

International Area Organization, strategies and targets



SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

Antonella Cammisa – Director

Rome, 13 October 2014

The structure

- Set up in 2001 and re-organized in 2012, is structured into 2 'Offices' and 5 'Units', with 20 full staff members and 7 collaborators
- Staff with international profile recruited in 2007
- From year 2012 includes the Erasmus mobility
- the International degree seeking students Admissions Office and the HELLO – Welcome Office for degree seeking students are NOT part of the International Office

INTERNATIONAL AREA

Secretariat

Internationalization of Research
Office

International
Agreements
Unit

International
Research
Unit

Internationalization of Teaching
Office

Erasmus
Unit

EU Programmes and
internationalisation
Unit

Development
Cooperation,
Networks and
Financial Resources
Unit



International Area - Structure and Organisation

The International Area is structured into 2 Offices and 5 units

International Area (number of full staff members)

Secretariat (2)

- **Internationalisation of Research Office**
 - International Agreements Unit (2)
 - International Research Unit (3)
- **Academics and students Internationalisation Office**
 - Erasmus Unit (5)
 - Academic Internationalization and EU Programmes Unit (5)
 - Development Cooperation, Networks and Financial Resources Unit (3)

Collaborators (currently 7) are hired through EU projects funds. 21 Student collaborators and a number of interns also work in the International Office.

International Area – Organization and Structure

Internationalization of Research Office

International Agreements unit

- Negotiation, signature and monitoring of international interuniversity agreements
- Financing of interuniversity agreements through University funds
- International interuniversity cooperation. MIUR (Ministry for Education, University and Research) and MAE (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) grants
- International agreements database
- Agreements and Conventions with national and international bodies
- Hosting of International delegations
(in collaboration with the Secretariat)

International area – Organisation and Structure

Internationalization of Research Unit

International Research Unit

- EU Research programmes : Mobility of researchers (Marie Curie), ERC Grants
- Information, advice, reporting, regulations, LEAR, projects database, training (in collaboration with the Grant Office)
- Other EU Research programmes
- Visiting professors (research)
- Visiting professors (teaching)
- Visa procedures for non-EU researchers
- Research opportunities newsletter (F1RST)

International Area – Organisation and Structure

Academic Internationalization Office

Erasmus Unit

- Relations with foreign universities
- Contracts and Bilateral agreements
- Management of incoming and outgoing students for study and traineeships
- Management of incoming and outgoing staff
- *Staff Mobility Week and International Students Welcome Week*

International Area – Organisation and Structure

Academic Internationalization Office

EU Programmes and Academic Internationalization Unit

- Information and advice on participation to EU training and mobility programmes (Erasmus+, etc.)
- Management of Erasmus Mundus projects
- Interuniversity agreements and mobility programmes with Non-EU countries
- Student scholarships
- Interuniversity agreements for joint degrees
- Support to English-taught programmes
- Special mobility projects (Science Without Borders, Iraq, etc.)
- Welcome Office for EM, CSF and exchange students
- English Website and international communication

International Area – Organisation and Structure

Academic Internationalization Office

Development Cooperation, Networks and Financial Resources unit

- Monitoring and registration of international development cooperation agreements: management of MAE's database (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Information and advice on cooperation projects approved by MAE
- Organization of seminars and events in partnerships with international bodies (UN, UNESCO, World Bank)
- Activities and paperwork relating to participation to international networks (UNICA, Santander, IAU, Unimed, etc.)
- Accounting management and U-GOV

PLAN, PROGRAMMES AND STRATEGIES

- At the Institutional level
- From 2007 onwards Strategic planning has been set up
- From 2010 onwards Performance plans were set up
- At the National level:
- 'Three years' Plans of Development
- Share of budget from the Government linked to performance indicators

2007/2012 Strategies

As per Sapienza Strategic Plan and MIUR three-year plan

- Attract international professors and researchers
- Increase the number of visiting professors
- Increase the quality and quantity of services offered to international professors and researchers (e.g. International Researcher Guide, International Researcher Card, accommodation services, research visa procedures, etc..)
- Support Sapienza's participation as Host Institution in European funding programmes for international researchers' mobility (e.g. People, ERC, EURAXESS, etc.)
- Promote and give more visibility to international mobility opportunities (through Sapienza's website, special events, etc.)

International Strategies proposed and approved by the Senate in 2012

- Increase the number of international students and PhD candidates
- Encourage the recognition of study periods spent abroad by adopting specific measures in University and Faculties Regulations
- Participate in Programmes for international students and PhD candidates, especially for the following regions: Central and Eastern Asia, Middle East and Arabic Countries, Latin America, Eastern Europe
- Simplify enrolment and induction procedures for degree seeking students
- Fix specific tuition fees for scholarship holders and visiting students
- Improve the role of Faculty Erasmus Officers

- Promote the introduction of 'mobility windows' by the competent Faculty bodies
- Improve students' language skills by recognizing language certificates (e.g. IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) as academic credits
- Integrate course programmes with additional foreign languages linked to new and emerging economies (Chinese, Russian, Arabic, etc.)
- Create at least one degree programme taught in English in each Faculty
- Define regions, countries and institutions for strategic and privileged partnerships
- Create an experimental international alumni database.

International Office – Objectives

Sapienza Performance Plan 2013

- Enhance services to attract, welcome, and favour the integration of international
- Promote international mobility for study and traineeships
- Promote the University's participation in European and international networks
- Settle a plan aimed at increasing the number of national and international students

International Office – Objectives

Sapienza Performance Plan 2014

- Create new initiatives aimed at promoting Sapienza's research activities
- Promote the enrollment of international students
- Enhancement of 1st 2nd and 3rd level degree programmes taught in a foreign language, also in partnership with foreign universities for Joint and Double degrees
- Enhancement of mobility for study and traineeships abroad
- Support new e-learning activities (e.g. Coursera)
- Promote customer satisfaction surveys
- Monitor all cultural activities organized by Sapienza
- Assist in the organization of international cultural events

International Office – Objectives

MIUR Plan 2013-2015

- Recruitment of international scholars and academics
 - Attraction of international students
 - Enhancement of 1st 2nd and 3rd level degree programmes taught in a foreign language, also in partnership with foreign universities for Joint and Double degrees
 - Enhancement of mobility for study and traineeships abroad
-
- The International Office (along with the other Offices) submitted a three-year plan to the Ministry of Education, University and Research, in accordance with the objectives set by the Ministry itself.

International Office
Public funding – Merit-based quotas (2014)

Overall budget: €1,215,000,000

RESEARCH

- Research assessment: **70% → 850,500,000**
- Researchers' profiles: **20% → 243,000,000**

ACADEMIC INTERNATIONALIZATION: 10% → 121,500,000

- Number of incoming Erasmus students (a.y. 2012/2013)
- Number of outgoing Erasmus students (a.y. 2012/2013)
- Number of ECTS credits earned abroad by enrolled students that have not exceeded the standard duration of their degrees (a.y. 2012/2013)
- Number of on-time graduates that have earned at least 9 ECTS credits abroad (calendar year 2013)

International Area University Budget

- International interuniversity cooperation agreements
- Visiting professors (research)
- Visiting professors (teaching)
- Support to English-taught and international programmes
- Support to summer and winter schools
- Co-financing of cooperation activities
- Non-EU Scholarships
- Support to Italian language Teaching Assistants in Australia (COASIT)
- Co-financing of traineeships and mobility (Erasmus+)
- Co-financing of institutional initiatives
- Membership and participation in international institutional networks

External Funds

- Erasmus Mobility Grants and organisation
- Erasmus Mundus mobility grants and organisation
- Other EU Programmes (Tempus, Erasmus mundus action 3,)
- Co-financing of MIUR for international mobility
- Ciencia sem fronteiras grants and organisation

A FEW DATA

FP7 at Sapienza

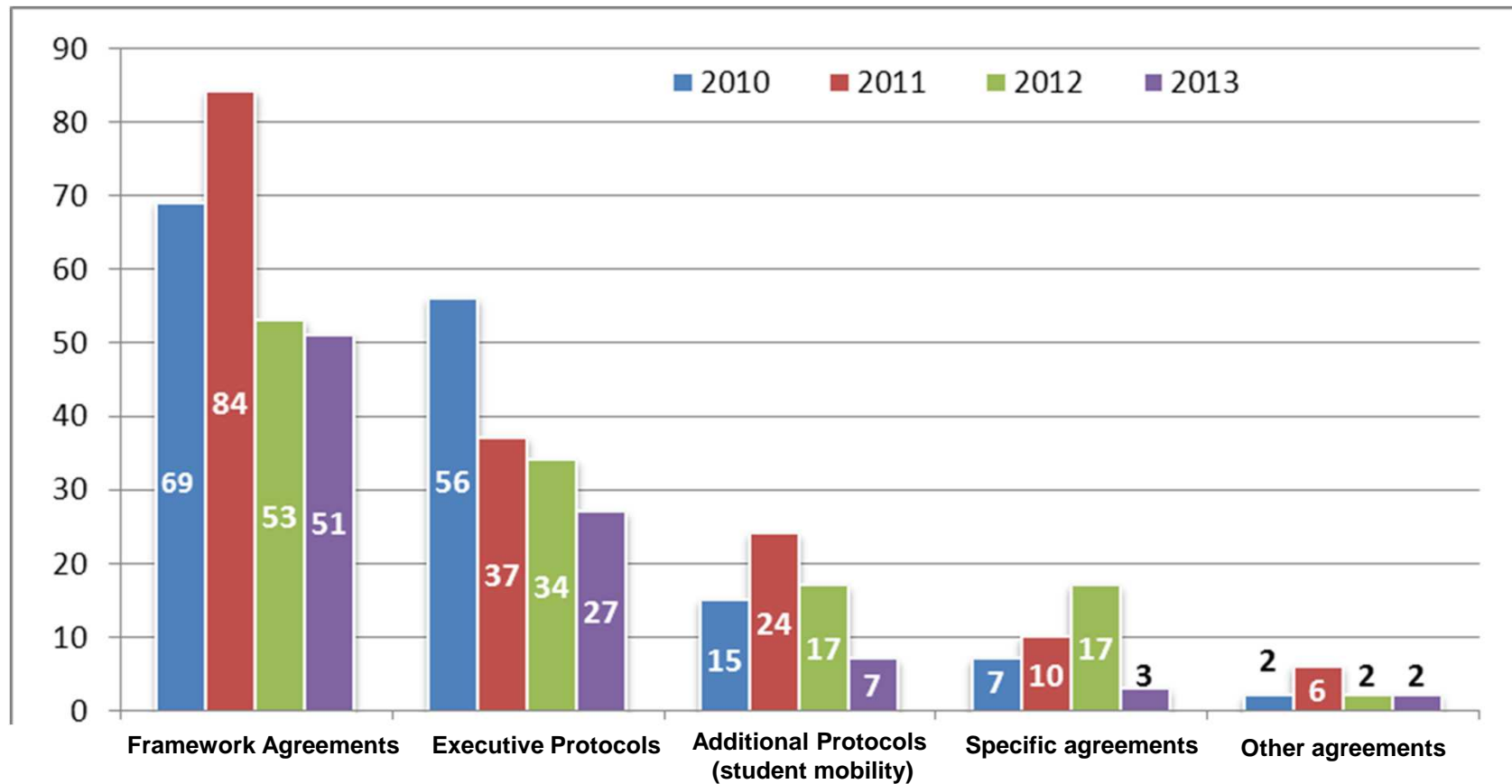
- **218** Projects FP7 (2007 -2013)
- 37 People – mobility of researchers
- 19 European research council grants
- Eligible costs: 98 million Euros
- EU Contributions: 81 million Euros
- More than 1000 partnerships

- HORIZON 2020 - **16** new projects approved so far
- **Sapienza is amongst the top 50 European universities for FP7 contributions**

International Area– Facts and Figures

International interuniversity agreements, by type

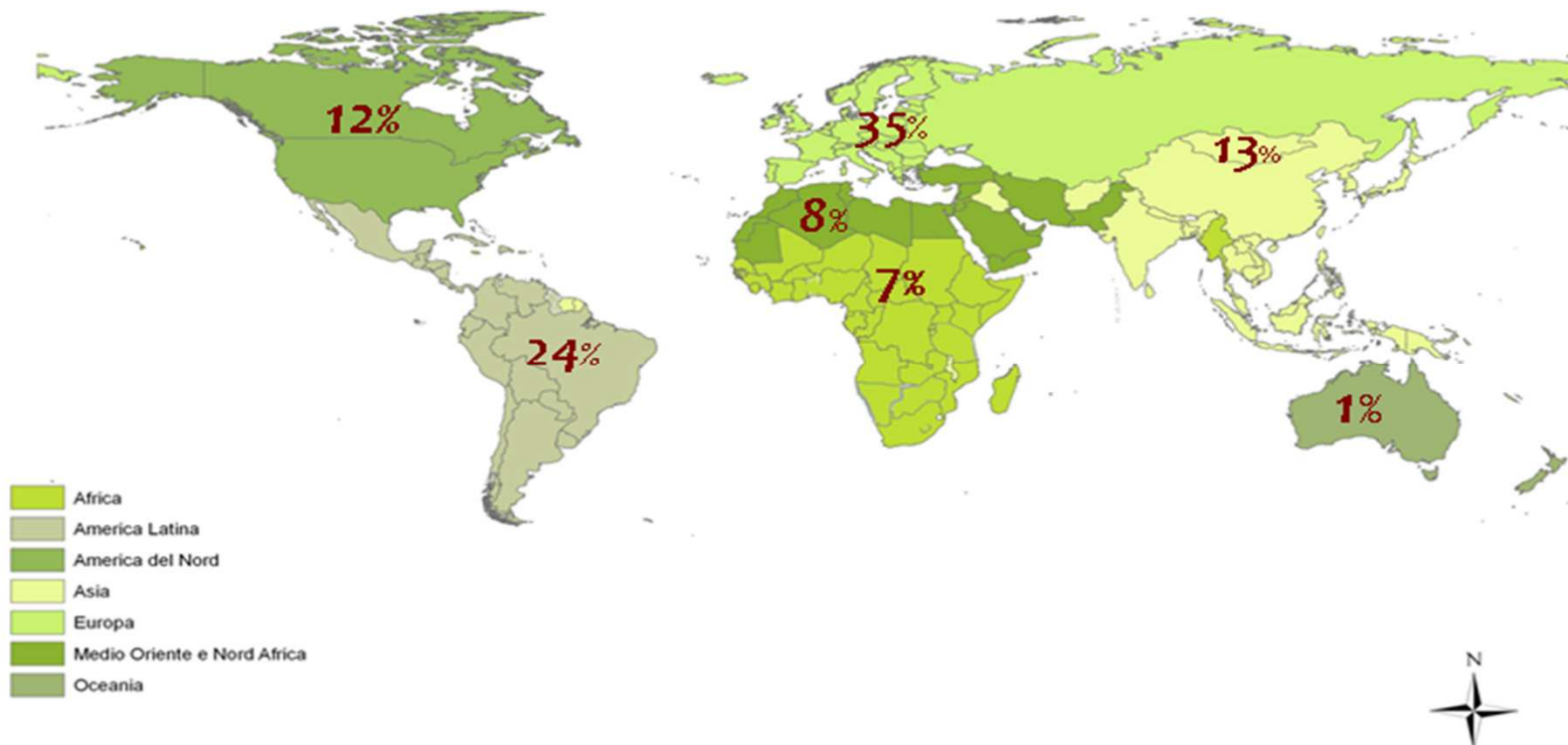
- More than 1200 ongoing international agreements, of which more than 500 over the last 4 years



International Office – Facts and Figures

International interuniversity agreements

- 1040 International Bilateral Agreements (Framework Agreements and Executive protocols)
- 101 International Agreements for Student Mobility (non EU)



International Area – Facts and Figures

Erasmus Mundus 2007/2013

- Action 1 : 4 projects
- Action 2 : 32 projects (2 as coordinator)
- Action 3: 2 projects (1 as coordinator)

Tempus IV

- 11 projects (4 as coordinator)

LifeLong Learning Programme

- 3 Multilateral projects
- 3 Erasmus+ mobility for traineeships projects
- 5 Jean Monnet projects

Overall EU funding for student mobility (calendar year 2012, excluding Erasmus): 1,1 million euros

International Area – Facts and Figures

Erasmus a.y. 2013/2014

- 1367 Bilateral agreements
- 528 Partner universities
- 29 Countries
- 1053 Outgoing students
- 1031 Incoming students
- 70 Academic Staff exchanges
- 47 Student placements
- 58 Incoming Admin Staff Training Exchanges
- 28 Outgoing Admin Staff Training Exchanges

International Office – Facts and Figures

Academic Internationalization Unit

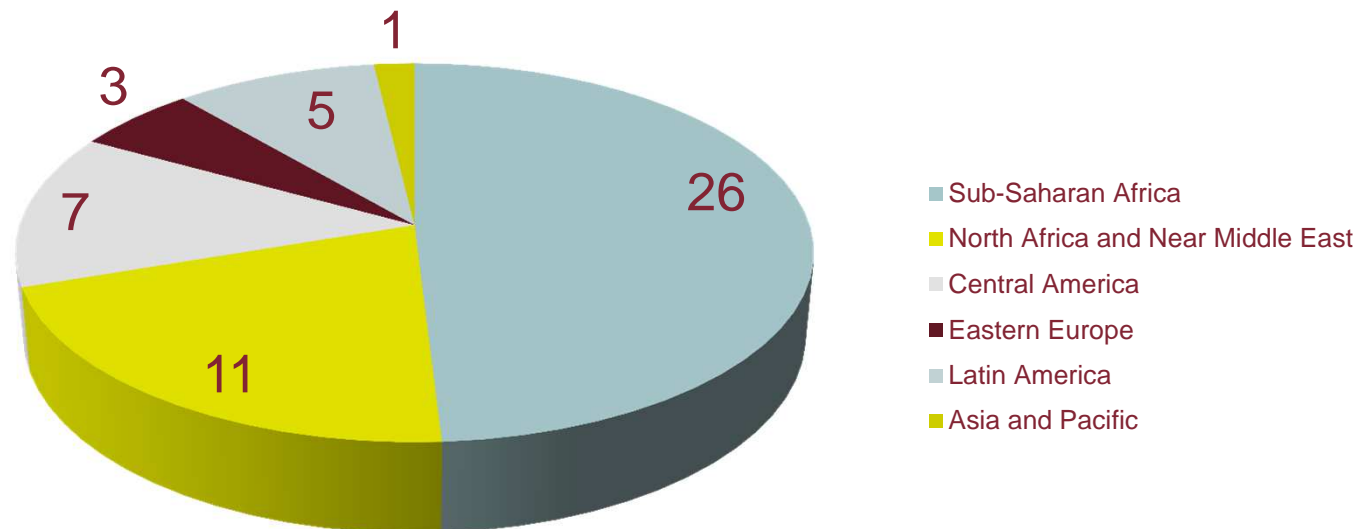
Development Cooperation Projects

- 56 registered projects
- Main regions involved: Sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and Near Middle East, Central America
- Countries of intervention: Benin, Angola, Chad, Ethiopia, Ghana, Senegal, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Iraq, Jordan, Albania, Mozambique, Palestine, Yemen, etc. ..
- Areas and sectors of intervention: environmental sustainability, anthropology, medicine, food security, rural and urban poverty reduction, cultural heritage, urban planning and design, development of local partnerships, support to local educational systems, masters, degree courses, etc.

International Office – Facts and Figures

Academic Internationalization Unit

Development Cooperation projects by region



Thank you for your attention!

Antonella Cammisa

International Area Director

antonella.cammisa@uniroma1.it

