

The Evolution of BIP: Opportunities and the Potential of Short-Term Mobility – an Organisational, Lifelong Learning, and Internationalisation Perspective.

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What is a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)?



joint programme of higher education institutions (HEIs) in at least three Erasmus+ programme countries, where learners come together

learners can be either students or staff who go abroad on a training activity

BIP includes both a physical activity and a compulsory online component



A BIP should foster:

- development of transdisciplinary curricula
- innovative ways of learning and teaching
- online collaboration
- research-based learning
- challenge-based approaches that tackle societal challenges



New groups of students

BIPs provide an opportunity to reach out to new groups of students:

those in study fields where mobility opportunities have been limited

those who lack confidence to go abroad alone.



E+ Blended Intensive Programmes – Why?

- option for contributing to the internationalization of curricula and innovation in teaching and learning
- an opportunity for cooperation in higher education within Erasmus+
- a chance for teaching staff to develop joint courses with international partners
- an opportunity for students to pursue short-term physical and virtual mobility and experience Erasmus life



How does it work?

A BIP must include at least 3 universities from 3 Erasmus+ programme countries:

1 coordinating/receiving HEI + at least 2 sending HEIs.

Minimum number of participants: 15 (from 2024: 10), excluding teaching/training staff

Participants can be students or staff on training mobility



How does it work?

physical mobility: 5-30 days

virtual component: no set minimum or maximum

combined mobility should award at least 3 ECTS (for students)

physical activities may take place at the host HEI or another venue in the same country



Our case - Wszechnica Polska University: BIPs implemented

Al Tools for Professional Growth: Enhancing Career Competencies with Al Technology

Learning Organization for Future Development

Learning Opportunities to Become Global Professionals



How to organize a BIP (step-by-step scenario)

Identify the BIP topic, partners (min. 2 from different countries), timeframe, and draft programme

Coordinate internally within the host university (Erasmus+ Office, relevant units)

Finalize the programme with partners and launch the call for participants



https://erasmusbip.org/





How to set up a BIP

Promote the BIP in your network (min. 15 participants; 10 from 2024). Erasmus+ offices can support

Run and enjoy both components — BIPs can be repeated or hosted in different locations





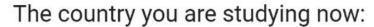
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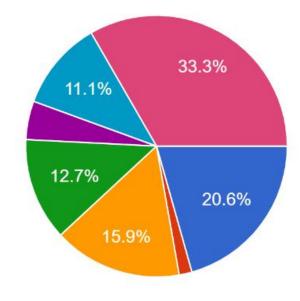
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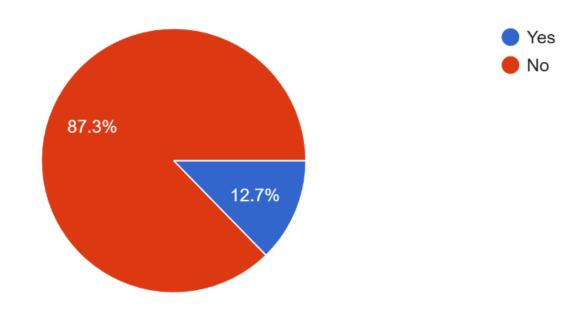
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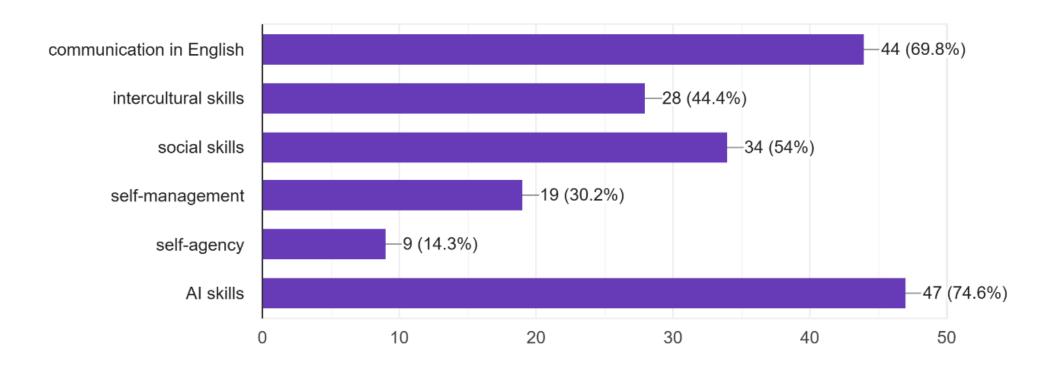
Have you attended the Blended Intensive Program before? 63 responses



Before BIP



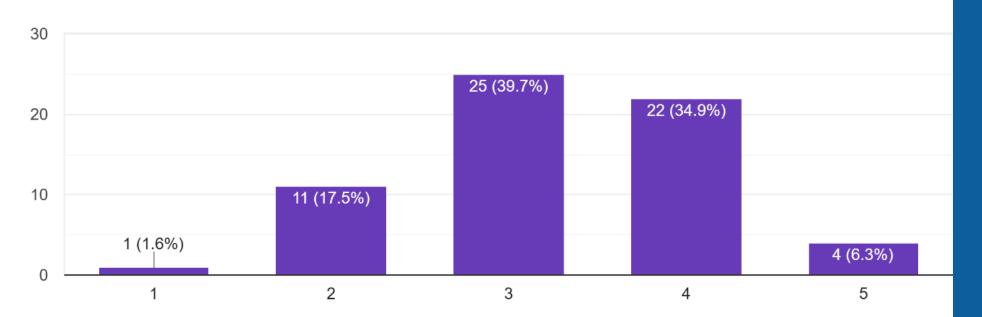
Which skills do you hope to improve, by coming to this program? (you can select more than one) 63 responses





Before BIP

I feel confident using AI tools in academic work 63 responses





After BIP

The most valuable part of the Erasmus programme in Poland for me was the opportunity to immerse myself in a vibrant international community and experience a rich cultural exchange with a focus on IT and AI education, was the hands-on experience with cutting-edge artificial intelligence tools and the opportunity to collaborate with an international community of learners and educators.



After BIP

Certain topics were mentioned that are usually overlooked but equally important. For example I as a student and in my career rarely think about AI regulations and this was beautifully discussed as well.



After BIP

For me, the most valuable thing was the communication with different students from different countries, different tips for using AI and working together

Meeting new people, discovering new places and learning about modern topics

The way of teaching was different then in my own country and that was really interesting



Shift toward practice-oriented learning

Greater focus on hands-on activities

Increased group work

High levels of student interaction



Broader focus beyond academic content

Emphasis on language development

Encouraging acquisition of new vocabulary and key terminology

Supporting communication across diverse linguistic backgrounds



Growing importance of the online component

Pre-arrival online lectures and thematic introductions

Assigned readings that build foundational knowledge

Students arrive better prepared and more confident



Enhanced collaboration across institutions

More coordinated planning between international partners Improved alignment of expectations and course outcomes Greater exchange of teaching methods and materials



Continuous refinement of organisational processes

More efficient communication and scheduling

Better logistical planning for on-site activities

Integration of feedback to improve each subsequent edition







Why a BIP about Janusz Korczak?

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- children's rights as a timely response to current social challenges
- •Korczak as a unifying figure for researchers and practitioners, supporting interdisciplinary work
- •timeless legacy with ideas relevant to both children and adults
- Warsaw's history and Korczak's traces providing essential context



"After your BIP, none of us can offer more — you have Korczak, his places, history, legacy, and practice"





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Students



Field activities











BIP in numbers

4 organisers, 6 partner institutions 8 academic teachers 10 students from the University of Warsaw 26 students from 3 European universities (5 Romania, 14 Spain, 7 Germany) 4 administrative staff involved in organisation 7 lectures, 3 seminars, 2 workshops, 1 panel 2 educational walks, 2 cultural activities





Cultural activities







Organisational Challenges

- Large group
- Communication differences and diverse needs
- Including a practical component (school visits)
- Creating an effective organisational team
- Uncertainties regarding Erasmus documentation required by partners
- Last week of September: closing of the academic year



What About the Future?

- More time for breaks and logistical activities
- Clear communication of the offered programme
- More opportunities to organise and participate in BIP as partners
- Bigger budget / more support for students
- · One more day would be useful...
- Care for quick and clear email correspondence



Thank You!









