



Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility Initiative

***Bilateral Seminar
Paris
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Overview of the seminar objectives

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The Initiative for Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility, announced by the Department of State and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs on May 13, 2014, and endorsed by AAU (Association of American Universities), APLU (the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities), NAFSA (Association of International Educators) and IIE (the Institute of International Education),

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The Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility Initiative : Promoting Increased US-France Student and Scholar Exchange

“....This initiative aims to double the number of US students going to France and the number of French students coming to the United States by 2025.....”

**John Kerry and Laurent Fabius
Washington DC
May 13, 2014**



Implementation of the Initiative

- **1st bilateral Seminar** - January 15-16, 2015, Washington D.C., *organized by the Embassy of France*
- **Meeting of the French Higher Education and International relations heads** - June 30, 2015, Paris, *organized by the French Ministry of Higher Education and Research*
- **Preparatory meetings to the 2nd Bilateral Seminar** - December 14, 2015 and January 12, 2016, Paris and the U.S., *to prepare the 4 thematic workshops*



Workshops

- **Diversifying Study Abroad: New Models for Study Abroad between France and the US and Reaching out to New Publics**
- **Welcoming Students: Welcoming Better to Welcome More**
- **Facilitating Mutual Credit and Degree Recognition**
- **Professionalizing Study Abroad Experiences: Developing Research and Professional Internships in the US and France**