Student mobility
A project to facilitate and stimulate student exchange within The Netherlands

The Flexible education zone of the Dutch Acceleration Plan Educational Innovation with IT started the Student mobility project with SURF, aiming to create a joint ecosystem where a vibrant student exchange between the institutions is possible.

A pilot with the alliance of TU/e, WUR, UU, and UMCU is taking place. In the pilot, institutions will use each other’s expertise, not only by (creating) joint education, but also by making each other’s courses and challenges accessible to all students.

Current issues hampering student exchange
– Education is time and place dependent;
– Differences in course information that is provided;
– Our Student Information Systems (SISs) are not connected;
– Rules and regulations concerning application, exams, resits, etc. differ per institute.

Possible solutions Student mobility offers
– Redesign courses to make them (more) time- and place-independent;
– Make one website/portal that provides all necessary course information;
– Develop a new architecture to exchange SIS data, with the student in control of their data;
– Strive for common rules, clearly communicate on differences.

Three (sub)projects
1. Course portfolio (led by project coordinators from the three institutions)
   • Create an attractive portfolio (+/- 15 courses)
   • Redesign courses
   • Solve policy and administrative issues
2. Infrastructure (led by SURF)
   • Create platform (website) where student can see the course offerings of the involved institutes
   • A digital ID (EduID?) through which the student can enroll for courses and can be identified
   • A system that allows the exchange of the required information under the authorization of the student
   • A connection between the SIS of the three institutes to exchange the required information
3. Implementation, dissemination, and evaluation (led by review group)

Timeline
Until September 2021: creating course portfolio, redesigning courses, and building the required infrastructure.
2021/2022: start pilot
From 2022 onwards: scale-up (nationally as well)

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