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Regional schemes for mobility of students: CMIRA

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- Rhône-Alpes is the second economic region of France and accounts for 10% of France's economy and activity. It is, moreover, a major centre for higher education in France with:
 - 236 000 students
 - **9 universities** (3 centres, 65% of students) : Lyon/ Saint-Etienne; Grenoble; Chambéry/ Annecy (Savoie).
 - **More than 30 'grandes écoles'** (institutions of higher education specialized in engineering, business, Arts etc.)
 - 15% of France's engineers are trained in Rhône-Alpes
 - Higher Education is not a competence of Regions, but Rhône-Alpes defined its own policy for higher education and research, providing about 120 million euros to universities, research agencies, "grandes écoles".



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- **International priorities**

Our Region has been dynamic for several years in the area of international mobility for students and researchers, and wants to :

- - develop the international attractiveness of Rhône-Alpes, and partnerships among universities, particularly by combining education and research actions, in the frame of a “knowledge-based economy”. In this context, cooperation is based on training, research and partnerships between industries and factories. The aim is to develop sustainable partnerships based on fair exchange.
- - supporting the outgoing and incoming mobility



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CMIRA	Students	PHD Students	Post-doctorate, researchers / professors
Outgoing mobility	<i>Explo'ra sup (not in the CMIRA program)</i>	Explo'ra doc	Explo'ra pro
Incoming Mobility	Accueil sup	Accueil doc	Accueil pro

COOPERA for partnerships (education and research)



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- **EXPLORA'SUP**
- Nearly 10% of students in Rhône-Alpes complete a part of their studies abroad. This kind of experience is very positive (studies, professional and personal skills).
- The EXPLORA SUP program consists of grants for training periods in universities or internships. The mobility must set up as part of the studies leading to a degree officially certified in France (from Bachelor 2nd year to Master 2nd year). All destinations abroad.
- In 2009, more than 11 000 students received a grant for their international mobility. UK, Canada, Spain, USA, Germany, China, Sweden...



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- Academic mobility (from 8 to 36 weeks) or an internship (from 4 to 20 weeks) abroad.
- 95€ per week and a special aid of 530€ if the student benefits from a grant (social criteria) from a European State or is disabled.
- Forms available in Higher Education institutions
- Quotas of grants given each year to the Higher Education institutions

- NB: EXPLO'RA initial: grants for vocational/technician students/apprentices (internships), 95 € per week outside France (3 to 16 weeks). More than 2000 grants each year.



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- General call for proposals every year (January-March).
- The projects must take place in an existing partnership (need of an agreement, memorandum of understanding...) between the two partners.
- This program also provides for co-degrees or joint teaching systems with foreign schools and the support to the creation of European Masters, but priority goes to projects combining education and research.
- **Priority is also given to our partner Regions**, but we remain open to the rest of the world.





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- **ACCUEIL Sup**
- Foreign students coming in RA for a Master's degree (M2), M1 if double or joint degree, in Universities or « Grandes Ecoles ».
- 600 € / month, for a period from 4 to 9 months
- **EXPLO'RA Doc / EXPLO'RA Pro**
- Students preparing a PHD/doctorate in Rhône-Alpes. International mobility for 6 months. Grant: 4 260€
- Professors/Researchers/Post Doctorates, from 5 to 10 months in a RA's University, 2 130€ per month.



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- For the « Pro », priority is given to projects combining education and research.
- Open to Universities, Grandes Ecoles, Research clusters.



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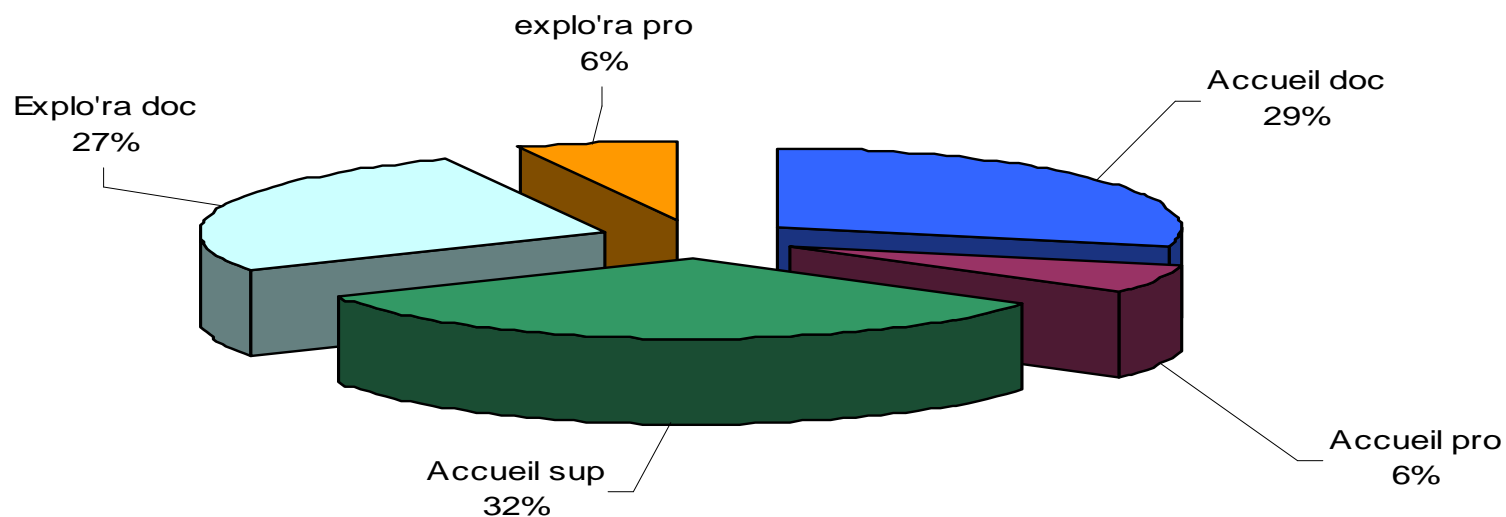
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- **COOPERA** to foster strong long lasting partnerships between institutions for education and research, double degrees, joint programs ...
- **Open to Universities, Grandes Ecoles and public research organizations in RA.**

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- CMIRA Mobility: 360 grants in 2009 (245 incoming, 115 outgoing). China, Vietnam, Tunisia, Brazil, Canada, USA...).





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Thank you for your attention!

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