

# New Challenges for Directors Abroad in the European Context

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**1. An Ethical Problem: Are we doing what we claim we do?**

## **2. Historic Development of Programs Abroad:**

- - **“Island Programs” vs. Direct Enrollment Programs**
- - **“Combination Programs”**
- - **Is There an Alternative Model?**

# **3. What Can Be Done?**

# **Challenge #1: Internationalization of the Campus**

- **Strengthen study of foreign languages**
- **Offer clusters of carefully thought through, interdisciplinary courses dealing with international issues**
- **Convince colleagues to collaborate and to test themselves an experience abroad**

# **Challenge #2: Ownership of Programs**

- **Clearly define the respective roles of Study Abroad Offices/ individual departments and resident director**
- **Strategize to avoid conflicts by involving on-campus faculty**
- **Resident Director as a diplomat: Keep channels of communication open and decisions transparent**

## **- Challenge #3: Advising**

- Have a clear perception of on-campus programs/curricula**
- Have a clear perception of what is offered by the foreign host institution**
- Develop list of pre-approved courses**
- Be realistic about the potential of students**
- Be a negotiator between the two cooperating institutions**

## **Challenge #4: Structuring a New Type of Experience Abroad**



