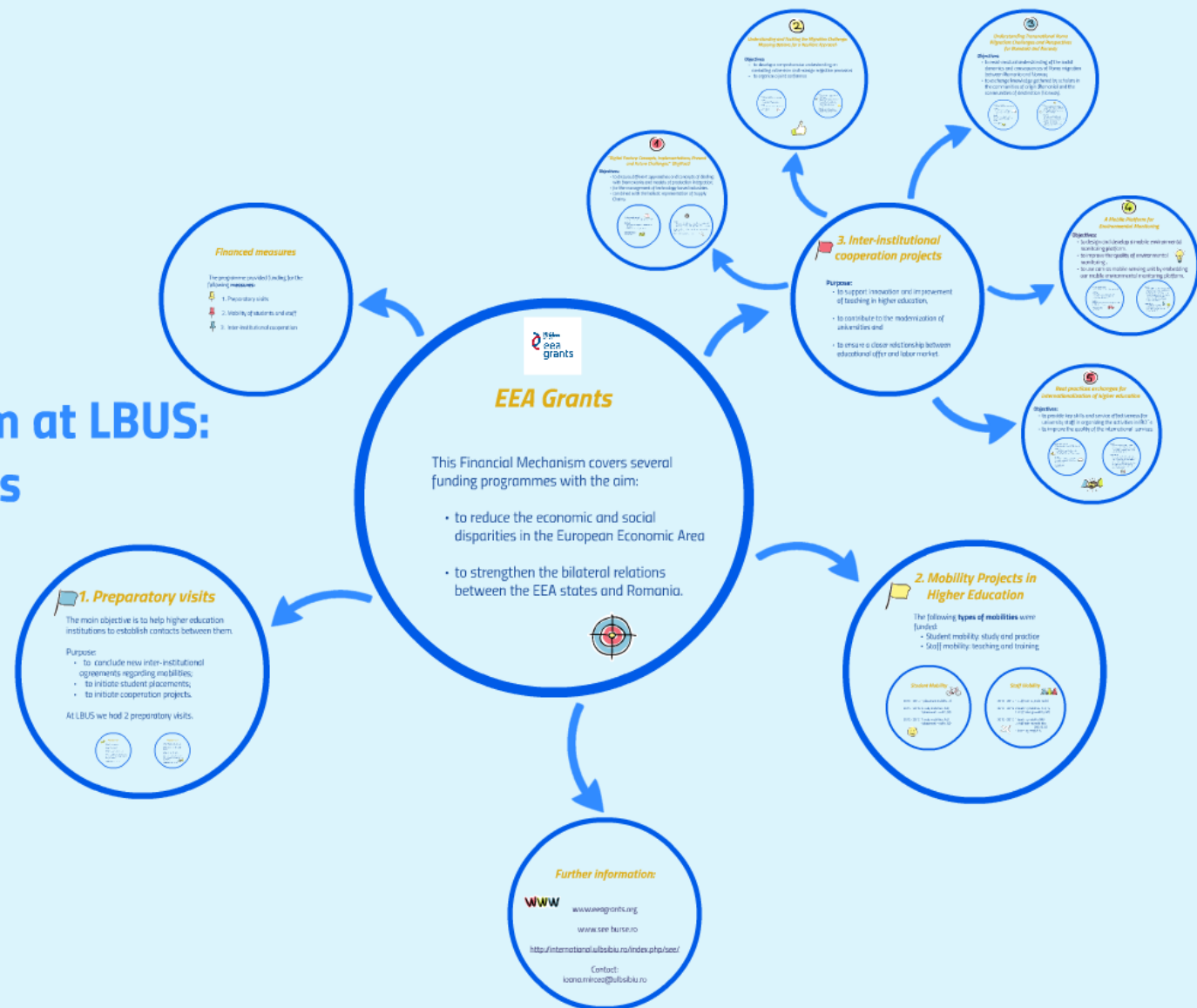


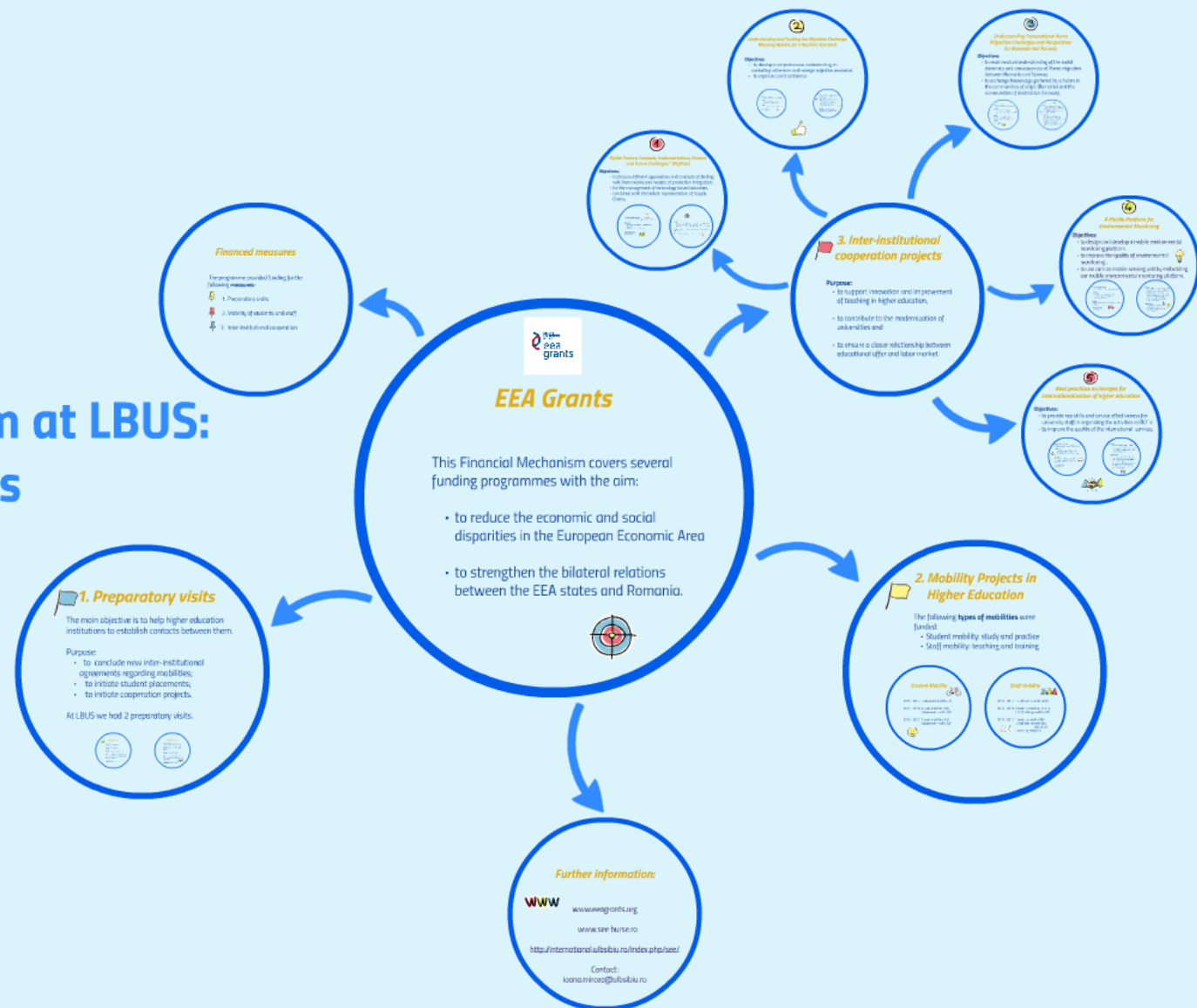
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## *EEA Grants*

This Financial Mechanism covers several funding programmes with the aim:

- to reduce the economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area
- to strengthen the bilateral relations between the EEA states and Romania.



## *Financed measures*

The programme provided funding for the following **measures**:



1. Preparatory visits



2. Mobility of students and staff



3. Inter-institutional cooperation





# 1. Preparatory visits

The main objective is to help higher education institutions to establish contacts between them.

Purpose:

- to conclude new inter-institutional agreements regarding mobilities;
- to initiate student placements;
- to initiate cooperation projects.

At LBUS we had 2 preparatory visits.



**Preparatory visit 1**

**What:** Contact seminar

**Where:** Oslo, Norway

**When:** 2 - 4 of February 2014

**Aim:** to establish or re-activate contacts among institutions of higher education

**Participant:** Dana Pardo

**Preparatory visit 2**

**What:** EEA Universities' Caravan

**Where:** Bergen, Trondheim, Oslo, Norway

**When:** 3 - 6 of May 2015

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**Participant:** Isaura Miras



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## 2. Mobility Projects in Higher Education

The following **types of mobilities** were funded:

- Student mobility: study and practice
- Staff mobility: teaching and training

### Student Mobility



2013 - 2014: 1 placement mobility (LI)

2014 - 2015: 3 study mobilities (NO)  
1 placement mobility (LI)

2015 - 2016: 7 study mobilities (NO)  
1 placement mobility (LI)



### Staff Mobility



2013 - 2014: 1 staff training mobility (LI)

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### ***3. Inter-institutional cooperation projects***

#### **Purpose:**

- to support innovation and improvement of teaching in higher education,
- to contribute to the modernization of universities and
- to ensure a closer relationship between educational offer and labor market.



## *"Digital Factory: Concepts, Implementations, Present and Future Challenges" (DigiFact)*

### **Objectives:**

- to discuss different approaches and concepts of dealing with frameworks and models of production integration,
- for the management of technology-based industries
- combined with the holistic representation of Supply Chains

#### **Implementation period:**

1st of September 2014 - 30th of August 2015



#### **Partners:**

- Buskerud and Vestfold University College, Norway
- Universitat de Evora, Portugal

#### **Allocated budget:**

58.649 Euro



#### **Activities:**

- Workshop 1 - Vestfold, Norway between 5th - 9th November 2014
- Summer School DigiFact - 15th - 26th of June 2015
- Workshop 2 - Close-up session: DigiFact Summer School Conclusions

**Results:** Book "Digital Factory: Concepts, Implementations, Present and Future Challenges"

**Website:** <http://digiFact.grants.ulbsibiu.ro/>





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## **Understanding and Tackling the Migration Challenge: Mapping Options for a Resilient Approach**

### **Objectives:**

- to develop a comprehensive understanding on combating extremism and manage migration processes
- to organize a joint conference

**Implementation period:**  
1st of September 2016 - 31st of January 2016

**Activities:**

- Transnational meeting: October 2016
- Project Conference - December 2016

**Results:**  
Conference Proceedings Volume and the Policy Guide

**Allocated budget:**  
23.265 Euro



**Impact:**

The impact on organizations and policy makers would be:

- how to improve decision making system based on strategic mapping;
- what prerequisites would ensure the success of managing domestic and international affairs related to displacement and injustice;
- what would be the consequences of instability;
- the role of partnering with academia for a better understanding of social phenomena and disparities;
- the effect of binationality and complex interdependence.

**Sustainability:**

The proposed project will stimulate inter-generational dialogues and knowledge transfer to younger generations of future experts in domains like combating extremism, racism, migration, social inclusion, etc.



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### **Activities:**

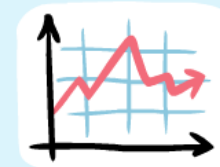
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## *Understanding Transnational Roma Migration: Challenges and Perspectives for Romania and Norway*

### **Objectives:**

- to reach mutual understanding of the social dynamics and consequences of Roma migration between Romania and Norway
- to exchange knowledge gathered by scholars in the communities of origin (Romania) and the communities of destination (Norway).

**Implementation period:**  
1st of September 2016 - 31st of January 2016

**Activities:**

- Workshop - September 2016
- Research mobility 1: LBUS - HSN
- Research mobility 2: HSN - LBUS



**Results:**

Knowledge-transfer that will assist both national societies and those directly involved in dealing with the many challenges of Roma migration.

**Allocated budget:**  
21.363 Euro



**Impact:**

- The grounds for policies designed will be set
- to improve the quality of life of the migrants by making them to respond better to the challenges of adapting to the host society.
  - to inform the policy makers on how to better cope with the migration flow



**Sustainability:**

- It will oriented to develop useful working relationships with stakeholders and local authorities directly involved in solving a series of problems related with Roma population
- It will enhance the sustainability of the recommendations for policy initiatives to maximize the positive outcomes for specific Roma communities

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## *A Mobile Platform for Environmental Monitoring*

### **Objectives:**

- to design and develop a mobile environmental monitoring platform.
- to improve the quality of environmental monitoring . 
- to use cars as mobile sensing unit by embedding our mobile environmental monitoring platform.

**Implementation period:**  
1st of September 2016 - 31st of January 2016

**Activities:**

- Preparatory visit - September 2016
- Solution design and development
- Workshop - January 2017

**Results:**  
Design and develop a low cost "proof of concept" prototype for use in cars



**Allocated budget:**  
15.110 Euro



**Impact:**

- People will become aware of the need to cut down the car energy consumption and reduce their carbon footprint.
- Protecting natural resources will improve the human welfare and will contribute to the environmental sustainability.
- extensibility: applying monitoring in different other systems

**Sustainability:**

- to attract further funding 
- to reduce city pollution. 
- to use a low cost environmental monitoring platform



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## *Best practices exchanges for internationalization of higher education*

### Objectives:

- to provide key skills and service effectiveness for university staff in organizing the activities in IRO`s
- to improve the quality of the international services

**Implementation period:**  
1st of September 2016 - 31st of January 2016

**Activities:**

- Transnational meeting - October 2016
- Workshop - November 2017
- Dissemination Conference - January 2017



**Results:**  
Best Practices Handbook - a guide with measures to improve the activity in the International Offices



Allocated budget:  
27.934 Euro

**Impact:**

- excellent trained people with increased knowledge in the field of internationalization.
- the opportunity to focus on cross-cultural communication and solving problems in an international environment.

**Sustainability:**

- the common efforts and the exchange of good practices between universities are a key influence for acquiring adequate education, skills and competences
- this will meet the high quality standards and the requirements of the European labor market in this way developing the human and knowledge capital.





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