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# Virtual Mobility Webinar for Universities and European University Alliances

## Online seminar

### 18-19 June 2020

## EADTU & Open Virtual Mobility E+ project

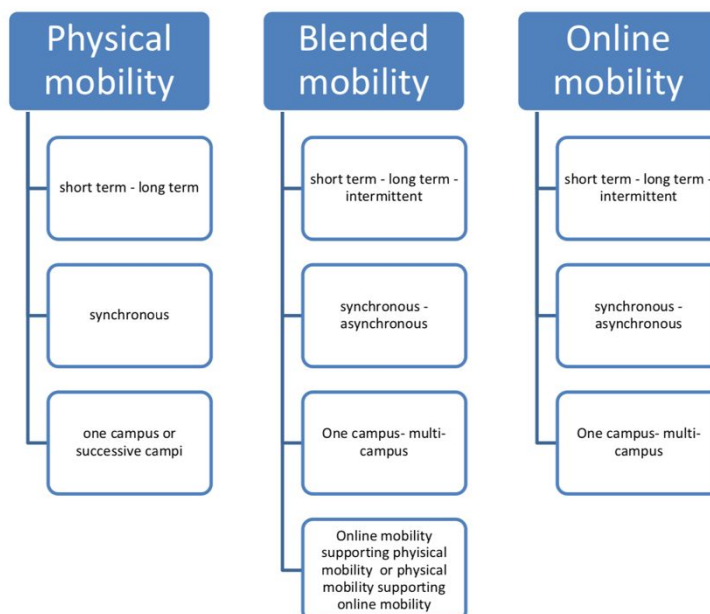
In the new Erasmus+ programme, the European Commission is promoting virtual mobility, e.g. by the creation of a portal for online curriculum collaboration and virtual mobility and by “European universities” (European Summit 14/12/2017; first call in autumn). In this vision, mobility should be embedded at all levels as a standard feature, including the bachelor, master and doctoral levels. At least 50% of the students should benefit from such a mobility, be it physical, virtual or blended. New flexible and joint curricula should be delivered.

Since more than ten years, EADTU and other organisations have organized projects on these issues. Recently, EADTU has developed an international collaboration and mobility matrix, defining different types of collaboration and physical, blended and online mobility in a perspective of innovation.

Point of departure is that all universities can organise education and mobility face to face, blended or online, depending on teaching and learning models and educational contexts. Taking into account new developments in European universities, a new and simple definition of mobility is proposed. From a university’s perspective, mobility takes place when two or more universities organise and recognise study periods followed by their students in an exchange program or in a networked/joint program.

This online seminar is held along with OpenVM Erasmus+ project ([www.openvirtualmobility.eu](http://www.openvirtualmobility.eu)) as its final Multiplier Event. OpenVM has been focused on the development of a Learning Hub to promote and boost (Open) VM across HE in Europe; and a set of MOOCs about the skills involved in the context of Virtual Mobility. For the development of the MOOC, the work has been organized into diverse outputs that join together into the MOOC as the group formation tool, the open credentials, the assessment design and OER elements. In this dedicated webinar on VM we bring together the stakeholders in international education to reflect on the opportunities offered by virtual mobility by the 4 identified categories of virtual mobility and adding OpenVM as a new design to be explored in further research. See our brochure for a general overview: [https://www.openvirtualmobility.eu/es\\_ES/learning-hub/4097-openvm-brochure/](https://www.openvirtualmobility.eu/es_ES/learning-hub/4097-openvm-brochure/)

Mobilities can have different characteristics: long, short term or intermittent; they can be designed based on synchronous and asynchronous activities; and, involve two campuses or more. There exist many different formats and designs, as can be observed in the following figure, which include physical, online and blended mobility (EADTU, 2019, 15):



## Categories of virtual mobility

All mobilities are curriculum focused, and there exist four ways to embed VM:

**Embedded mobility within a course.** Mobility can be embedded within a course through collaborative learning activities that are jointly designed by the partnership.

**Exchange curricula and exchange mobility.** Individual students choose an study abroad at a host university, according to an individual mobility arrangement for courses on which the host and home university agree.

**Networked curricula and mobility windows.** Partners in a network of programmes in a certain study domain organize each a “mobility window” which can be followed by students of all partners in the network.

**Joint curricula and integrated mobility.** One single, common program owned by a consortium of universities. Mobility flows for all students are integrated in the design of the curriculum.

## References

EADTU (2019). Innovative Models for Collaboration and Student Mobility in Europe. (EADTU [publication](#))

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# PROGRAMME

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### 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

10.15 **Welcome address** *By TF-VM coordinator; EADTU Managing director George Ubachs*

10.20 **Session 1. Educational framework virtual mobility**

- Educational framework for Virtual Mobility, George Ubachs (EADTU)

10.40 **Examples of good practices and innovative pedagogies of international collaboration and virtual mobility formats**

#### 1. Embedded mobility within a course

- **VM course Instructional Design - Creating an educational media product**  
P. Forsman (JYU), C.M. Stracke (OUNL), S. Juutinen and C. Vogel (FernUni Hagen)

#### 2. Exchange curricula and exchange mobility

- **Virtual Mobility - opportunity for an inclusive and sustainable internationalisation**  
Nadja Gmelch, Director Open Knowledge Projects, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (UOC)

#### 3. Networked curricula and mobility windows

- **['Immersive Telepresence in Theatre'](#)**  
Tom Gorman, academic and theatre director Coventry University

#### 4. Joint curricula and integrated mobility

- **The Joint Master's Programme in Comparative Social Policy and Welfare;**  
Eveliina Permi, Tampere University (tbc)

12.00 **Discussion**

12.20 – 12.30 **Closing**

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# EADTU & OpenVM Webinar

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

10.15 Opening webinar room

10.15 **Welcome address**

Coordinator OpenVM project, Ilona Buchem, Beuth University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

10.20 **Session 2. OpenVM**

- OpenVM E+ project presentation and quality introduction, Ilona Buchem, Beuth University of Applied Sciences (Germany)

**OpenVM framework of skills (10:30)**

- Output 1. Kamakshi Rajagopal (KU Leuven, Belgium) and Olga Firssova (Open University, Netherlands)

**OpenVM Learning Hub (10:45)**

- Output 2 Diana Andone, Timisoara University (Rumania)

**OpenVM Competency Directory (11:00)**

- Output 3 Johannes Konnert, University of Applied Sciences Fulda (Germany)

**OpenVM Self Assessment Tool (11:15)**

- Output 4 Gerard Casanova and Deborah Arnold, AUNEGe (France)

**OpenVM Digital Credentials (11:30)**

- Output 5 Ilona Buchem, Beuth University of Applied Sciences (Germany) and Chiara Carlino, CINECA (Italy)

**OpenVM MOOC & Pilot (11:45)**

- Output 6 Antonella Poce and Francesca Amenduni, University of RomaTre (Italy)

**OpenVM Sustainability workshop (12:00)**

- Output 7. Gemma Tur, University of the Balearic Islands (Spain)

**12.15- 12.30 Presentation of Special Issue on (Open) Virtual Mobility in EDUTECH journal**

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