Italian Consortium

EU4EU Staff Mobility

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Erasmus+

Italian partner universities

12 universities

UNIVERSITÀ POLITECNICA DELLE MARCHE

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI BARI ALDO MORO

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DELLA Tuscia

UNITE UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TERAMO

UNIVERSITÀ degli STUDI di CATANIA

UNIVERSITÀ DI PARMA

UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI FEDERICO II

CENTRO DI RICERCA IMPRESAPIENS

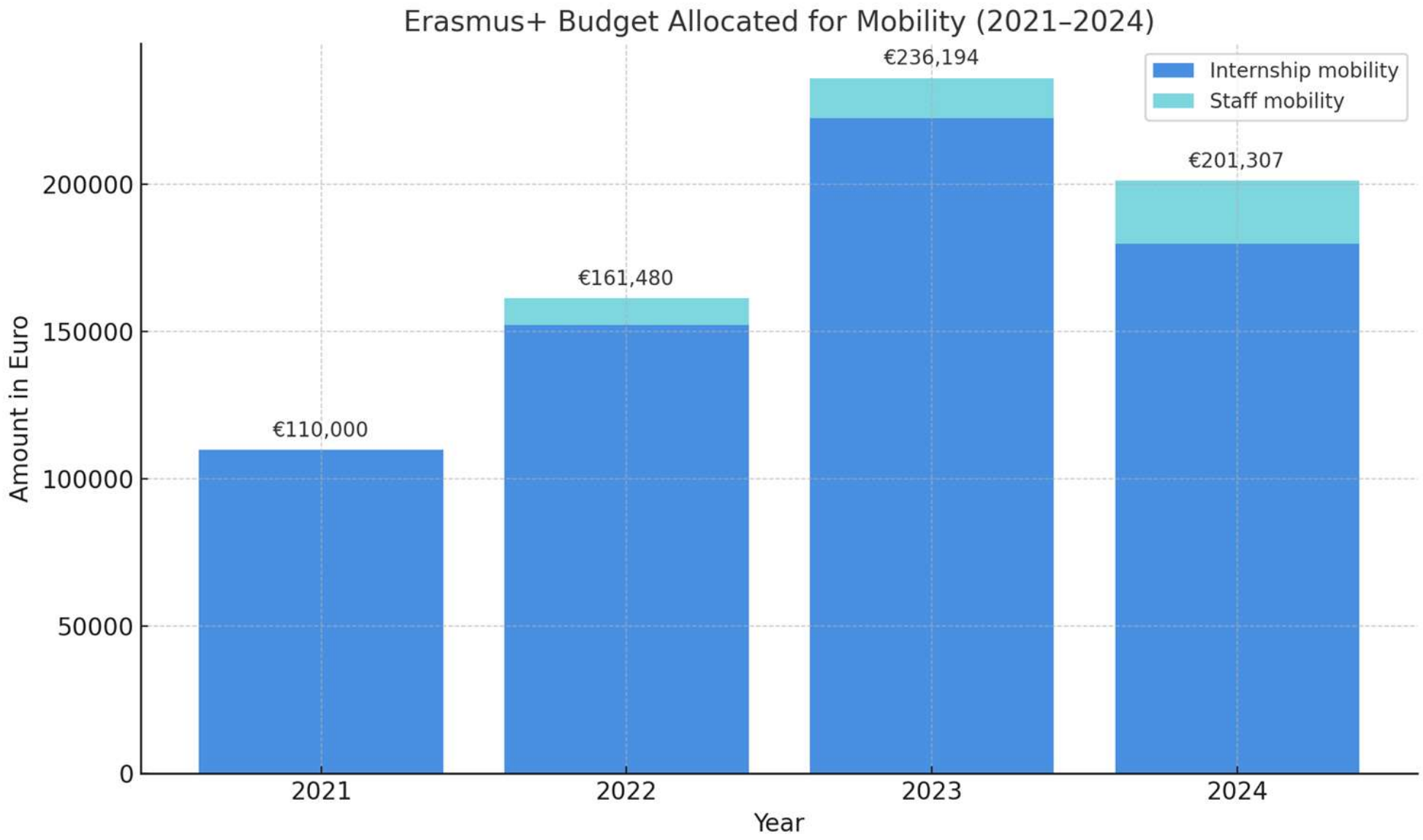
SAPIENZA UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

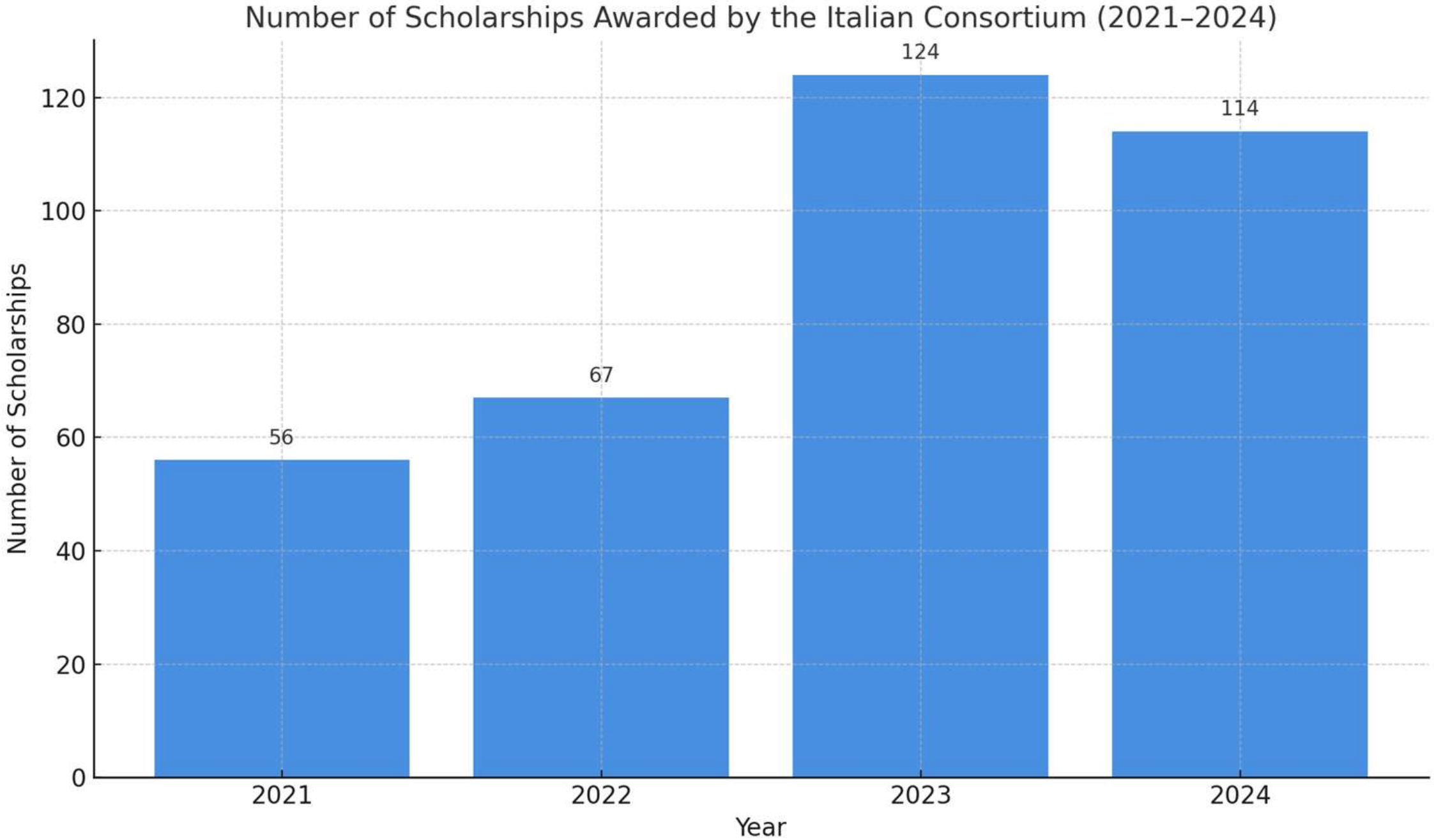
Università di Roma Tor Vergata

In recent years, within the Italian Consortium, some universities have stood out for the high number of participating students and their strong engagement in the project.

- University of Tuscia
- University of Napoli Federico II
- University of Padova

Erasmus grant over the years




Number of Scholarships Awarded by the Italian Consortium (2021–2024)
Number of Scholarships
Year
0
20
40
60
80
100
120
2021
2022
2023
2024
56
67
124
114

Waivers

Main Reasons for Scholarship Withdrawals

The most frequently reported reasons are:

- **High cost of living** in the destination country
- **Difficulties in finding affordable accommodation** suitable for Erasmus students
- Students participate in other Erasmus programmes
- Other (changes of schedule, problems with residence permits)

Measures to Reduce the High Cost of Living by the Erasmus Programme

◆ 1. Adjustment of Grant Levels

As of 2024, the Erasmus+ National Agency has revised the cost-of-living categories for destination countries. This recalibration has resulted in **slightly increased grant allocations**, offering improved financial support aligned with actual living costs.

◆ 2. Reinforcement of the Fewer Opportunities Framework

The Programme has reaffirmed its commitment to inclusion by **broadening the eligibility criteria** for students with fewer opportunities. Institutions are encouraged to ensure **equitable access through transparent and inclusive selection processes**.

EU4EU Initiative

1)EU4EU Housing Network

To address recurring difficulties in securing adequate accommodation, the Italian Consortium has initiated the **EU4EU Housing Network**, a pilot project involving trusted landlords identified through feedback from former trainees. This network aims to provide students with **safe, accessible, and affordable housing options**, reducing financial and logistical barriers to mobility

How to improve the service (discussion points)

1)How can we increase participation of trusted landlords across different cities and countries?

2)What incentives or visibility could encourage more landlords to join the network?

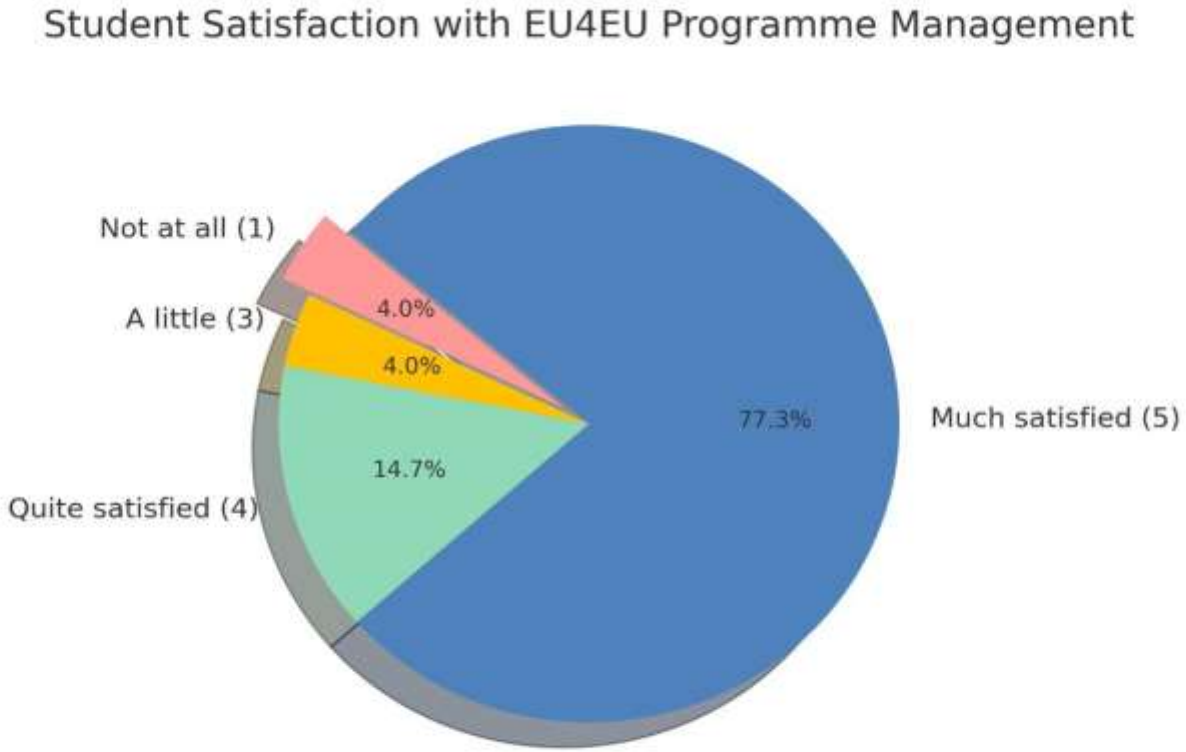
3)How can we effectively promote the Housing Network to incoming students?

Are there successful models or collaborations we can learn from within your institutions or consortia?

2) A second initiative introduced this year is **the addition of Article 4.7** in the call for applications **to limit student drop-outs to participate in other Erasmus programmes**

“*The article states that students from Consortium universities are **strictly prohibited** from using the EU4EU Portal to identify Host Organizations for internships **outside the official framework** of the project. This rule applies regardless of whether the student has completed their application. If a student withdraws or is not awarded a scholarship, but still carries out an internship with a Host Organization found through the portal, they are **required to maintain Zero Grant status** within the EU4EU project for that academic year*”.

Participant satisfaction



Areas for Improvement

1) **Enhancing Inclusion of Disadvantaged Students**
   Currently, the Italian consortium records only *economic disadvantage* among students. Our goal is to broaden this definition and actively promote *equal opportunities* for personal and professional growth.

We aim to:

- **Expand awareness and dissemination** of the possibility to obtain *additional financial support*.

- **Improve outreach strategies** to ensure students are informed about these opportunities.

- Place a special focus on students from **geopolitically disadvantaged areas**, such as conflict zones, to increase participation and access to the programme.

Areas for improvement

2) We aim to further enhance the quality of traineeship experiences to ensure they better respond to the **evolving needs of the labour market**.

Our efforts will focus on:

- **Strengthening the connection** between mobility projects and **employability skills**.
- Encouraging host organizations to provide **structured and high-quality training**.
- **Aligning learning objectives** with market trends and employer feedback to increase the relevance of traineeships.

Area for Improvements

3)Future Objectives for the EU4EU Student Community

- Develop the **EU4EU Ambassador Program** to promote the programme through former trainees.
- Collaborate with **student associations** at national and European level to expand outreach.
- Create an **interactive student network** to connect current and former trainees.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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