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Abstract

International mobility, as it is discussed in Europe, is about both encouraging students to spend a period or indeed a whole phase of their studies (e.g. Bachelor level) abroad and welcoming foreign students on campus. This paper will look at mobility flows of incoming students based on international statistics. It will start out with an overall analysis of mobility rates for students enrolled in universities and colleges at tertiary level (e.g. courses which usually lead to a Bachelor or Master qualification). It will look at the development of national rates of incoming mobility and, specifically, at the relative importance of regions and countries for national incoming mobility. The paper will show the remarkable significance of incoming students from just one or two sending countries for individual host countries. These results give the discussion on the internationalisation of higher education an interesting twist. The paper closes with the consideration that, if internationalisation is expected to have a beneficial impact on the host country and host institutions over and above material gains, it would seem important to have a greater diversity of international students in host countries in

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the future. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)