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Irish Universities Inclusive Mobility Workshops Report Overview

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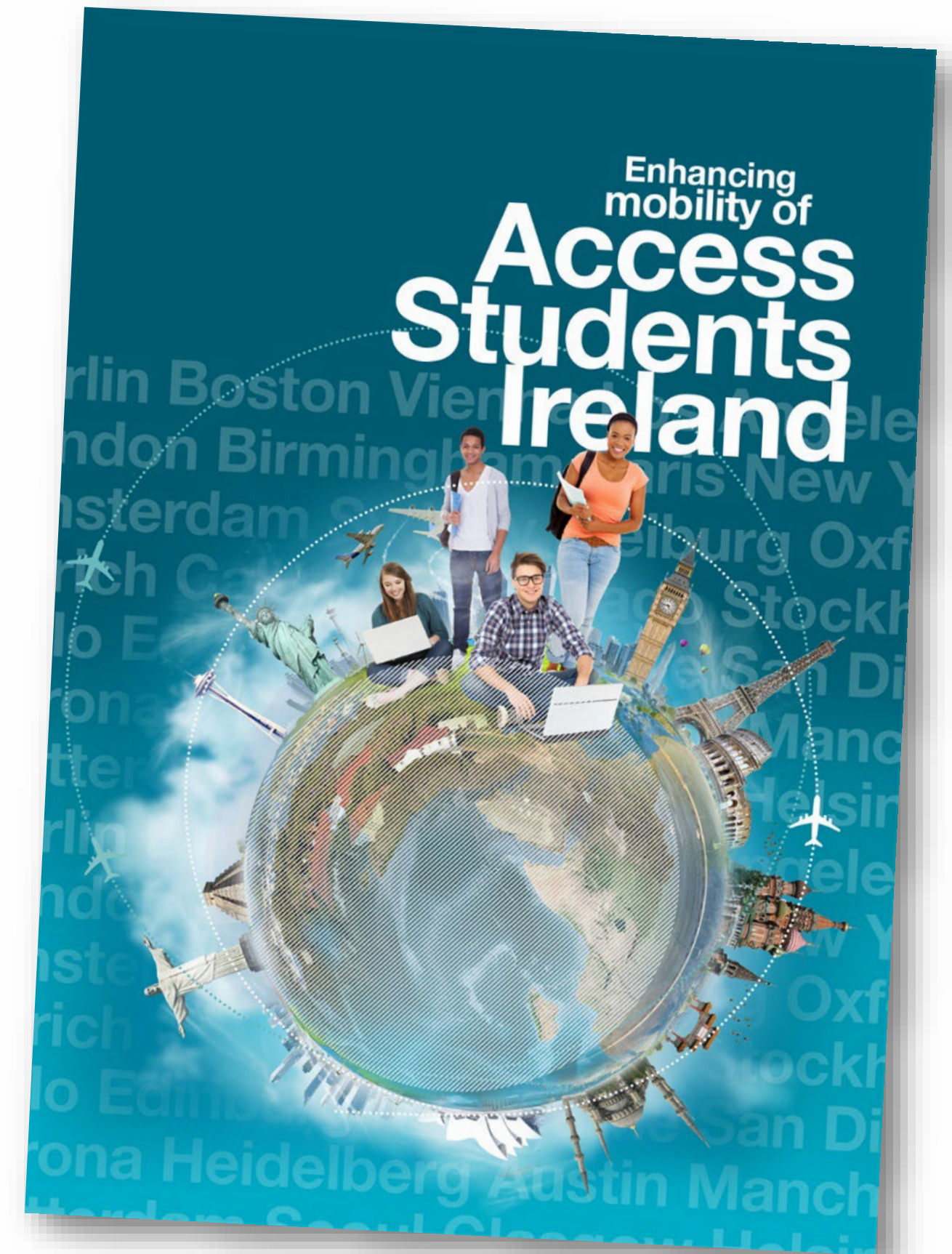
IUA projects – boosting participation

e.g. EMASI 2018/19

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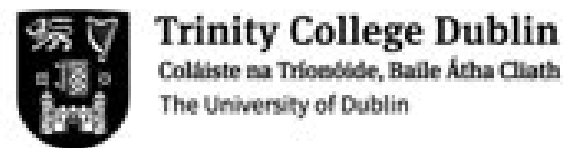
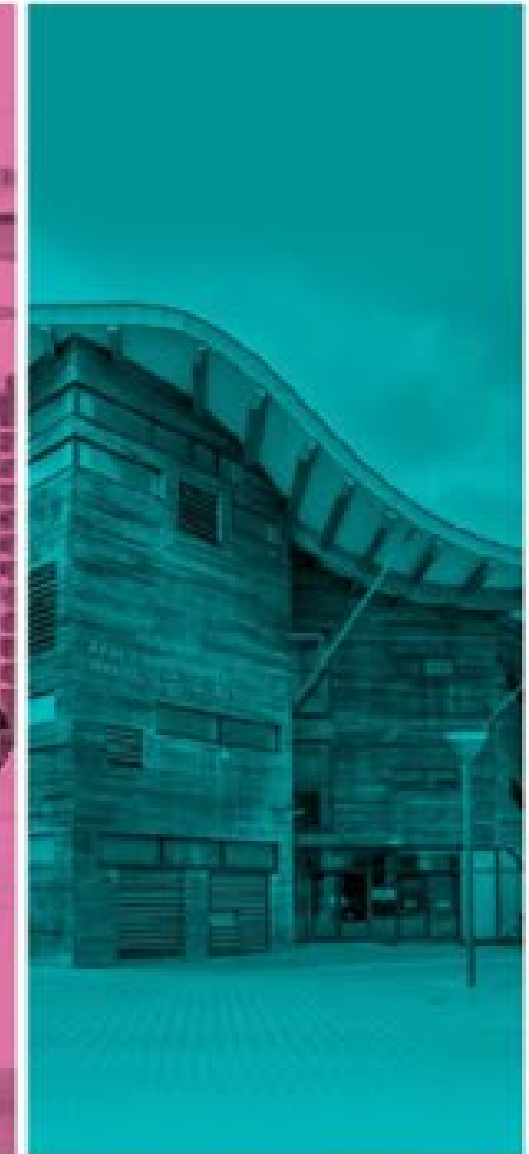
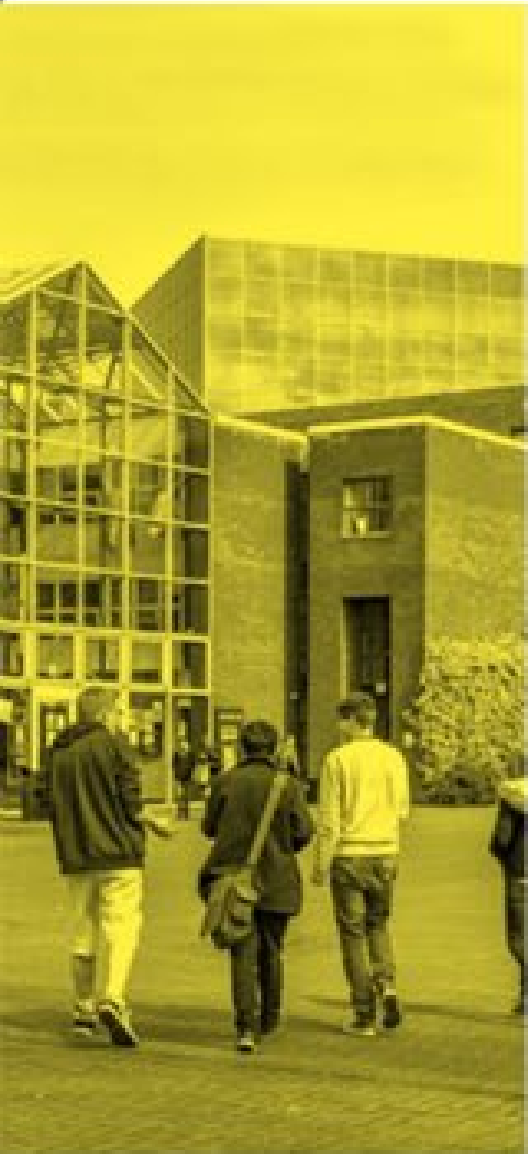
creating inclusive environments in education
and employment for people with disabilities



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Workshops in 6 of the 8 universities November 2022 to March 2023



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Agencies, Instruments, Abbreviations



Routes

- SUSI Student Universal Support Ireland
- SISSI Student Inclusion Supplementary Support Initiative (Erasmus top up award)
- FSD Fund for Students with Disabilities (FSD) on Erasmus

Funding



Previous Data: assumptions arising

Data drawn mainly from Erasmus+ & HEA supports available

SwD

- Assumed to be massively underrepresented in mobility (AHEAD estimated in 20/21 that 0.17%-2.8% of students on Erasmus had a registered disability)
- Gap between participation rate of general student population and SwD was widening

Socio-economic

- Disadvantaged were similarly assumed to be significantly underrepresented (nowhere near as much as students with disabilities)
- Gap in the participation rate between the general student population and SUSI students seemed to have been narrowing but this positive trend seemed to have stagnated somewhat



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Previous Data: limits

- Data limited to EU
- Non-EU destinations: 18%+ outbound
- Support structures often better aligned in US, UK, Canada, Australia
- Also, not every SUSI student of SwD is eligible for (or applies for) supplementary supports and so are not captured



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New Information for the IUA Project

Other data sources sought

- Entry Route data
 - Using HEAR and DARE participation
- SUSI funding data
 - accurate overview of the percentage of SUSI students engaging in mobility activities than previously possible via Erasmus+ data
- Interesting results...



New perspectives

Socio-Economic

- % participation of HEAR and SUSI students participation broadly matches (or nears) the % of these students in the general population. **Consequently, students from socio-economic disadvantaged are as likely as the general population to engage in mobility.**

SwD

- Working off the participation rate of DARE students, SwD are far better represented than previously assumed. **This participation rate of DARE students rises close to the general student population.**

General Student Population by Entry Route

	HEAR	DARE
18/19	NA	NA
19/20	5.40%	5.30%
20/21	4.70%	4.80%
21/22	5.30%	6.40%

Mobility Students by Entry Route

	HEAR	DARE
18/19	5.91%	4.00%
19/20	5.18%	4.73%
20/21	4.40%	3.92%
21/22	4.66%	5.19%





Other insights

SwD

- The difference revealed when stepping outside of Erasmus data indicates the importance of non-Erasmus+ destinations.

Socio-Economic

- Indicators that SUSI students who are ineligible for further Erasmus+ supplementary support are less likely to go on mobility than those who are eligible. Therefore, despite the assumption that they are deemed, on a scale of things, in a better financial position they end up not in a position to pursue mobility.



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Challenges and Solutions

1. Problems with overseas partners
2. Gaps and antagonisms in national funding
3. Institutional Roadblocks

Problems with Overseas Partner Institutions

Challenges

Suggested Solutions

Lack of Information about the support services available at partner universities

Mobility teams to investigate developing enhanced twinning activities to increase the avenues for students to engage with partners.

Mobility teams to engage Erasmus Student Network sections to facilitate peer-to-peer meetings at the application and planning stages.

IUA to examine the possibility of a shared partner spreadsheet, to focus specifically on how suitable institutions are for students with disabilities.

IUA to engage national European Universities Alliances forum on what has been done about this in the EUI space.

Lack of Coordination around incoming students with additional needs

Mobility Teams to re-engage partners on the importance of engaging early with the Access/Disability Office.

IUA to ask HEA to engage European Commission regarding what is being done to address this.



Gaps in National and European Funding

Challenges

Suggested Solutions

Problems with the Fund for Student with Disabilities

IUA to ask lobby HEA regarding the need for better established funding structures for mobility students

Aptness of Erasmus+ supports for inclusive mobility

IUA to engage HEA regarding restructuring SISSI and the supplementary support fund for students with disabilities

Challenges with Grant Portability

IUA to engage Dept of Social Protection regarding the habitual residence requirement and the back to education allowance.

Mismatch of available funding versus appropriate learner environments

Examine the possibility of reserving funding and spots at certain partners for inclusive mobility cohorts.

IUA to flag the importance of the new non-EU funding to inclusive mobility as part of the funding document to go to HEA.



Institutional Roadblocks

Challenges

Suggested Solutions

Lack of a joint-up institutional approach

Mobility and Access Teams to enhance bilateral collaboration and meetings.

Institutions to clarify who has ownership of which parts of the inclusive mobility agenda.

Difficulty in accessing data on inclusive mobility cohorts

IUA to circulate results of outward mobility data project.

Mobility and Access Teams to investigate enhancing data sharing procedures.

Members to investigate developing qualitative surveys around push/pull factors for both mobility students and non-mobility students.

Difficulty of in working around application deadlines

International and Access offices to examine the possibility of hosting promotional sessions earlier for certain cohorts, to allow them more time to consider and apply.





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Existing Intra-University Cooperation

Some...

Case related liaison with mobility office and access/disability office

TCD incl mobility policy with intl strat

Promotional campaign on occasion

Data cooperation for reports

Bespoke short term mobilities arising from bespoke project.

