

# VOICES





# **FOREWORD**

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

International student mobility is at the heart of the development of European education policies. Creating an integrated European higher education system implies harmonizing the training courses of the different countries in order to encourage student mobility, develop scientific exchanges and facilitate the mutual recognition of diplomas. This is a challenge because the European higher education system is, for historical reasons, very fragmented. For example, there are more than 1000 different titles for researchers in Europe, while there are less than 10 in North America.

As part of this European harmonization, France has adopted the LMD (Licence-Master-Doctorat) reform and the introduction of the ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) for the transfer and accumulation of international training credits. Moreover, it encourages its higher education institutions to develop international partnerships (degrees in international partnership, exchanges of professors, etc). UTI is fully involved in this approach of opening, compatibility and international development. It aims at multiplying the opportunities for the students to do a part of their studies abroad because it is a real gas pedal for their future career and their professional insertion.

UTI has thus obtained the label "Welcome to France", which indicates the quality of the university services of reception and integration of foreign students. It also strives every year to send UTI students on mobility. After a low period due to the pandemic, the mobility of UTI students has rebounded to reach this year the 500 mark. SCREI is proud to accompany these UTI students who are ambitious and dynamic enough to take up the challenge of mobility. It will change their lives for the better as the testimonies in this issue of International Voices show.

# **OUR "INTERNATIONAL BREAK"**

INCOMING AND OUTGOING STUDENTS COMING TOGETHER ON OCTOBER 22 nd, 2021.



The event was an opportunity for incoming and outgoing students to meet each other.

International students shared a joyful moment with French students and staff, by sharing their international experience, introducing their culture, practicing languages, and meeting local students. The future outgoing students were able to experience their first intercultural contacts and prepare their mobility by chatting with native speakers.

## **MOBILITY'S BACK!**

ALMOST A THOUSAND EXCHANGE STUDENTS INVOLVED

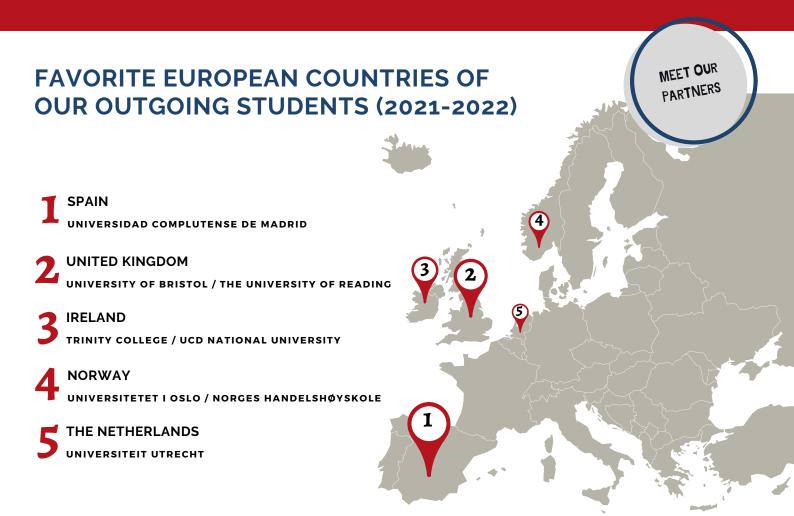
incoming students enrolled in an international exchange programme (double degrees included) at UT1

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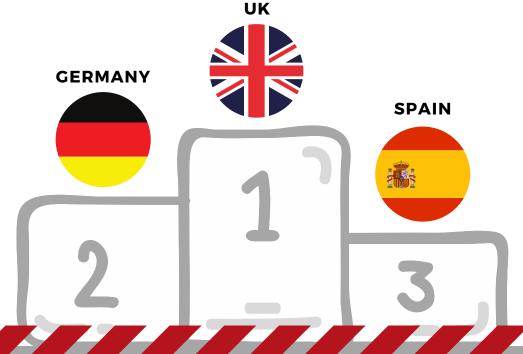
**outgoing** UTI students enrolled in an international exchange programme (double degrees included)

outgoing international interns in 2020-2021 (including 17 overseas)



# **TOP 3:** HOME COUNTRIES OF OUR INCOMING STUDENTS (2021-2022)





### **INTERVIEWS**

#### LET'S TALK WITH FOUR EXCHANGE MOVERS





**Constance SOURBES** outgoing student

#### Why did you want to do an international mobility?

My goal during this mobility was to find my path for next year, and this exchange abroad helped me a lot to discover my personal and professional interests.

#### How did you find Københavns Universitet?

The Danish education system is very stimulating, and of high quality. The teachers are demanding but very supportive. The University of Copenhagen has done everything possible to help us adapt to our new environment. Life on campus is very pleasant, the university is beautiful and well laid out.

#### What about your host country?

Copenhagen is very beautiful and very green. It is a city as safe as dynamic, impossible to get bored! The cultural life is very rich and I loved to discover the Scandinavian culture.

THANKS TO THIS MOBILITY, I HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET NEW PEOPLE EVERY DAY AND TO IMPROVE MY ENGLISH!

#### Why did you choose to study at Capitole University?

I chose Toulouse first and foremost for its university: as a law student, studying at Capitole University, one of the oldest law schools, is an incredible opportunity. I found the French teaching more methodical and schematic, which allowed me to be more precise in my work.

#### Did you enjoy Toulouse?

Toulouse is a city with a very rich history as great Roman battles were fought here. The proximity to the Pyrenees was amazing: I took part in many hikes offered by the sports department of Capitole University. This gave me the chance to admire the splendour of the mountains!

#### What did this mobility bring you?

I am now more autonomous and organised. I came back with unforgettable memories and encounters that I will remember all my life.



Alessio DE STASIO incoming student



Aurore GAILLET outgoing teacher

#### Could you please introduce yourself?

I am a Public Law Professor in Toulouse Capitole University, at the Centre of Comparative Law, Research Institute of European, International and Comparative Law (IRDEIC), and I taught abroad.

#### What do you think about the Eurasmus+ program?

The Erasmus+ programme is a great opportunity to deepen our exchanges between teachers from partner universities in Europe. I benefited from it as a teacher in Poland and Germany.

#### What did you learn from this mobility?

Teaching students, getting to know other university landscapes in depth and meeting colleagues in their own systems: the experiences are extremely enriching. I add the chance of reciprocity: receiving my partners in Toulouse allows us to extend these exchanges and to give our students the benefit of quality teaching in the partner's language.

#### Could you please introduce yourself?

I am the Administrative Officer for the TSM Doctoral Programme. I register new students, reenroll continuing students and liaise with professors and administrators to schedule all programme courses.

#### Why did you apply for a mobility exchange?

I applied for this mobility exchange because I wanted to know more about our partner WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management in Germany. This opportunity allowed me to explore and network with my peers, the WHU Doctoral Programme Coordinator and staff, and deepen our partnership.

#### What did you learn from this mobility?

My expectations not only professionally but also personally were greatly exceeded through this exchange. This experience permitted me to learn more about my role and the methods at WHU Otto Beisheim School of Management. Thank you for this opportunity!





Sarah CASTILLO outgoing administrator



66 DOING THIS OUTBOUND EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS A THRILLING EXPERIENCE!