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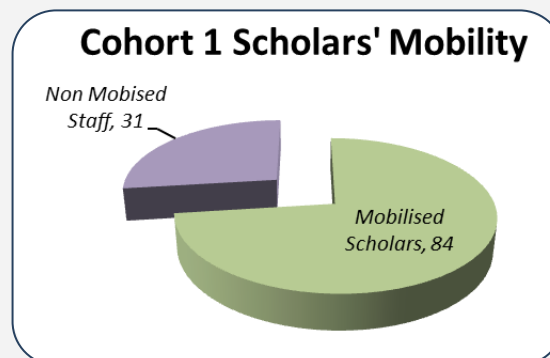
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Cohort 1 Scholars' Mobility

The implementation of the mobility flows since September 2013 has resulted in the mobilisation of scholars across all levels except some staff level. The remaining percentage will mobilise during the eligibility period of the project.



Visiting Scholars at their host universities

Several monitoring visits have been carried out by the coordinator to visit scholars at their host universities in order to ensure the scholars are benefiting from their mobilities and enjoying the EU-METALIC experience. The following visits have taken place to-date:

- Monitoring Visit to La Sapienza, January 2014
- Monitoring Visit to Ecole Centrale de Nantes, April 2014
- Monitoring Visit to Graz, June 2014.



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Scholar feedback

For many of the scholarships awarded under the first cohort, all of those on undergraduate, masters and doctorate programmes have been monitored as part of the evaluation and quality assurance activities and to get feedback from them on their progress and on how they find their mobility period. We received interesting feedback on how the scholars benefited from the scholarship and enjoyed it as well.

Take a look at some of the feedback...

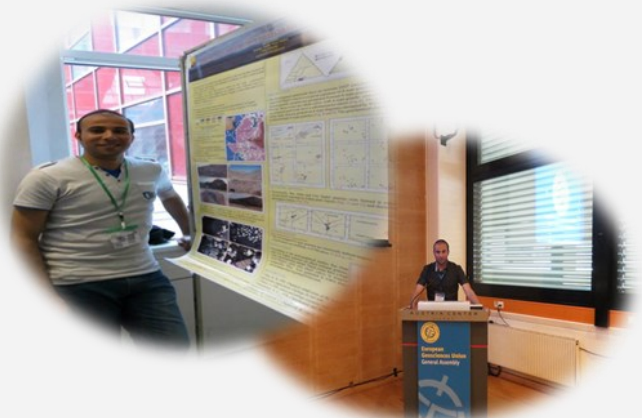
Pleased with the academic programme because of the practical activities that support the theory studied. I am also enjoying getting to know people from different backgrounds

I have enjoyed being introduced to the Italian Culture. I was introduced to people from different nationalities. My Italian language has improved, I am able to make a whole presentation in Italian language.

I attended Goethe Institute's annual conference; I met with intellectuals from the whole world and had interesting conversations with them

Success stories so far...

One of the success stories that we have in the project is of Tharwat Hassan, a master level scholar at University of Graz. Tharwat participated in the 5th international geological conference of students in Budapest from April 24th to April 26th with a poster. He also participated in EGU conference in Vienna from 27th April to 2nd May 2014 with two posters.



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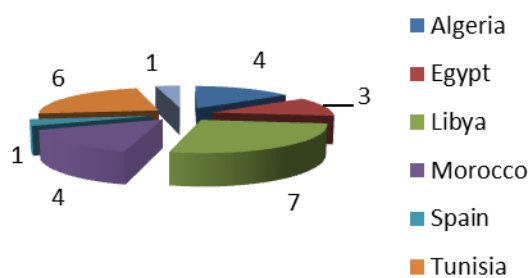
Cohort 2 Selection Committee Meeting

The Call for Application was originally from 9th September 2013 to 8th November 2013. Home universities checked the eligibility of Proposals from 11th till 18th November 2013. Host universities evaluated eligible applications from 19th November to 16th December 2013.

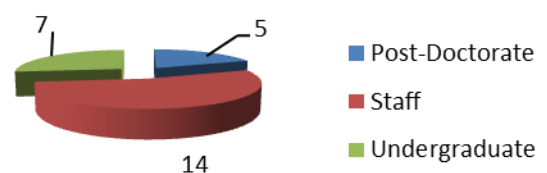
The Selection Meeting took place December 18th 2013 to finalise selection lists (selected, reserve, rejected). The outcome of which are presented below:

26 scholars were privileged by being granted the opportunity to mobilise between universities in North Africa and universities in Europe and vice versa.

Number of Scholarships Granted by Country



Number of Scholarships Granted by Mobility Level



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Cohort 2 Selection Committee Meeting continued...

After the Cohort 2 scholarship nominations and subsequent drop-outs we have not been able to achieve the mobility target for all levels. Consequently, a Third Call for Applications (Cohort 3), is planned for 15/09/2014 – 03/11/2014. This Call will be restricted in Level to Undergraduate, Master, Post-Doctorate, and Staff level and in nationality. The scholarships available under the forthcoming Cohort 3 are as follows:

| Mobility Level | Proposal | Nominated | Minimum Target Figures for Cohort 3 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Undergraduate | 61 | 44 | 17 |
| Master | 46 | 35 | 11 |
| Doctorate | 27 | 26 | 0 |
| Post-Doctorate | 10 | 9 | 2 |
| Staff | 45 | 33 | 12 |
| Grand Total | 189 | 147 | 42 |

| Nationality | Proposed | Nominated | Minimum Target Figures for Cohort 3 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Algeria | 30 | 16 | 14 |
| Egypt | 41 | 65 | 0 |
| Libya | 13 | 12 | 1 |
| Morocco | 27 | 21 | 6 |
| Tunisia | 24 | 17 | 7 |
| European | 54 | 16 | 14 |
| Grand Total | 189 | 147 | 42 |

The promotion of the opportunities under Cohort 3 will be supported by Road shows in the third countries (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia). Details of which will be placed on the project website www.eumetalic.eu in due course.



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Future events

Cohort 2 Start of mobility for undergraduate scholars in September 2014 and welcome events by Host Universities .



Scholar Testimonial: Rowan El Hossary

“Since the moment I got my acceptance for the EU-METALIC Scholarship, I am over the moon. I have always wanted to study abroad and I was given a chance to spend 10 months of my undergraduate studies studying accounting and Finance at Cardiff Metropolitan University. Coming here was very exciting to me, but I never expected the experience to be that good. To begin with, EU-METALIC coordinators were there from day one to assist me with any queries or problems I had. With their help, I literally had no problem adjusting to the new system and the new culture. Secondly, I have benefited and enjoyed my studies to the most and achieved very pleasing results. I am sure that the quality of education I received at Cardiff Met will be very useful for me when I graduate. My overall experience was not just good academic wise, but was also great on the social/cultural aspect as well as I got introduced to new people, new culture and new ideas. This has contributed significantly to my personality development and increased my self-confidence. To sum it up, I would definitely encourage my colleagues to go through the same experience as it has been the best of my life.”



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