# The Mobility Project

# How to Make Paperless Mobility between Higher Education Institutions Possible?

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# Agenda

- Real life scenarios (motivation)
- Wishful scenarios (goals)
- Possible solution
- Technical issues
- History of the project
- How to make it happen



# International cooperation ...

- Let's have a look at a typical European
   University (like University of Warsaw,
   UW) which cooperates and exchange
   students with other universities ...
- It most probably uses some **Student**Management Information System

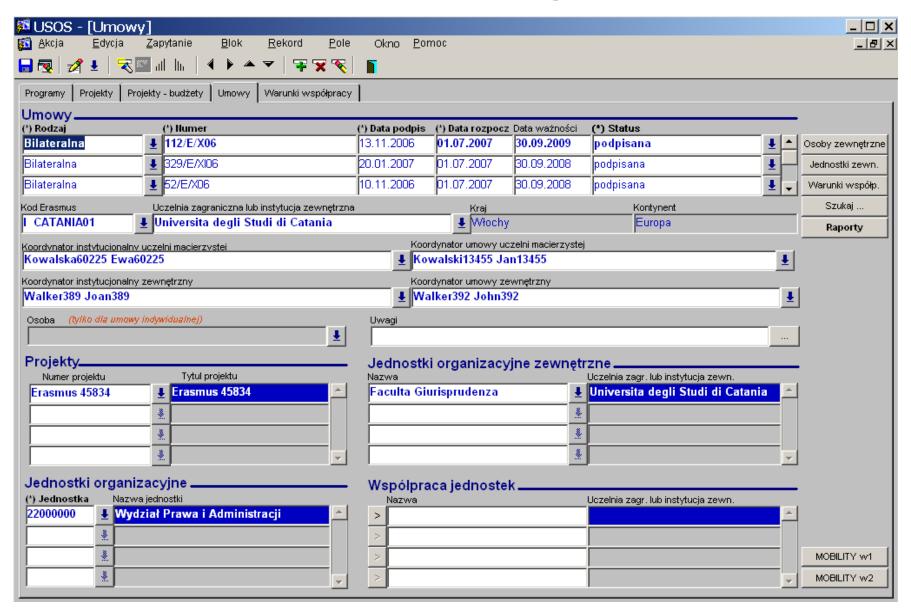
  (like USOS) for daily support of the

  International Relations Office (IRO)

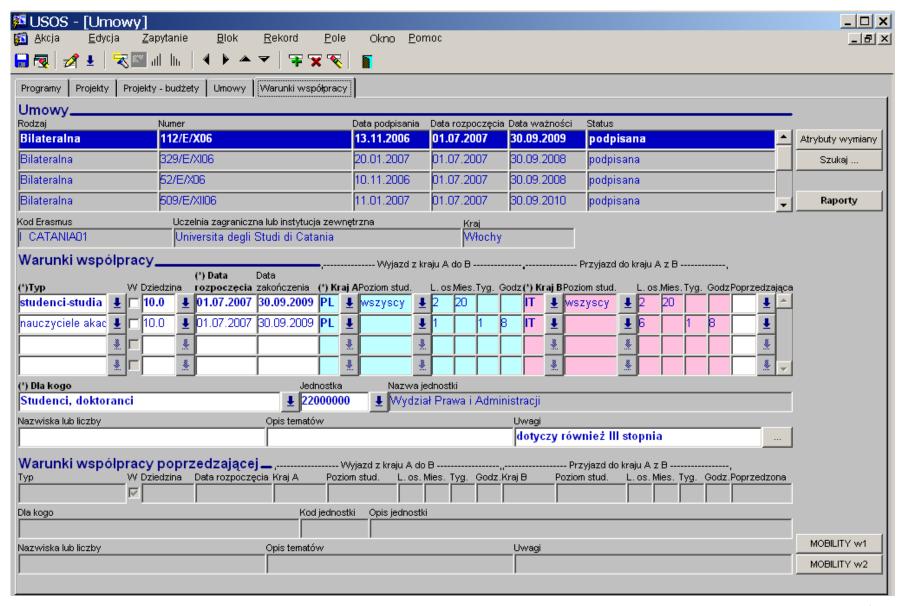
# USOS - module for IRO at UW

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Studenci/uczelnie/inst. Słowniki Umowy Przyjazdy	USOS - BWZ, Miłego dnia!
Wyjazdy Zakończ	
	Komunikaty
	Użytkownik: JMD Baza: test Wersja: 3.11

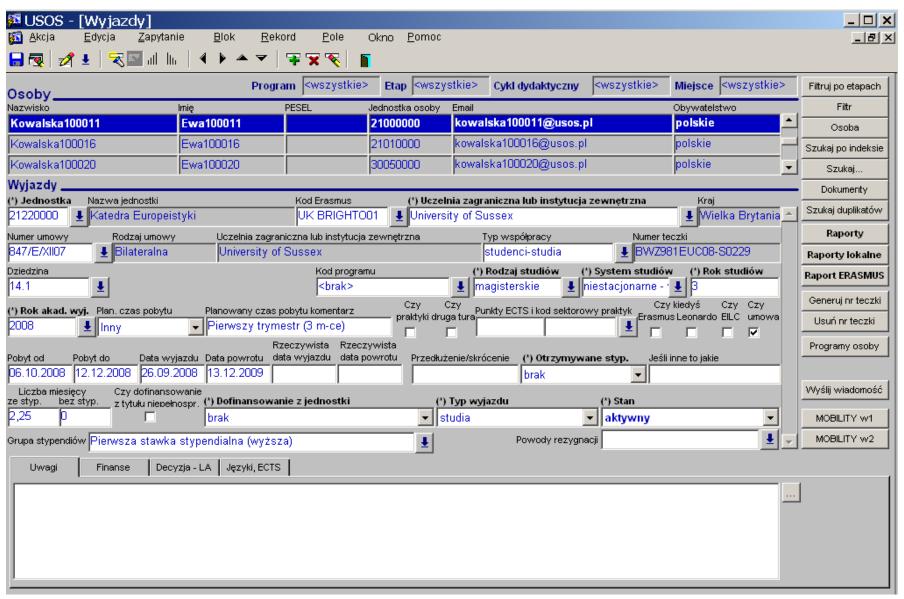
# IRO – Bilateral agreements



# IRO – Conditions of cooperation

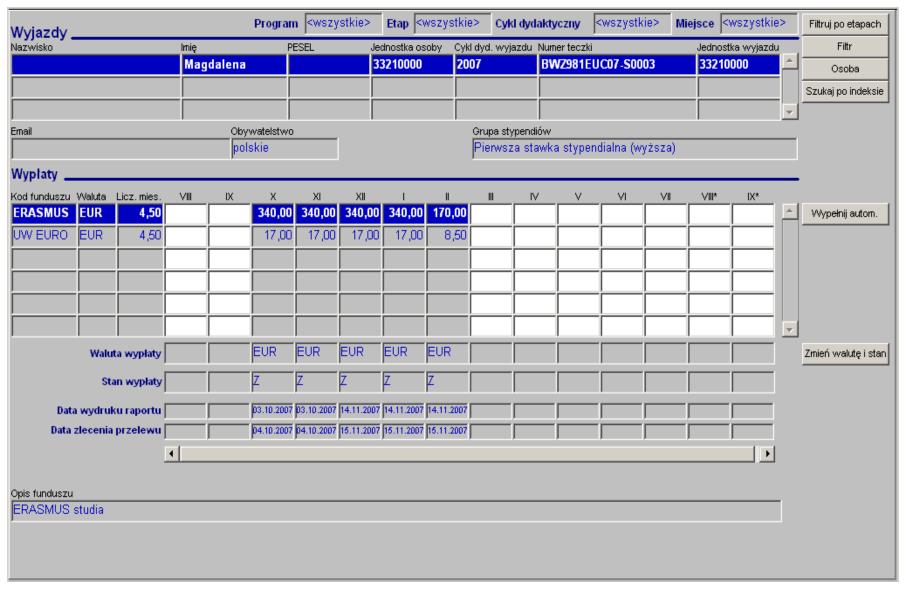


# IRO – Incoming and outgoing mobility



# IRO – Scholarships

(final amount depends on dates of arrival/departures)





## Real life scenario – 1

# University of Warsaw

- December-January:
  - Start of the recruitment for outgoing mobility
  - List of offers (resulting from international agreements) is available for students on the web

## INTRODUCTION

TESTS

## EXAM REPORTS

**EDITING COURSES** 

EXAMS REGISTRATION

POSTULATES

GIVING OPINIONS

### STUDENT MOBILITY > coordinated faculties

- ▶ Faculty of
- Mathematics. Informatics, and
- Mechanics ▶ signed
- agreements unsigned agreements
- assign outgoing mobility
- assigned
- outgoing mobilities
- ▶ study programmes
- ▶ mobility offers
- ▶ enrollments ▶ recommendation
- templates ▶ my commissions
- my opinions
- SURVEYS RESULTS

## Coordination of Erasmus student mobility

at the faculty/unit: Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics, and Mechanics [select another]



This page displays Signed bilateral agreements that fulfil following

- have status other than 'unsigned' or 'under negotiation'
- terms and conditions of the agreement are linked to following unit: Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics, and Mechanics
- terms, conditions and the agreement itself are still valid,
- terms, conditions and the agreement itself come into effect within a



## Signed faculty/unit agreements

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No.	Country	Erasmus code	Institution name	Oualifications stage	Id	From	To A	Options
1	(în Polish) Austria	A WIEN01	Universität Wien	podpisana	517/E/XII06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details 🕒
2	(in Polish) Dania	DK ODENSE01	Syddansk Universitet	podpisana	659/E/II07	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details 🖸
3	(în Polish) Dania	DK KOBENHA01	Kobenhavns Universitet	podpisana	214/E/XI06	2007-07-01		details 🛭
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5	(in Polish) Francja	F PARISO13	Université Paris Nord (Paris XIII)	podpisana	282/E/XI06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details (
6	(in Polish) Francja	F PALAISE01	Ecole Polytechnique	podpisana	521/E/XII06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details l
7	(in Polish) <b>Hiszpania</b>	E VALENCI01	Universidad de Valencia	podpisana	462/E/XII06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details (
8	(in Polish) <b>Hiszpania</b>	E BARCELO02	Universitat Autónoma de Barcelona	podpisana	654/E/II07	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details (
9	(in Polish) <b>Niemcy</b>	D SAARBRU01	Universität des Saarlandes	podpisana	283/E/XI06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details B
10	(in Polish) <b>Niemcy</b>	D MUNCHEN01	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat Munchen	podpisana	464/E/XII06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details B
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12	(in Polish) Szwecja	S UPPSALA01	Uppsala Universitet	podpisana	202/E/XI06	2007-07-01	2010-09-30	details E
13	(in Polish) Portugalia	P LISBOA02	Universidade de Lisboa	podpisana	995/E/II08	2008-07-01	2011-09-30	details [
14	(in Polish) <b>Wielka Brytania</b>	UK ABERDEE01	University of Aberdeen	podpisana	972/E/I08	2008-07-01	2011-09-30	details E
15	(in Polish) Wielka Brytania	UK EDINBUR01	The University of Edinburgh	przedłużona	1130/E/X08	2009-07-01	2011-09-30	details [



# Faculty – Student's application

## Motivation letter in a foreign language

Please consider my candidature to the deans founded scholarship.

Dear Sir or Madam.

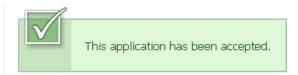
I am writing to propose my candidature to the Socrates-Erasmus student exchange program in the academic year 2009/10. I'm a student of the fourth year of mathematics. I am studying mathematics as a primary specialization in a Individual Studies Program in conjunction with physics.

It is a great combination which makes studying more interesting and purposeful. I am a hard-working and solid person. A result of that is the fact that every semester I am exceeding the required ECTS numbers and every subject I take on is passed by me. Thanks to such approach I have passed more subjects that were necessary, and I have also passed numerous subjects on the faculty of Physics.

I believe that an international scholarship will be a great opportunity for me to widen my horizons (not only mathematical) and to get more knowledge in various fields. I am aware that it may be a difficult challenge, however I am sure I will be able to cope with it and it will be a great benefit to me as well.

As a person who is travelling a lot, and with good knowledge in foreign languages I hope I won't have any problems to acommodate myself in a new environment. After finishing my master degree I am planning to continue my studies to reach the PhD degree.

Best regards





RLMTODO					
Language	Level				
English	znam język dostatecznie dobrze, by rozumieć wykłady				
French	znam język dostatecznie dobrze, by rozumieć wykłady				
German	znam język dostatecznie dobrze, by rozumieć wykłady				

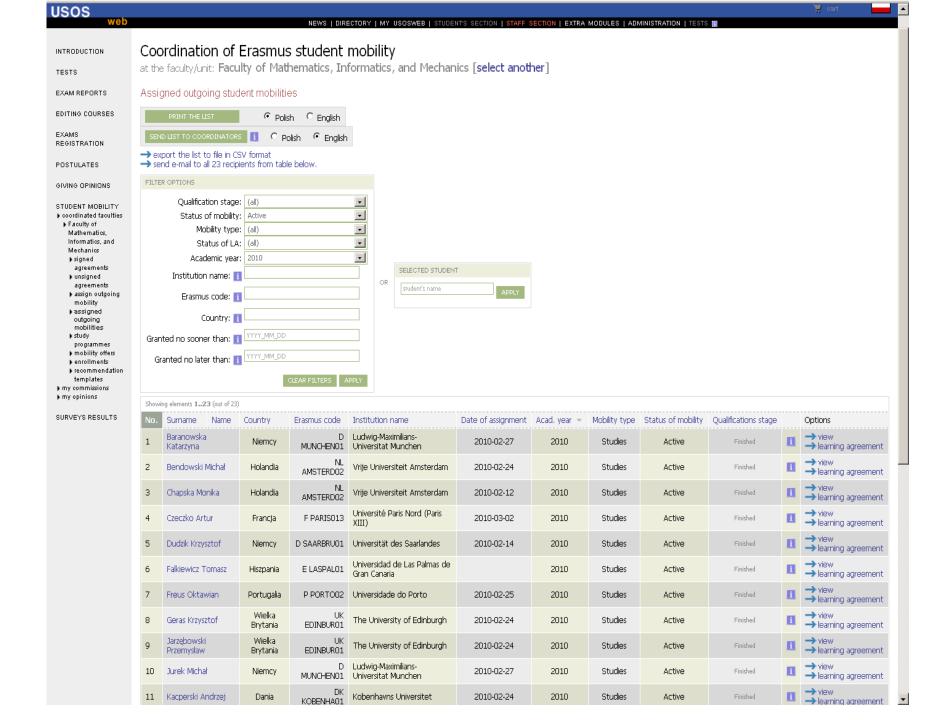
Cou	rses with marks (m	ах 3)
1000-135RC1a	Partial differential equations I	4,5
1000-1L00RR	Differential equations in natural sciences	5
1000-135ST1	Statistics I	4,5





# Real life scenario – 2

- March: Lists of nominations are ready, approved by departmental Erasmus coordinators (University of Warsaw recruited 1232 students for 2011/2012)
- May: Learning Agreement for each student is ready, approved by home and partner coordinators



## POSTULATES

## GIVING OPINIONS

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  - Informatics, and Mechanics signed
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  - ▶ learning agreement decision
  - study programmes
  - mobility offers ▶ enrollments
  - recommendation templates
- ▶ my commissions my opinions

## SURVEYS RESULTS



Learning Agreement has been approved. It should be printed and signed (correspondence will ensue). Subsequent edition of the agreement is possible until its expiration date in USOSweb.

## In reference to

Student:	Michał Bendowski
Study program:	<b>DZ-INF</b> - Bachelor's degree, first cycle programme, Computer Science
Period of study:	I3 - Computer Science, 3rd grade
Term:	<b>2009</b> - Academic year 2009/10

## General information

	Decision number:	102582
	Decision date:	2010-03-23
i	Decision type:	REPLACEMENT
	Decision state:	W - to be completed modification deadline: 2011-03-15
i	Stage of creation:	Accepted
	Next period of study:	(no change)
	Comment:	Porozumienie w sprawie programu zajęć (LA)

## External courses

No	Name	Term	Passed	ECTS	Language	i	Coordinator	Status	Options
Curre	ent <b>approved</b> course list								
1.	Logical Verification	2010L	NO	6.00	English	none / none	(unknown)	Z - approved	
	LAB WYK EGZ Educational institution: Y	Vrije Unive	rsiteit Amste	erdam					
2.	Network Programming	2010L	NO	9.00	English	none / none	(unknown)	<b>Z</b> - approved	
	WYK LAB EGZ Educational institution: Y	/rije Unive	rsiteit Amste	erdam					
3.	Operating Systems Practical	2010L	NO	9.00	English	none / none	(unknown)	Z - approved	
	LAB Educational institution: Vrije Univer	rsiteit Ams	terdam						
4.	Scientific Writing in English	2010L	NO	3.00	(unknown)	none / none	(unknown)	<b>Z</b> - approved	
	PRA-P WYK Educational institution: Vrij	ie Universi	teit Amsterd	am					
5.	Software Configuration Management	2010L	NO	6.00	English	none / none	(unknown)	Z - approved	
	CW PRA-P WYK Educational institution	: Vrije Uni	versiteit Ams	terdam					
	Total number of ECTS	credits at	tempted:	33.00	i				



# Real life scenario – 3

- International Relations Office is ready to deliver lists of nominated students to partner institutions
  - Personal data
  - Learning agreement
- When student returns (after a semester or a year) International Relations Office would like to get:
  - Trancript of records
  - Exact dates of arrival and departure (to calculate exact amount of scholarship)

# Learning Agreement

# LEARNING AGREEMENT

		r: Winter semester 2009/2010 atics, Computer Science (code 11.3)	
		,	
Name of student: Aleksander G			
Sending institution:			Country:
University of Warsaw			Poland
DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED STO	UDY PROGRAM ABROAD/L	EARNING AGREEMENT	
Receiving institution:			Country:
Université Paris Nord (Pari	s XIII)		France
Current version			
Course unit code (if any)	Course unit title (as indica	ated in the information package):	Number of ECTS
			credits if applied
	Algorytmique parallele		4
	Analyse de Fourrier et t		4
	Calcul haute performan		5
	Modelisation mathemat	ique pour le traitment des images	5
	Programmation mathem	natique approfondie	5
	Systemes distribues		4
Date		Student's signature:	
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RECEIVING INSTITUTION			
We confirm that this proposed program of study			
Departmental coordinator's signature	е	Institutional coordinator's signature	
Date:		Date:	

# Learning Agreement → Transcript of Records

## In reference to

Student:	Piotr S
Study program:	DM-JSIM - Double Degree Program in Computer Science and Mathematics
Stage:	JSIM4I - Fourth year JSIM 3I+4M
Term:	2007 - Academic year 2007/08

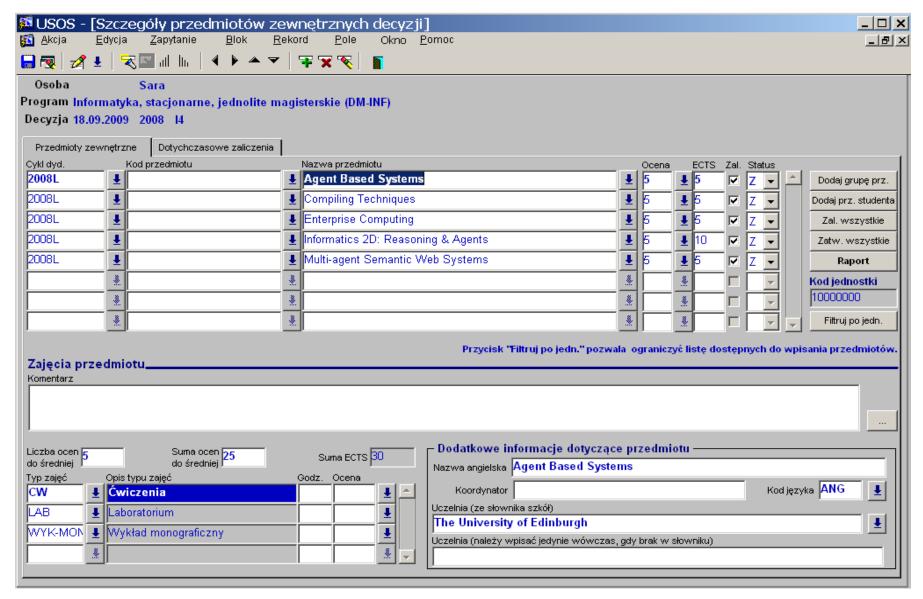
## General information

	Decision number:	75064
	Decision date:	2008-08-17
i	Decision type:	MODIFICATION
	Decision state:	Z - approved
i	Stage of creation:	Filling in
	Next stage:	(no change)
	Comment:	Porozumienie w sprawie programu zajęć (LA)

## External courses

#	Name	Term	Passed	ECTS	Language	i	Coordinator	Status
1.	Agent Based Systems U02497	2007	YES	5.00	English	none / none	Michael Rovatsos	Z - approved
	CW (8 hours), WYK (20 hours). Institution: (in Polish) The Univ	rersity of E	linburgh					
2.	Computer Communications and Networks U03858	2007	YES	5.00	English	none / none	Mahesh Marina	Z - approved
	WYK (20 hours). Institution: The University of Edinburgh							
3.	Computer Security U03025	2007	YES	5.00	English	none / none	David Aspinall	Z - approved
	WYK (20 hours). Institution: (in Palish) The University of Edinbe	urgh						
4.	Enterprise Computing U01902	2007	YES	5.00	English	none / none	Stephen Gilmore	Z - approved
	CW (8 hours), WYK (20 hours). Institution: (in Polish) The Univ	rersity of E	linburgh					
5.	Informatics 2D: Reasoning & Agents ∪02602	2007	YES	10.00	English	none / none	Jacques Fleuriot, Michael Rovatsos	Z - approved
	CW (10 hours), LAB (20 hours), WYK (30 hours). Institution:	(in Palish) T	e University o	of Edinburgh				
	max	ECTS to	achieve:	30.00	i			
	ach	nieved E0	CTS total:	30.00	i			

# Grades from the University of Edinburgh



# Diploma supplement

## DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT

## Valid with the Diploma no 1000/46331/2009

## I. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE HOLDER OF THE QUALIFICATION

- 1. Surname: S
- 2. First name(s): Piotr Krzysztof
- 3. Date of birth (day, month, year): 24.09.1985
- 4. Student identification number or code: 219737

## II. INFORMATION IDENTIFYING THE QUALIFICATION

- 1. Diploma number: 1000/46331/2009
- 2. Name of qualification and the title conferred 1) magister
- 3. Main field of study and field of specialisation for the qualification : Computer Science
- 4. Name and status of awarding institution 1).

## Uniwersytet Warszawski

Uniwersytet Warszawski, established in 1816 is a public higher education institution. The university is entitled to confer the degrees of 'doktor', 'doktor habilitowany' and apply for the title of 'profesor'. The university educates students in the spirit of Magna Charta Universitatum and is also a party to the Agreement of Polish Universities on the Quality of Education, as a result of which the University Accreditation Commission was established.

5. Name and status of institution administering studies 3.

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The University of Edinburgh - United Kingdom

-6. Dungaage(s) of instruction/examination. Politics, English

## III. INFORMATION ON THE LEVEL OF QUALIFICATION

- 1. Level of qualification: second cycle programme
- 2. Official length of programme: 5-year studies (3+2)
- 3. Access requirements: maturity certificate or entrance examination

Computer Security	wyk 20	5	5
Computer Communications and Networks	wyk 20	5	5
Enterprise Computing	wyk 20/cw 8	4	5
Agent Based Systems	wyk 20/cw 8	4,5	5
Decision support systems	sem 60	4,5	12
Distributed Systems	sem-mgr 60	ZAL	6
Informatics 2D: Reasoning & Agents	wyk 30/cw 10/lab 20	4,5	16



# Real life scenario – 4

Similarly for incoming students ...

# Admission of incoming students



mobility.uw.edu.pl > Home

# Welcome to the online application for short-term studies

In order to apply for short-term studies at the University of Warsaw please <u>create a</u> new account and then follow the instructions.

E-mail:	
Password:	
Log in	
Create a new account Recover forgotten password	

## Application Deadlines 2011/2012:

Full academic year or first semester (starting October 1st, 2011): May  $15^{th}$ , 2011

Second semester (starting February 13th, 2012): November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

# Admission of incoming students



## **Application**

## Step by step

- All personal data completed. Review and modify.
- 2. Accommodation decision made. Review.
- 3. Status filled in. Review and modify.
- Studying details completed. Review and modify.
- 5. 🔞 <u>Upload your documents.</u>
- 6. 🔞 The confirmation of acceptance.
- 7. 🔞 Send the application form by post.

## Message inbox

No new messages.



# Real life scenario – 5

- A lot of information has to be passed during the whole process
- Partner universities keep this information in their databases and handle it using sophisticated computer systems
- How is the data exchanged between partner institutions?

# Real life scenario – 6 Sending data from home to partner institution



(all pictures are obtained from the Internet)

# Real life scenario – 7

## **Nominations are:**

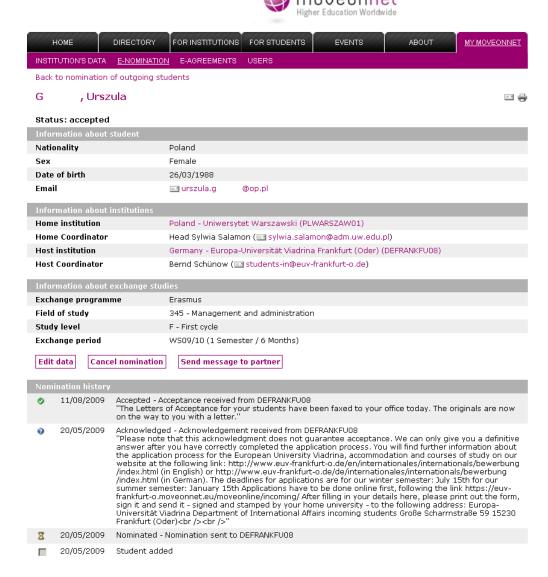
- typed manually into partner's system (many different systems, many different styles and requirements)
- scanned,
- faxed,
- delivered by phone call

• ...

Usually many times (updates are common)

Problems with national alphabets (data coding):

a, e, ł, ń, ó, ś, ź, ż

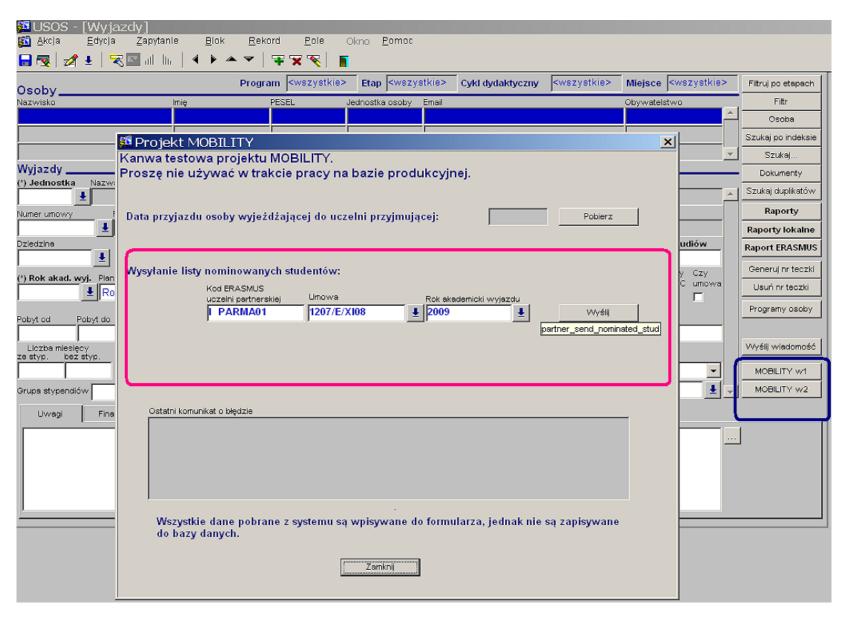




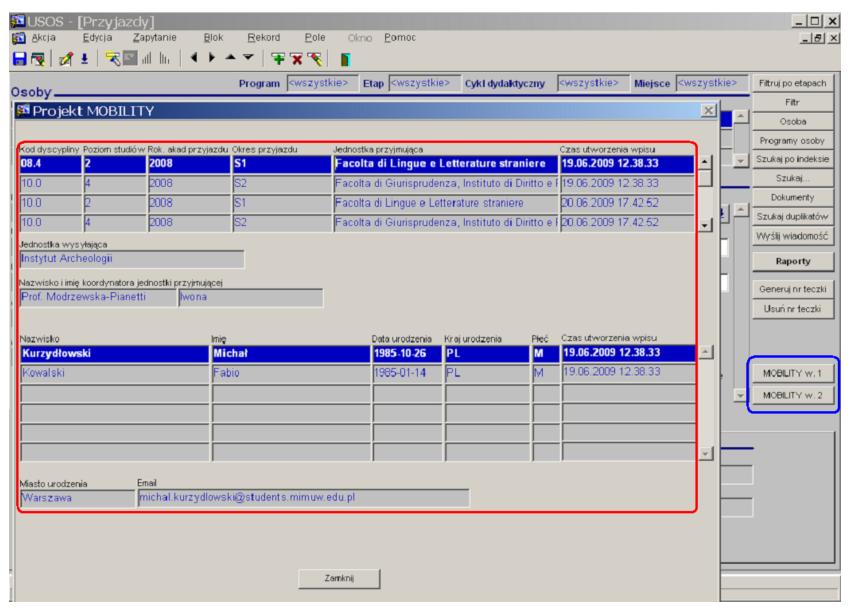
# Real life Wishful scenario



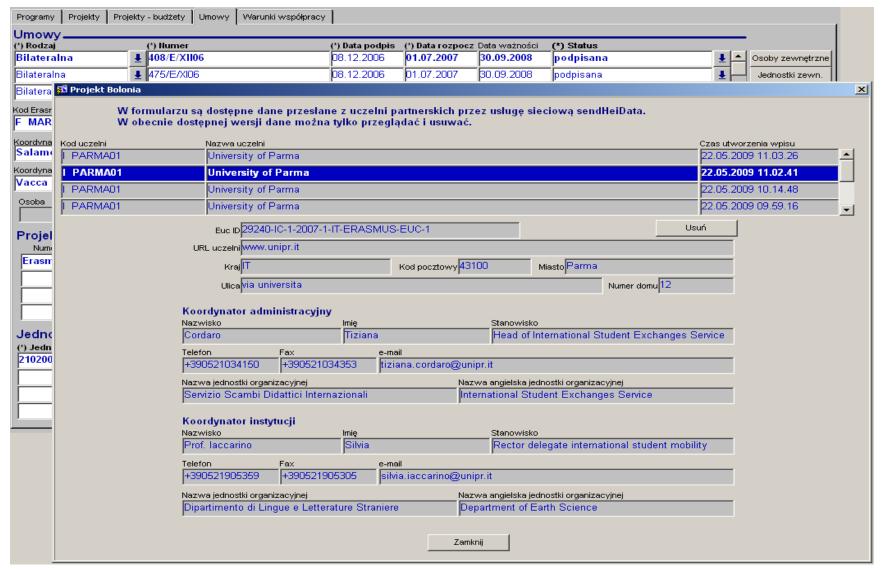
# List of nominated students → SEND button



# List of incoming students → GET button



# Organization data of the partner institution → GET button





# Exchanged data ...

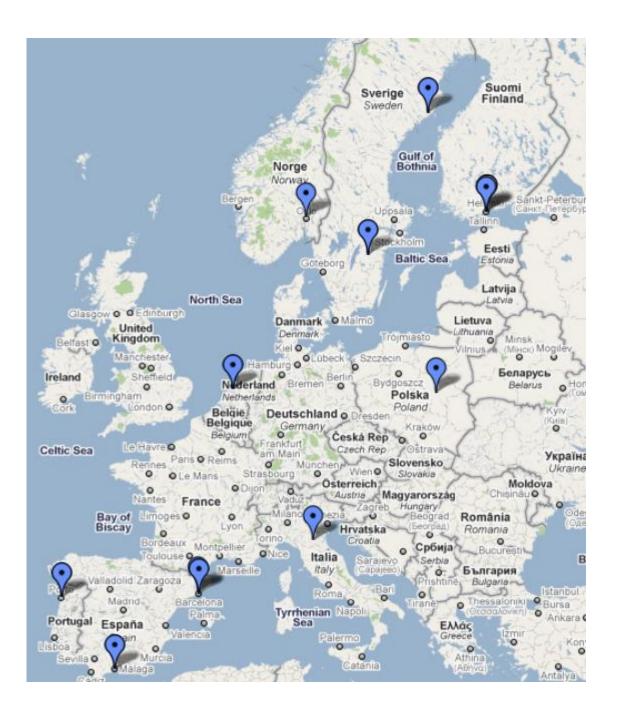
- International cooperation
  - HEI information record
  - Bilateral agreement between two HEIs
- Mobility (incoming and outgoing)
  - Students nominated for mobility
  - Course catalog
  - Learning agreement
  - Transcript of records

GOAL → STOP SENDING PAPER,

EXCHANGE DATA ELECTRONICALLY

BY PUSHING BUTTONS

# Mobility nodes?





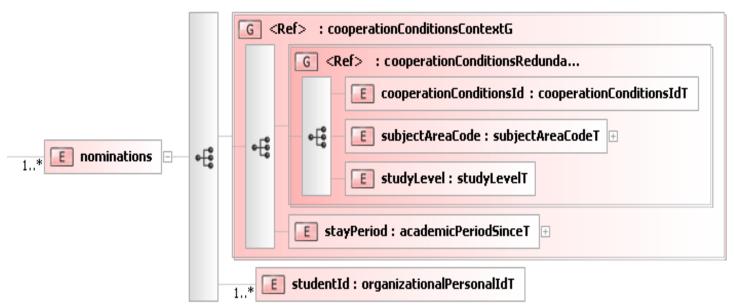
# SEND and GET buttons (web services)

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sendOrganizationData()
getOrganizationData()
sendAgreementData(), getAgreementData()
sendNominatedStudents()
getNominatedStudents()
sendArrivalDate(), getArrivalDate()
sendDepartureDate(), getDepartureDate()
sendLearningAgreement()
getLearningAgreement()
sendTranscriptOfRecords()
getTranscriptOfRecords()
getCourseData()
validateNationalPersonalID()
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# Data format – WSDL

- Should model the problem domain well
- Should be as simple as possible and conform to existing standards as strictly as possible, but
  - Exsiting standards do not conform to each other
  - They do not cover fully the problem domain
- We try to take into account achievements of:
  - Metadata for Learning Opportunities (MLO) programs of study and course catalogs
  - European Learner Mobility (ELM) Europass portfolio
  - SCHAC (*SCHema for Academia*) LDAP attributes



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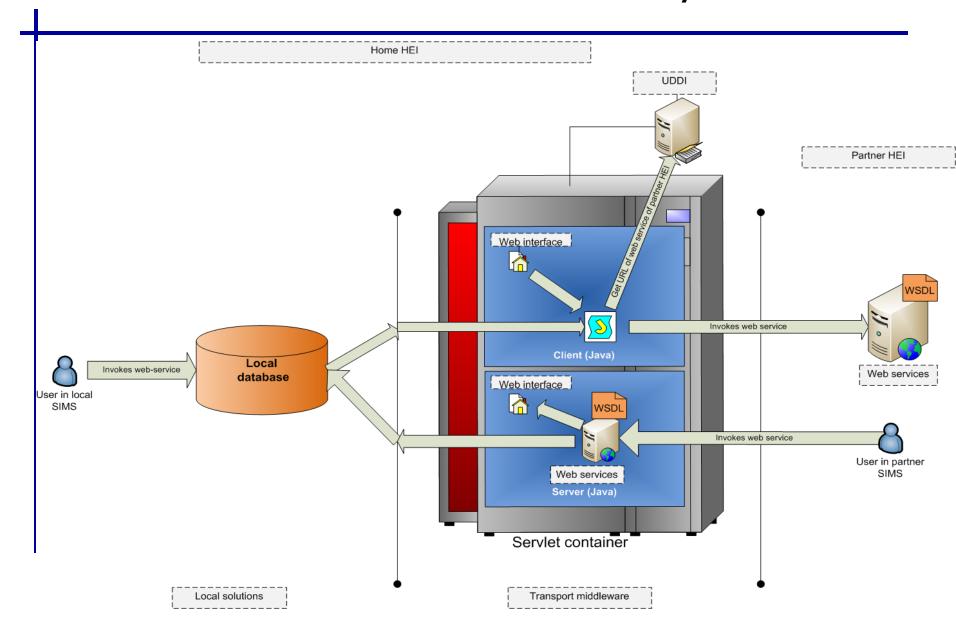


# Software

- Distributed network of web servers, one for each HEI
- UDDI (Universal Description Discovery and Integration) registry stores addresses of endpoints
- Technologies involved:
  - Java with Spring framework
  - Apache as HTTP server and Apache Tomcat as a servlet container
  - Apache Camel as a routing and mediation engine
  - Apache CXF as a web services framework
  - Apache jUDDI as a UDDI Registry implementation
  - Apache Qpid as an AMQP implementation
  - ICEfaces as RIA (Rich Internet Application) framework etc.

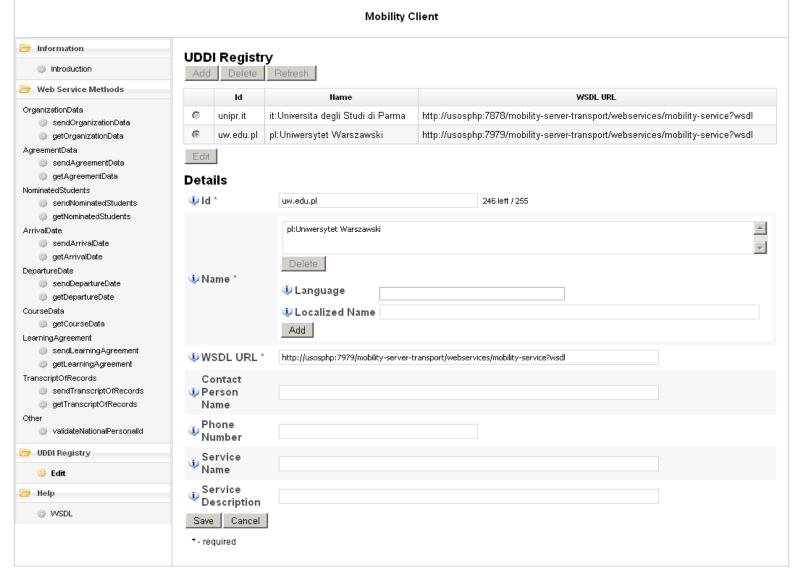


# Architecture of the mobility node





# UDDI – Universal Description, Discovery and Integration (registry of Mobility nodes)

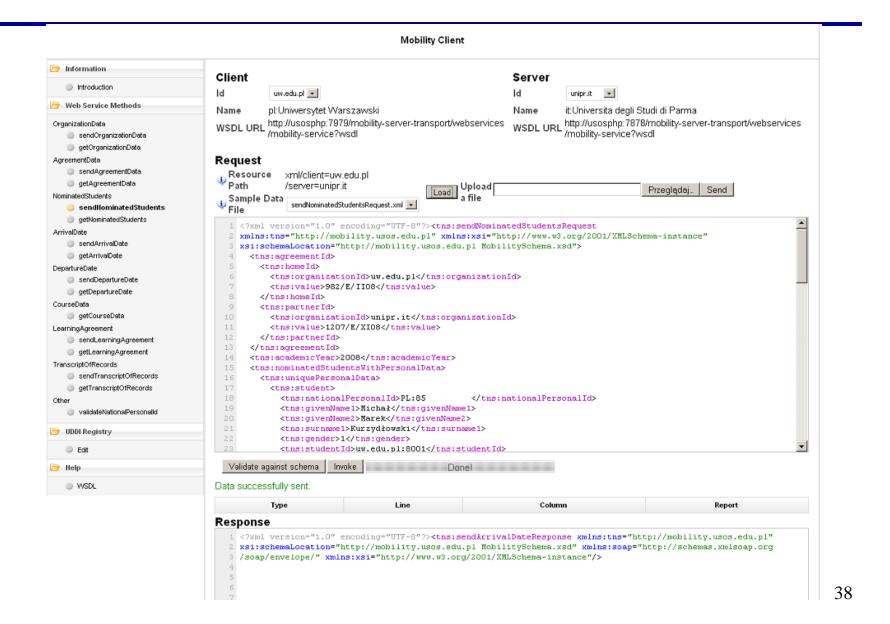


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### Web client (client= WARSAW, server= PARMA)

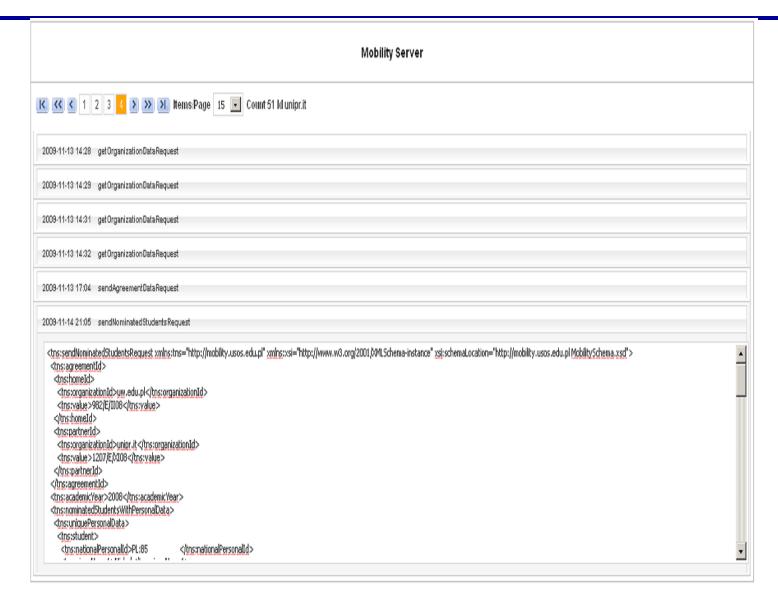
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### Web server (server=PARMA)

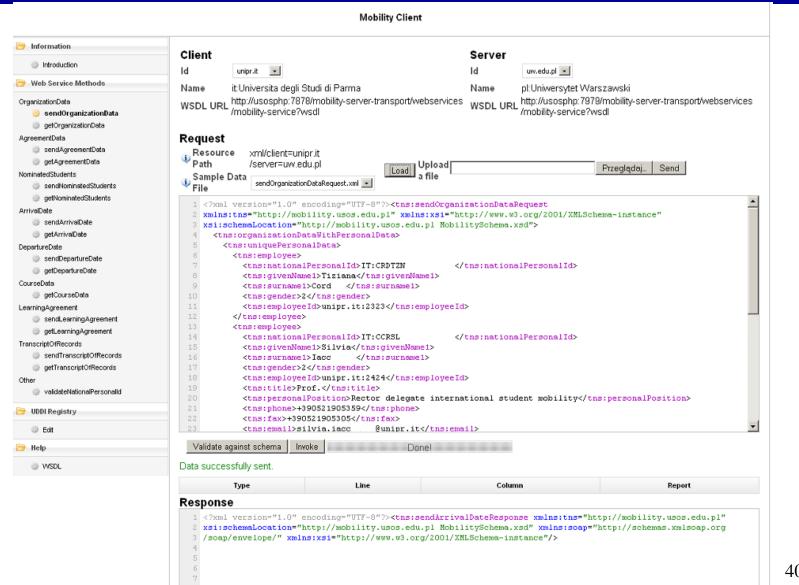
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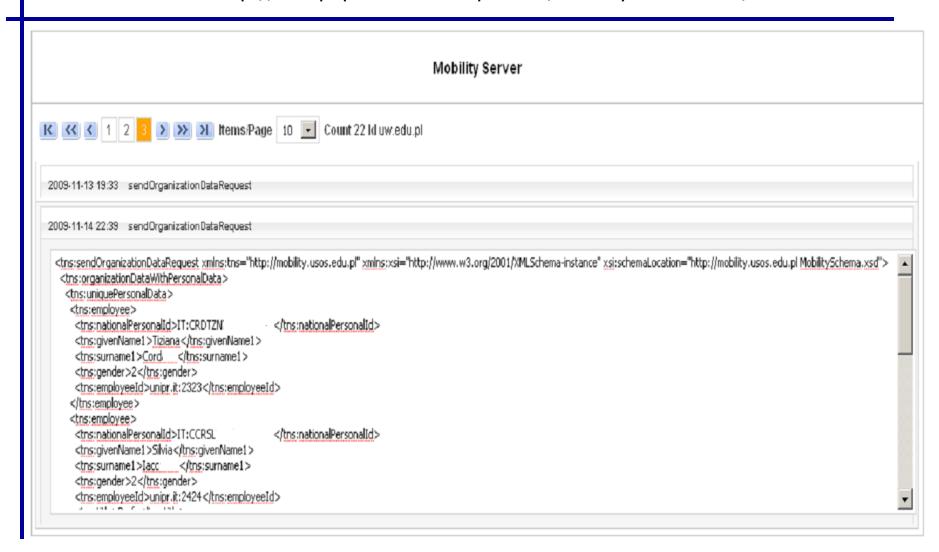
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### Web server (server=WARSAW)

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# The Mobility Project – History 1

- June 2008, EUNIS 2008 (Aarchus)
  - Presentation of the USOS Mobility module for IRO
  - MUCI (Polish consortium) and CINECA (Italian consortium) decide to start the project
- June 2009, EUNIS 2009 (Santiago de Compostela)
  - First version of the mobility network (with two nodes) is presented
  - First workhop of **RS3G** standardization body gathers other interested groups



# The Mobility Project – History 2

- November 2009, RS3G Workshop (Uppsala)
  - Brings together consortia and companies willing to take an active part in the project
  - Main problem domains identified
- March 2010, RS3G Workshop (Bologna)
  - Brings together the Mobility Group and TERENA
     TF-EMC2 to discuss the aspects of security and of identity and access management
  - Possible solutions outlined



# The Mobility Project – History 3

- June 2010, EUNIS 2010 (Warsaw)
  - RS3G workhop some important plans made on how to speed up the project
- December 2010, RS3G workhop (Malaga)
  - Joint meeting with TERENA TF-EMC2, technical security details discussed and approved
- March 2011, RS3G Coding Camp (Barcelona)
  - Meeting IRO people, discussing technical issues, extending network of mobility nodes
  - Decision on developing the platform for exchange of organization data (so called infosheets or business cards)
- September 2011
  - Deadline for the platform



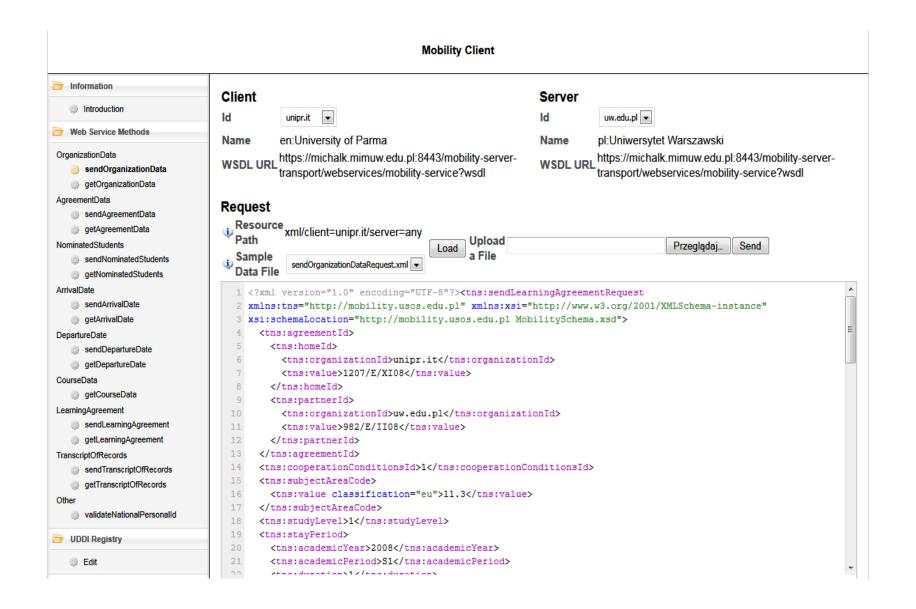
### **Exchange of Organization Data**

- First (necessary) step in any cooperation each institution every year sends/gets hundreds of organization Business Cards
- Easy to develop and easy to use:
  - Business cards stored in XML format as flat files on disk (or obtained on the fly from the data stored in local database)
  - sendOrganizationData() sends the data to server
  - Server automatically posts it one the web (INSERT or UPDATE)
- Every institution can join with minimal effort (preparing XML file with the data and installing the mobility node)



# Registry

- Services sendOrganizationData()/ getOrganizationData() delivered by the mobility nodes of participating universities are published in the commonly available Registry
- Service interfaces are described by WSDL/WADL
- We use registry developed as part of core middleware of **GEANT3** DJ3.3.2 **GEMBus** Deliverable (by Roland Hedberg)
- TERENA certificates are used by the mobility nodes and the registry



Invocation of sendOrganizationData() on the mobility client (example)

#### **List of organizations**

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uab.cat - show business card

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- uab.cat show business card
- unipr.it show business card

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- uab.cat show business card
- unipr.it show business card
- uw.edu.pl show business card

Subsequent invocations of sendOrganizationData() as observed on the mobility server (example)

#### UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DE BARCELONA

Official website	www.uab.es	
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE		
International Relations Website		
Fax	+ 34 91 624 95 52	
Address	Plaça de la Vila 08290 ?Cerdanyola del Vallès, ES	
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### Problems to solve, steps to make

- Recognize real life scenarios of various universities, describe business cases, test business model - processes are similar but local requirements and procedures need not (IRO staff)
- Agree on the amount and format of exchanged data (IRO staff)
- Develop software involve software vendors from various European countries (IT people)
- Deploy software in cooperation with partner institutions (IRO staff and IT people)
- Make a first (easy) step install software for exchange of organization data



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