

# QAinAL – study visit at the University of Salzburg, Austria

“Strategic Support on Strengthening the Quality Assurance Structures at  
the Private Higher Education Institutions in Albania”

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## The International Office



# Welcome to the University of Salzburg!

## Overview

- Facts and figures
- International Office
- Quality assurance: current state



# Facts & Figures

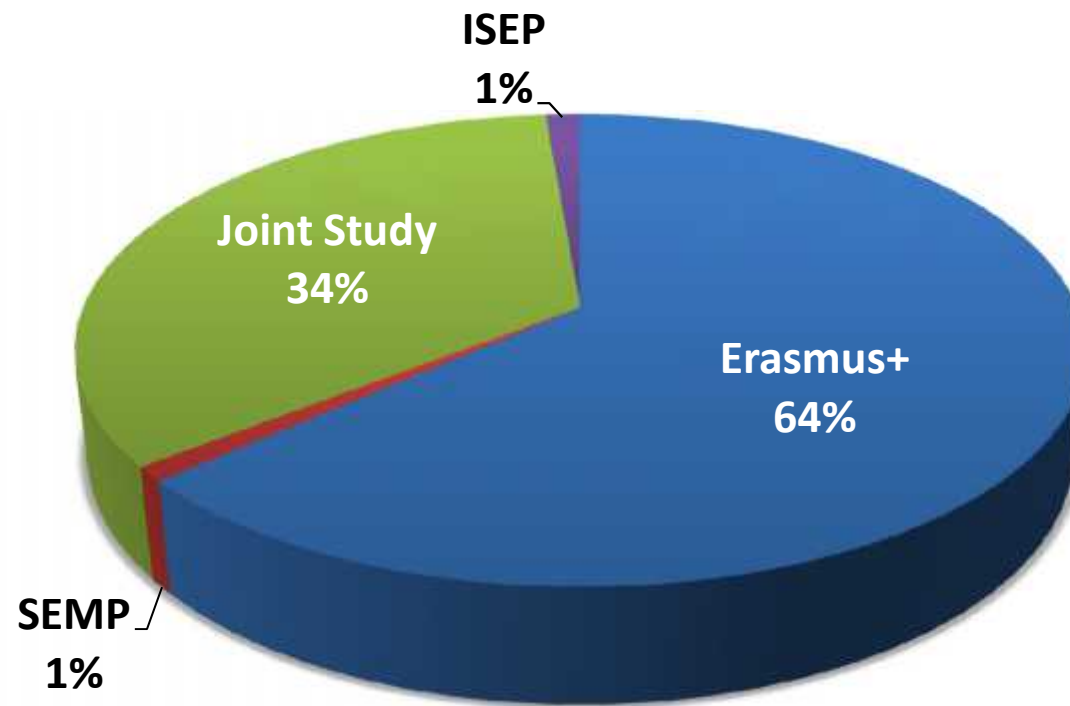


- ~ 18.000 students
- 4 Faculties  
3 Inter-Faculty Departments, 3 Focus Areas, School of Education
- 82 study programmes in 47 different fields of study
- 2.855 employees
- 35% international students

# Erasmus & exchange students... ...facts & figures

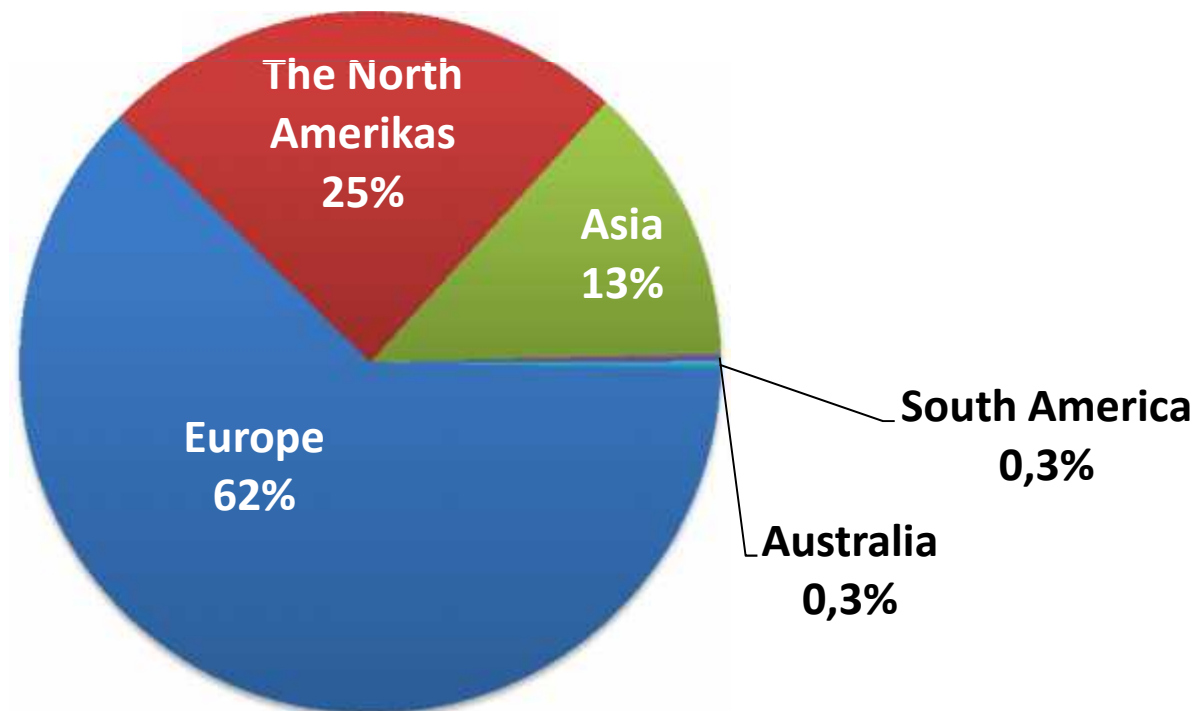
*Exchange students by mobility programmes*

**Total : 303**

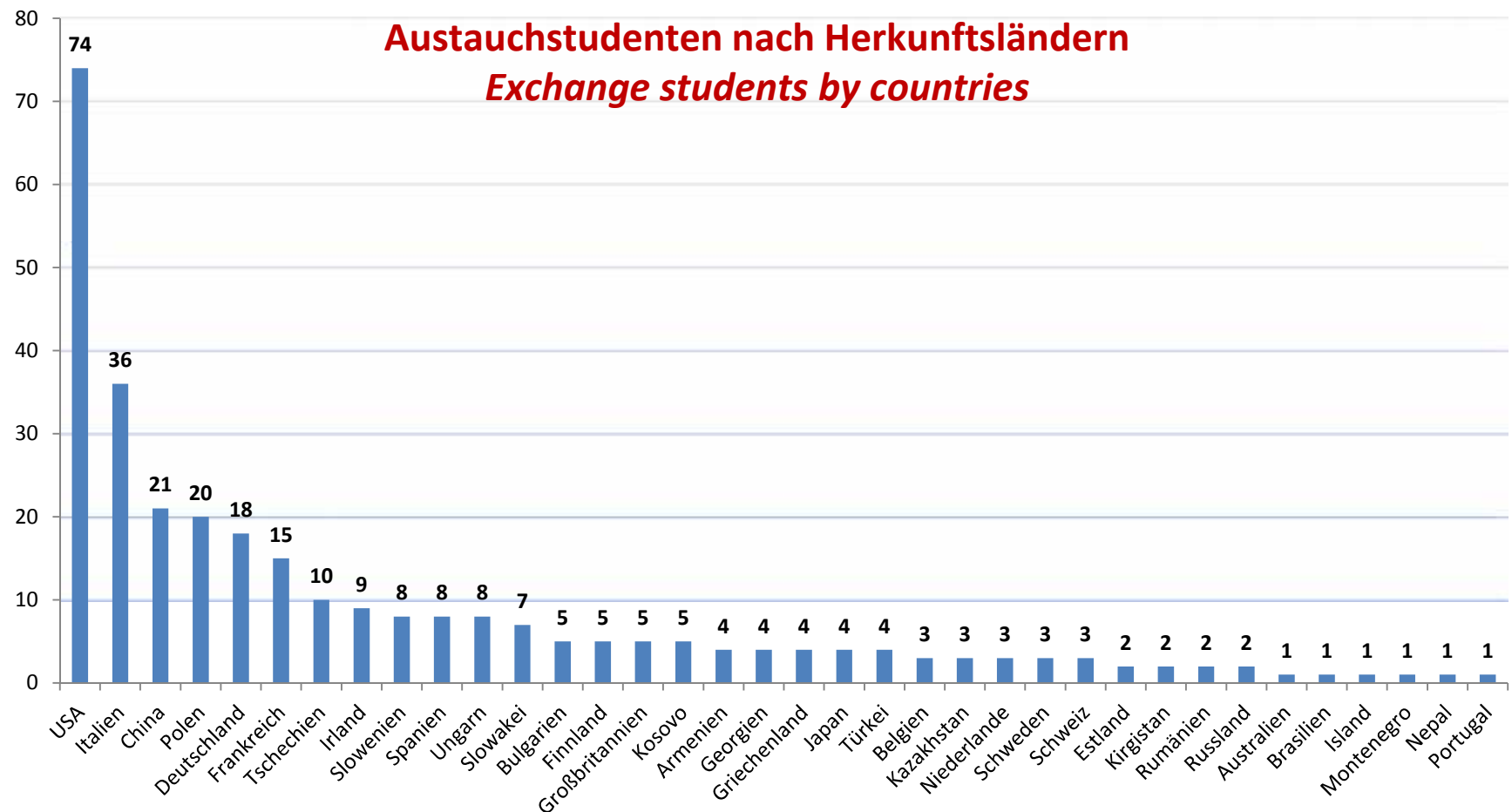


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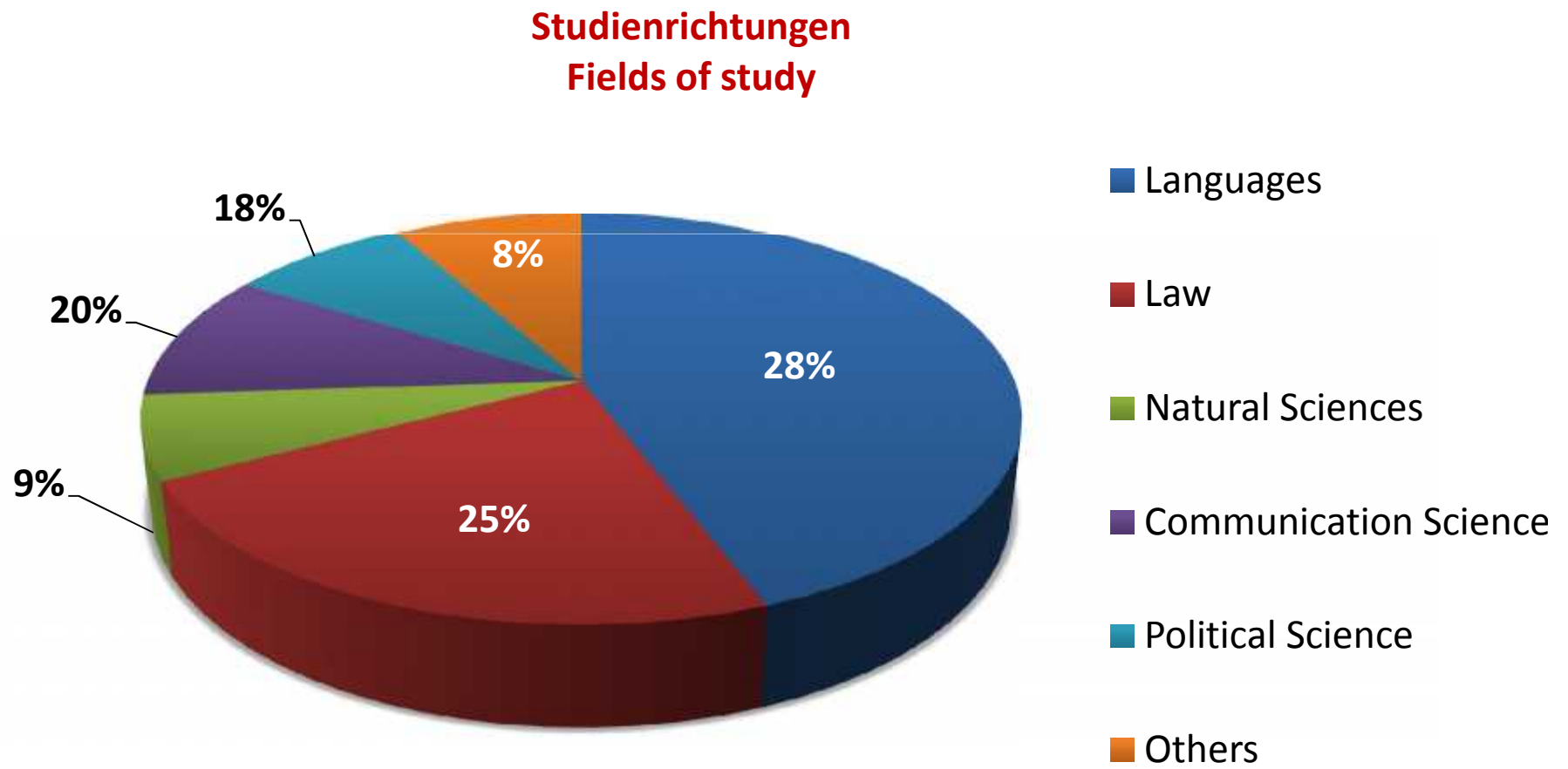
## Exchange students by continents



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# PLUS university partnerships, international research activities and service centres

## **Agreements with other universities**

The Paris Lodron - University of Salzburg (PLUS) has more than hundred agreements with leading universities and institutions around the world. These range from student exchanges and internships to research collaborations.

*- e.g. Australia, Argentina, Bresil, Canada, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, countries in Central Asia and to Russia, Switzerland, Serbia, South Africa, Czech Republic, Turkey, to the USA*

## **International research activities**

The work of PLUS academics spans a broad international spectrum.

## **Service centres:**

Russia Studies Center of the University of Salzburg

Chinese-Studies Center of the University of Salzburg

# People

- The International Office  
(executive level)
- The decision makers

# The decision makers



Prof Erich Müller, Prof. Sylvia Hahn, Prof. Heinrich Schmidinger, Prof. Fatima Ferreira-Briza, Prof. Rudolf Feik

# Decision makers: areas of responsibility

Rector **Heinrich Schmidinger** is responsible for the budget and personnel matters, as well as the Faculty of Theology.

**Vice-Rector of International Relations and Communication: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Sylvia Hahn.** In addition, VR Hahn is responsible for the Faculty of Culture and Social Sciences.

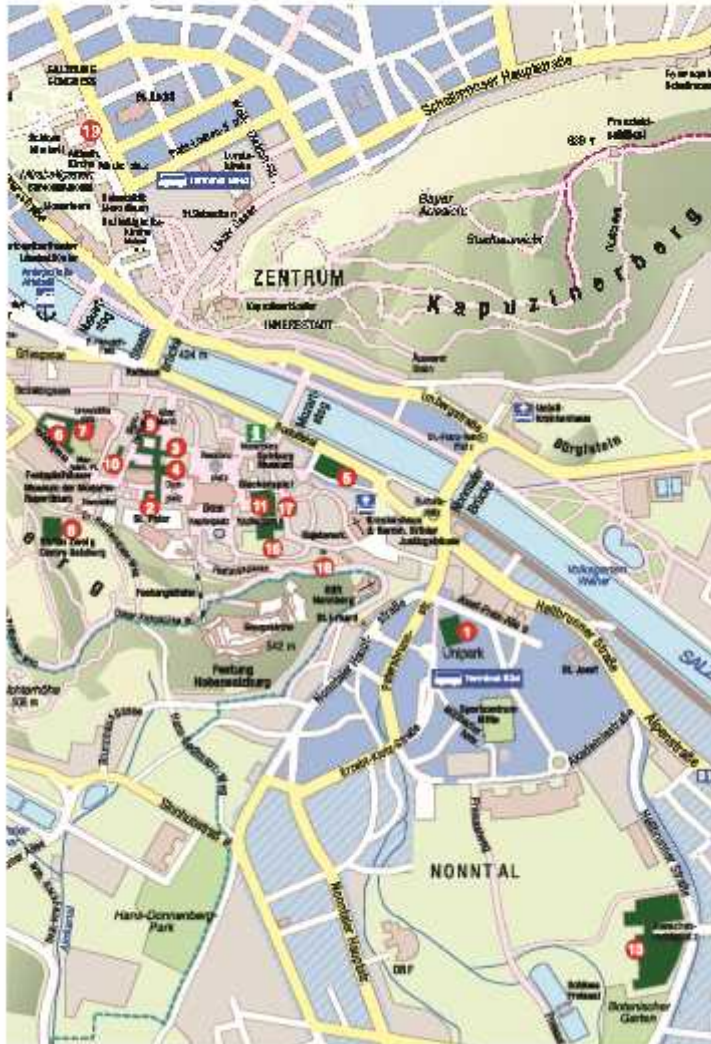
Vice Rector of Research: Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Fatima Ferreira-Briza**, who is also entrusted with the interests of the Faculty of Science.

Vice Rector of Educational Affairs: Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Erich Müller**. Additionally, VR Müller is dedicated to the Inter-Faculty Departments and IT-Services.

Vice Rector of Quality Management and Personnel Development: Univ.- Prof. Dr. **Rudolf Feik**,, who is also responsible for the interests of the Faculty of Law

(Source: <https://www.uni-salzburg.at/index.php?id=41845&L=1> )

# International Relations Office



- **Address**  
Sigmund Haffner Gasse 18, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- **Office Hours**  
Mon, Thu and Fri: 9am - 12 noon  
Tue: 10am - 12 noon  
Wed: 1pm - 4pm
- **Web:**  
[www.uni-salzburg.at/international](http://www.uni-salzburg.at/international)
- **International Mobility & Cooperation:**
  - ~ 300 incoming students
  - ~ 250 outgoing students
  - ~ 350 partner institutions all over the world

# International Office: areas of responsibility

- Mobility programme management: European and international programmes (ERASMUS+, Joint Study, International Student Exchange Programme, double degree, joint degree programmes)
- International strategy, programme and project development
- Student advisor for study abroad and research scholarships,
- Advisor for PLUS academics for exchange incoming and outgoing
- Incoming and Outgoing ERASMUS students and Erasmus teaching & staff mobility
- Financial management for all mobility programmes
- Management of all university partnerships - globally
- Projects: ERASMUS+ Mobility with partner countries (KA 107)
- Liaison with the academic departments and the Decision Makers
- Liaison with the PLUS service centres e.g. China and Russia centres, Research Support unit, student service centre (registry office), etc
- Liaison with national and European funding agencies (Austrian Exchange Service OeAD, ministries, European Commission, etc)

- ***Quality assurance is an inherent task of all university members, irrespective of whether or not special instruments are available for the specific purpose.***
  - including **international** and **internationalisation** processes
- focus on both levels, and the interaction between both:
  - *decision maker*
  - *executive level*

# Quality assurance – international office - activities - current state

Start: 1 September

- Self-Evaluation: individual conversations
- Tuesday Jour Fixe with employees
- Tuesday Jour Fixe with the Vice Rector of International Relations (Decision Maker)
- Oct / Nov 2016 participation at two conferences on 'internationalisation of universities' – organised by the German Rectors Conference
  
- **42 site visits with academics:** all departments and academic centres
- conversation with selected service centres (China, Russia; student registration)
- Recommendations: to the Decision Makers
  
- Consolidation: Workshops in 2017



# Summary – the new beginning

- Every new beginning comes from other beginnings end
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