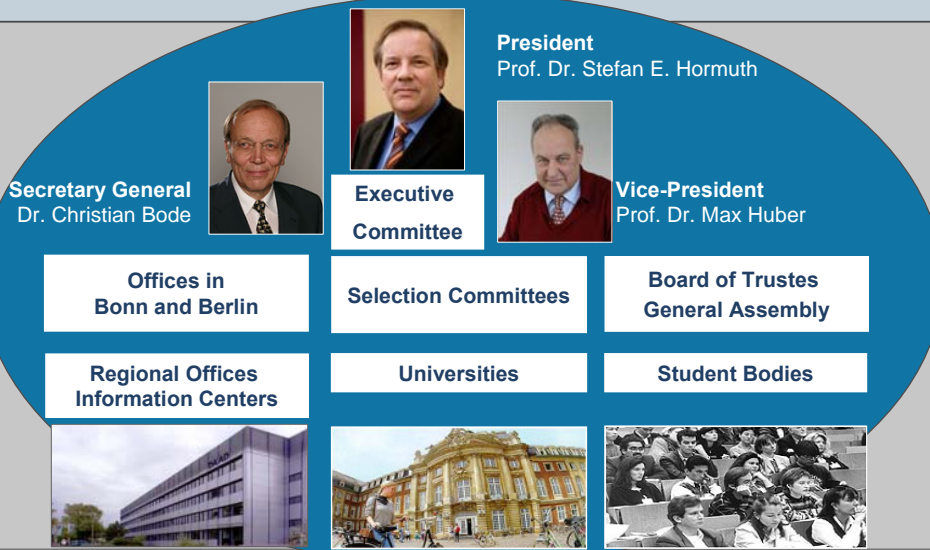


Mobility barriers between EU – EECA Countries

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Structure and Organisation





Introduction to the DAAD

The DAAD has...

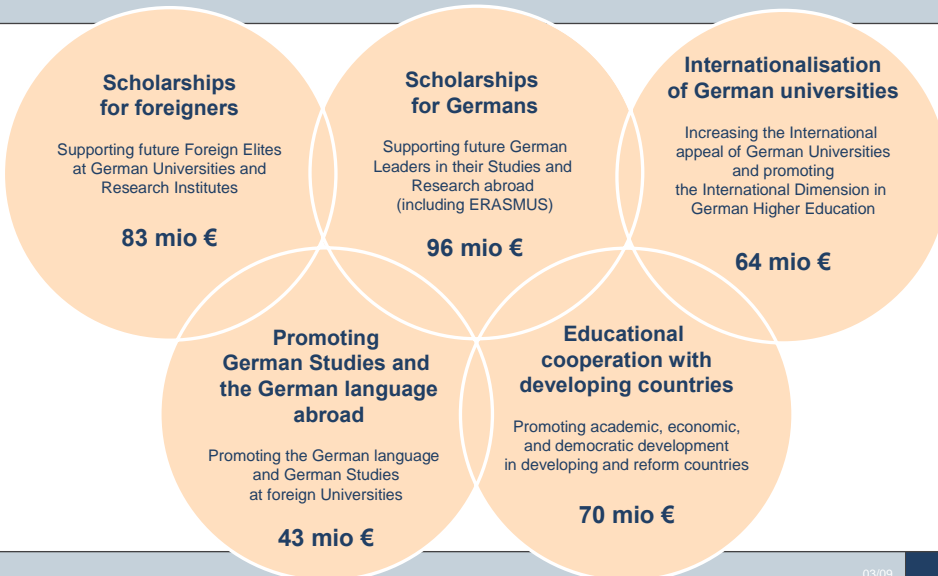
- 63 Regional Offices and Information Centres (IC) all over the world
- an annual budget of around 356 mio. €
- 475 DAAD Lecturers
- 55.000 DAAD scholarship holders
- around 600 professors on 90 selection committees

The DAAD is...

- National Agency for EU-Mobility Programmes
- National IAESTE Secretariat (traineeships and internships)
- (Co-)responsible for the Marketing Consortium GATE
- (Co-)responsible for the TestDaF Institut
- (Co-)responsible for "uni-assist"



Goals and expenditures of the DAAD (03/2009)



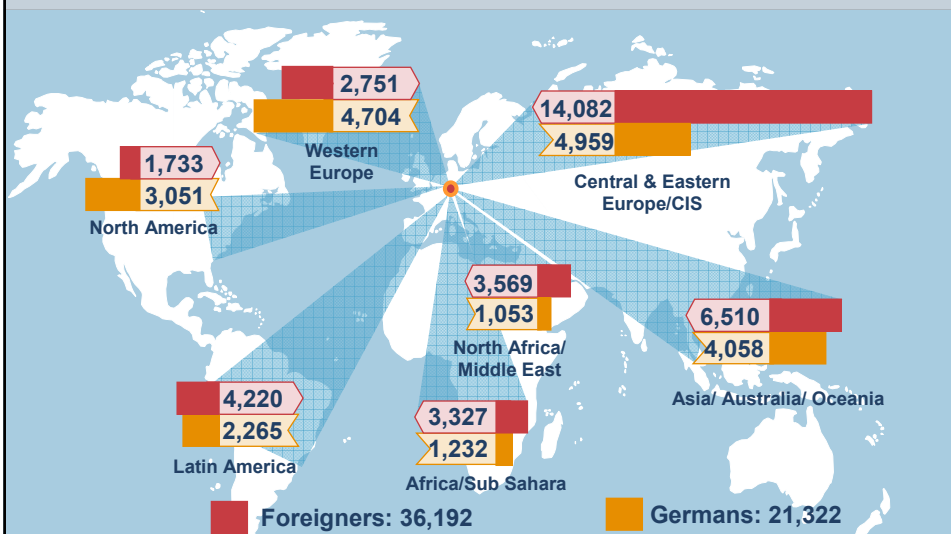
The DAAD network worldwide



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Origins and destinations of DAAD scholarship holders* (2008)



March 2009 – temporary data

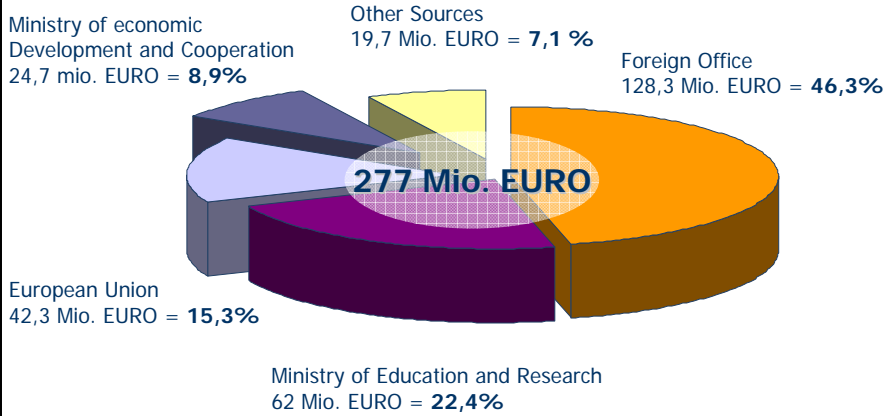
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Budget of the DAAD in 2008

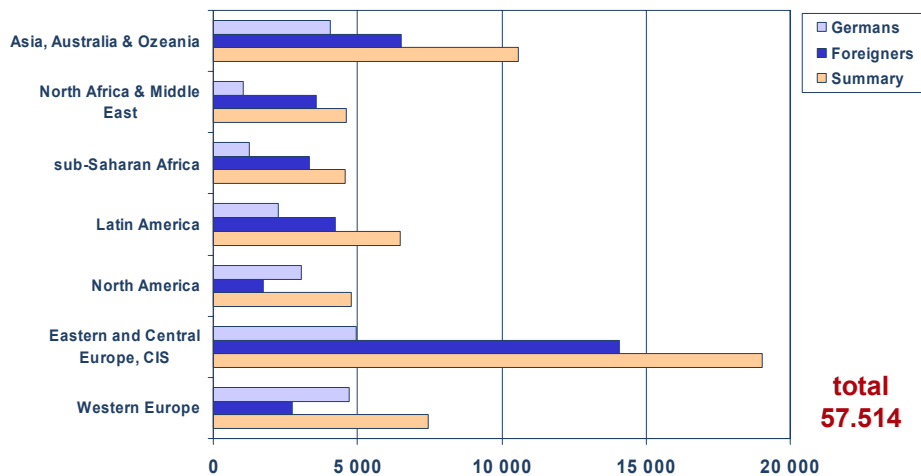


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Regional distribution of DAAD grantees 2008



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Overview of DAAD-Program for EECA-Countries

Main feature for all DAAD-Programs:

→ support of personal exchange, not of science itself.

Programs in general concern German and EECA researchers/grant holders here: EECA only

Overview of Programs

1. Scholarships for direct exchange of academic staff (i. e. students – professors – administration)
2. Academic exchange through universities
3. Support of German language
4. Support of Research and Teaching
5. Matching Fund and Governmental programs
6. Programs for Alumni
7. Marketing for German Universities



1. Scholarships for direct exchange of academic staff – individual support

1.1 Study programs for Undergraduates

- Summer Schools in Germany (3 weeks)
- Semester grants for students of German Studies (5 months)
- Leonhard-Euler program for students of Technical Universities (at home 9, in Germany 1 month)
- Internships, study travels (up to 1 month)

1.2 Study programs for Graduates

- Master courses for all subjects (2 years)
- Master courses esp. for students of economics (2 years)



1. Scholarships for direct exchange of academic staff – individual support

1.3 Research programs for Postgraduates

- short time research grants for aspirants/Ph.D students for collecting scientific materials (1-6 months)
- “classic” research grants for aspirants/young researchers (10 months)
- grants for fully fledged dissertations in Germany (3-4 years)
- esp. for Central Asia also: grants for “Sandwich” dissertations (3-4 years)

1.4 Research programs for Postdocs

- grants for Postdocs/ Kandidat nauk, Dr. nauk (1-3 months)



2. Academic exchange through universities

- **University partnerships**
total EECA: 140, with Russia: 78
- **Joint Study courses (in German language)**
total EECA: 16, with Russia: 10
- **Double Degree Courses**
total EECA: 7 with Russia: 5



3. Support of German language abroad

- Tests of German language, publications, conferences
- Special scholarships
- Language courses for teachers of German language
- Lektoren (i.e. teachers for German language)
 - total EECA: 66, Russia: 32
- Germanistische Institutspartnerschaften
 - total EECA: 16, Russia: 12
- Vladimir Admoni-Program for future chair holders in German studies (1 in Moscow)

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4. Cooperation and support of research and teaching in EECA

through individuals

1. Short research stays of German professors (2 weeks – 3 months)
2. Short/long time lectureships of German professors (on demand of the foreign university) (1 month - 5 years)
3. Johann G. Herder-Program for Emeriti (0,5 - 1years)

through institutions

1. Centre of Economics (ANX), Moscow
2. Centre of Law (Institute of State and Law), Moscow
3. Centre of German Culture and Literature (RGGU), Moscow
4. Centre of Social Studies, University of St. Petersburg
5. Centre of Excellence: Physics, University of St. Petersburg
 - still in preparation –
6. German Kazakh University, Almaty

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5. Matching Fund and Governmental Programs

In financial cooperation with or on demand of EECA-Partners

a. Ministry of Education and Science, RF for Ph.D, young teachers

- “Michail Lomonosov” - Sciences, Engineering
- “Immanuel Kant”- Humanities

b. Republic of Tatarstan for MA-Courses

- “Nikolaj Lobachevskij” - all subjects

Republic of Chechnya

- for BA/MA-studies (full-time)



5. Matching Fund and Governmental Programs

d. All EECA countries (without Russia):

- DAAD /OSF Program for Graduates Ph.D, Faculty Level

e. Bolaschak-Program with the Government of Kazakhstan

f. Program with the Government of Kirgistan

g. Program with the Government of Azerbajdzhan and with SOCCAR, Baku

h. Aga Khan-Program for Ph.D with Kazakhstan, Kirgistan, Tadzhikistan



6. Programs for Alumni

- **Short time grants for previous long time scholarship holders (1-3 months)**
- **Reunions and seminars with alumni**
- **Support of conferences**
- **Networking, publications**



7. Marketing and Information

- **Education fairs, Research fairs**
- **Seminars for university administrators**
- **Publications**
- **Informational tours in Germany for VIPs (rectors, ministers, high ranking officials)**



Barriers Hampering Researchers Mobility

1. Language

English as the lingua franca in international research is o.k. with the younger, but still a big problem with older researchers (both in EU and EECA!)

2. Visa

Invitational procedures are still awkward, but it's got going. Yet a constant threat of state interference remains (both in EU and EECA).

3. Economic circumstances

Mainly young EECA researchers find difficulties in going abroad. Fear of loss of the second job.



Barriers Hampering Researches Mobility

4. Reintegration

Not guaranteed in any case after a long stay away!

5. Brain drain

Universities, Academies of Science, officials are not amused of losing qualified staff, but cannot pay better salaries to keep them at home

6. Lack of information

- EECA researchers do not always publish in international journals, EU researchers do not read non-English – provincial university press
- Internet helps, but gives no frame information
- For EU researchers: "Look and Go East" – still quite unusual



Barriers Hampering Researches Mobility

7. New psychology in some EECA-countries

- New patriotism is building up new subtle forms of distance to foreigners.
- Bureaucracy enhances administrative distrust (registration, personal checks, universities need formal permissions to employ foreign lecturers etc.)
- Mobility within the country is becoming less easy than it used to be.



Barriers Hampering Researches Mobility

8. Changing standards

Concerns mainly Central Asia/Caucasus, but more and more the whole of EECA, too.

- Most dangerous development
- Lack of a complete post-soviet-generation
- Lack of young researchers in many fields
- Loss of contact with the international scientific community and
- Loss of the soviet-time inherited links to the research centres in Ukraine and Russia
- Change in the view of Science as the “road to the future”?
- Are there any concepts of re-organising the whole system of Education and Research in EECA?



Recommendations

- **Basic prerequisite: work with and not against the system. EECA states must be involved in the discussion of academic exchange.**
- **The EECA states themselves have to be convinced of the inevitable reorganisation of Education and Research**
- **Improvement of the social/economic circumstances of the academic staff in EECA**
- **More information for all sides involved – new information platform**
- **EU research institutions should be more responsive to EECA problems, such as they are to African countries!**
- **In consular contexts (visa etc.) researchers should be classified as a group of their own**



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