

Title of the project: Enhancing Mobility for Access Students Ireland www.mobilitytoolkit.ie



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- ✓ **Main ideas you would like to inform about:** Bi-lateral cooperation across KA3 projects: *An approach by Ireland, Sweden and the UK*

To provide overview of our formal and informal collaboration

Project overviews

Synergies between projects

Formal collaboration

Between Irish and UK project:

- Projects referenced in KA3+ bid document – pre-project collaboration
- Project aims and approaches were aligned
- Presence on each others project Steering Group
- Peer-review of each others projects
- Project outputs were aligned
- Joint launch of both projects in Brussels

Informal collaboration

Between Irish, Swedish and UK project

- Delivered a joint session at EAIE 2017 conference in Seville – only 1 in 7 proposals accepted!
- Shared research findings
- Made reference to each others projects
- Networked colleagues on other projects
- Speaking at events
- Shared speakers
- Shared other research relevant to each others projects

What worked... and what didn't work

Formal Collaboration

- Steering Group presence
- Meeting in person regularly, regular phone calls
- Sharing resources, being candid
- Flagging upcoming challenges
- Joint launch event

Informal Collaboration

- Meeting in person at Jan 2017 cluster meeting
- Teleconferences!
- Regular emails inc agreed follow up actions
- Scheduling activity in advance
- Being flexible

✓ Partners in the project



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✓ "highlights" (events)/ special approaches

✓ **Lessons learnt**

There are always challenges when working across different projects...

- Varied workloads throughout the project lifecycle
- Different operating contexts and restrictions
- Internal processes at organisations
- Clashing project timelines

... but we worked around these challenges!

✓ Impact- Benefits of collaboration

- Sharing best practice
- Problem solving
- Finding further synergies
- Improved partnerships
- Sharing research
- Alternative perspectives
- Flagging other opportunities