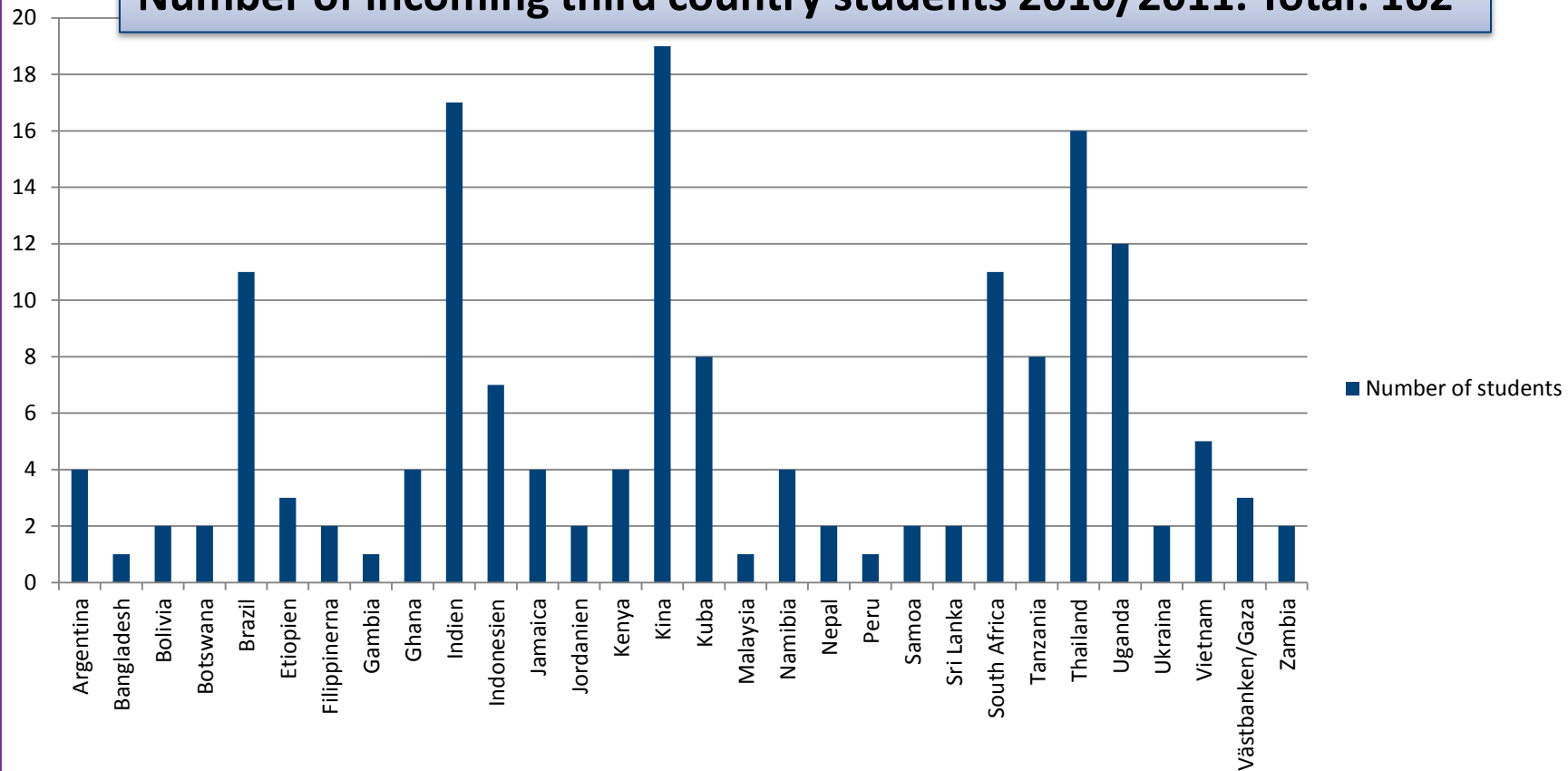


Linnaeus-Palme

- is an exchange programme for teachers and students at undergraduate and master's level in higher education.
- The programme aims at strengthening co-operation in the long-term between Universities in a developing country and in Sweden to their mutual benefit.
- Co-operation between University departments provides a fundamental basis for exchange.
- The respective co-operating departments determine the selection of students and subjects.
- The department of the Swedish institution is the applicant

Linnaeus-Palme

Number of incoming third country students 2010/2011. Total: 162



Athena

- Is a programme for Global Exchange within Vocational Education and Training
- Athena gives pupils, teachers, school management and other teaching staff within upper secondary vocational education and training the opportunity to exchanges with developing countries.

Problem example

- *Delayed trips due to long processing time for visas*
- *Some schools do not reapply due to these problems*

Incoming third country pupils and teachers within Athena 2010
Total pupils: 214. Total teachers: 58
Main countries: South Africa, Kenya and India



Atlas

- includes staff and pupils at preschools, compulsory schools and upper secondary schools.
- They can receive support to participate in international conferences or carry out a joint project with a school in any another country in the world.

Problem example

A Swedish school cooperating with Ethiopia:

It is very problematic with visas. Especially for young, non-married persons who have to show proof of assets such as bank statements, property rights, flight tickets, insurance etc.

Incoming third country pupils within Atlas partnership 2010. Total: 92
Main countries: Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania

Swedish Tuition fee Scholarship

- for students from countries outside Europe (EU/EEA and Switzerland)
- Was introduced for fall 2011 when Sweden introduced tuition fees for citizens from countries outside Europe (EU/EEA and Switzerland).
- Only eligible for students from countries outside Europe (EU/EEA and Switzerland) who cannot apply for the Swedish Institute Study Scholarship.
- Students who want to apply must contact his/her HEI for more information. It may differ between the universities.

Possible cooperation with Brazil

- Brazil wants to send 100 000 students to higher education institutions abroad
- Interest among Swedish HEIs to receive some of them
- No exempt from tuition fees
- Ongoing negotiations
- A Swedish national offer will be ready by 2 May
- Decision ready before the summer
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Thank you for your attention!

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