

THE KUNO COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

KUNO is a Nordic-Baltic network for collaboration between higher educational institutions providing education in Fine Art. The aim of KUNO is to increase the quality of Nordic-Baltic art education through mutual exchange and the coordinated use of artistic, scientific and practical/financial resources.

1. The objective of the member institutions is to strengthen their collaboration within teaching and artistic development/research.
2. KUNO also aims at collaboration with other European institutions and institutions in other parts of the world.
3. The member institutions shall encourage and realise student and staff mobility, develop joint courses and other joint activities.
4. Student mobility normally means exchange periods from 3 to 10 months (1 semester = 5 months, 1 academic year = 10 months).

Student express mobility normally means exchange periods from 1 to 4 weeks.

Staff mobility normally means exchange periods from 1 to 4 weeks (minimum requirement: 1 week, 8 hours teaching).

Economic support for mobility is always applied for through the student's or professor's home institution.

5. For students, exchange periods at a KUNO partner institution shall be fully accredited as part of their studies/programme at the home institution. The host institution is responsible for providing documentation of studies done during the exchange period.
6. Admission of exchange students is based on portfolio review, and also on the number of places available. All applications must be sent through the home institution.
7. During the exchange period a KUNO student shall - as far as possible - obtain the same rights as the students of the host institution. The member institutions shall mutually inform each other about particular regulations and routines that may apply.
8. Economic support for staff mobility is to be considered a contribution to travel costs, accommodation costs etc.. Extra salary must be agreed between, and provided by, the institutions involved. The host institution

should be responsible for providing assistance in finding affordable accommodation.

9. The member institutions keep a joint secretariat for the KUNO network. The secretariat functions are described in a separate set of guidelines.
10. All institutions are responsible for providing relevant information material to the KUNO partner institutions.
11. Financial support from the Nordplus programme is applied for jointly, according to proposals made by the member institutions. Decisions on the annual Nordplus application are made at - or in relation to - the annual network meeting.
12. In the Nordplus application process - as well as in relation to other financial sources - the development of joint courses and projects/seminars should be given priority.
13. The KUNO funds (Nordplus funds and the network's own funds) are administered by the institution which hosts the KUNO secretariat. The funds are accounted for at the annual network meeting and at the steering group meetings.
14. This agreement is reviewed and accepted at the KUNO network meeting on 23 October 2009. The agreement is valid from this date until the network meeting in 2011 - unless any of the member institutions requests a revision at the 2010 network meeting.

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