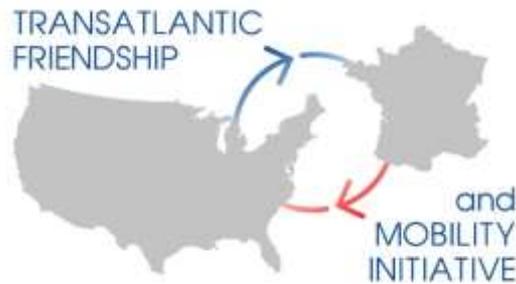


Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility Initiative

Workshop 2 Welcoming Students : Welcoming Better to Welcome More

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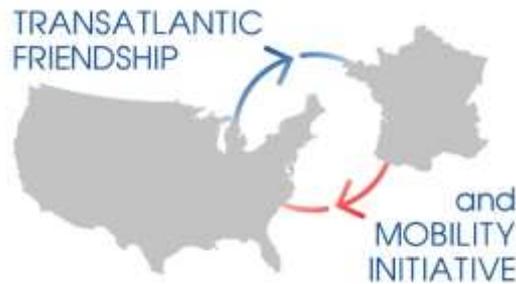


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Panelists:

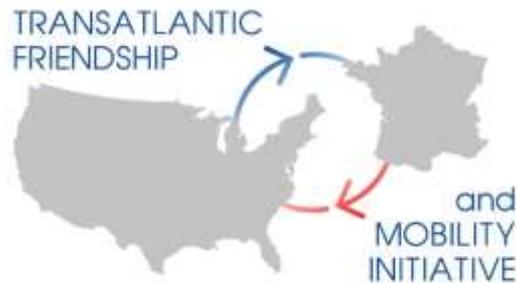
- **Peggy Blumenthal (IIE) and Eloise Brézault (St Lawrence University) on student profiles,**
- **Noureddine Manamanni (Université de Reims) and Pierre Van de Weghe (Université de Rennes 1) on academic achievements,**
- **Christel Outreman (Ambassade), Alia Ladjili-Rodriguez (Campus France) and Sandra Cohen (MAEDI) on administrative achievements,**

Rapporteur: Nadine Van der Tol (MENESR)



Questions:

- How can we train the staff and the professors who are willing to adopt the shared good practices or are seeking to raise the quality of their cooperation with a US partner?
- How can we measure quality in the field of welcoming students?
- How can we advertise that France has improved greatly in terms of welcoming and accompanying students who studying abroad?



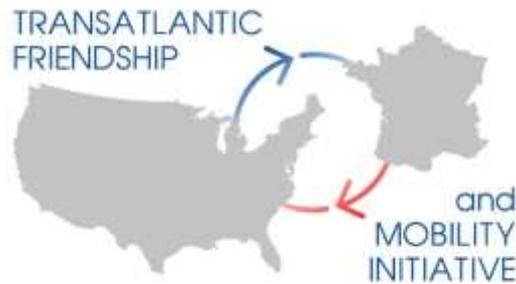
Summary

Situation :

- Short visits
- France first destination in non English speaking country
- 600 mobility programs
- 400 universities
- Student mobility not necessarily in an academic program (voluntary)
- Change of mentality

Obstacles to mobility

- language, cost, poor reception, administrative difficulties (visas, accommodation card)
- non similar calendar between French and American universities
- teaching methods: taking notes, faculty contact
- problem of American students debt
- Length of stay



Actions to attract more American students in France

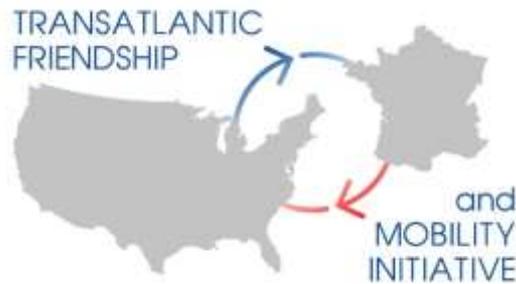
- Increase communication on the websites of universities
- Create internships with companies
- Organize visits of French and American universities by administrative but also by Faculty

Actions to improve visa issuing procedures

- Tool *Etudes en France/Study in France*
- Electronic procedure
- Catalog *Taught in English* on the CampusFrance website

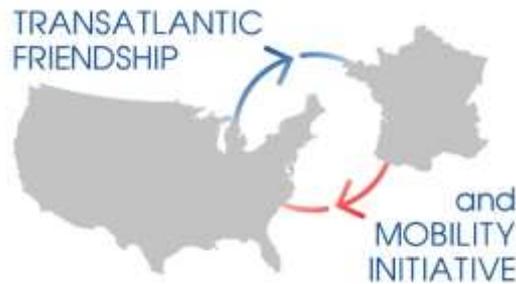
Actions to welcoming better students on their arrival in France

- 28 Guichets uniques
- CLEF procedure to bail with a state caution
- CampusFrance space in embassies and in some consulates
- MOOCS to prepare the visit in France



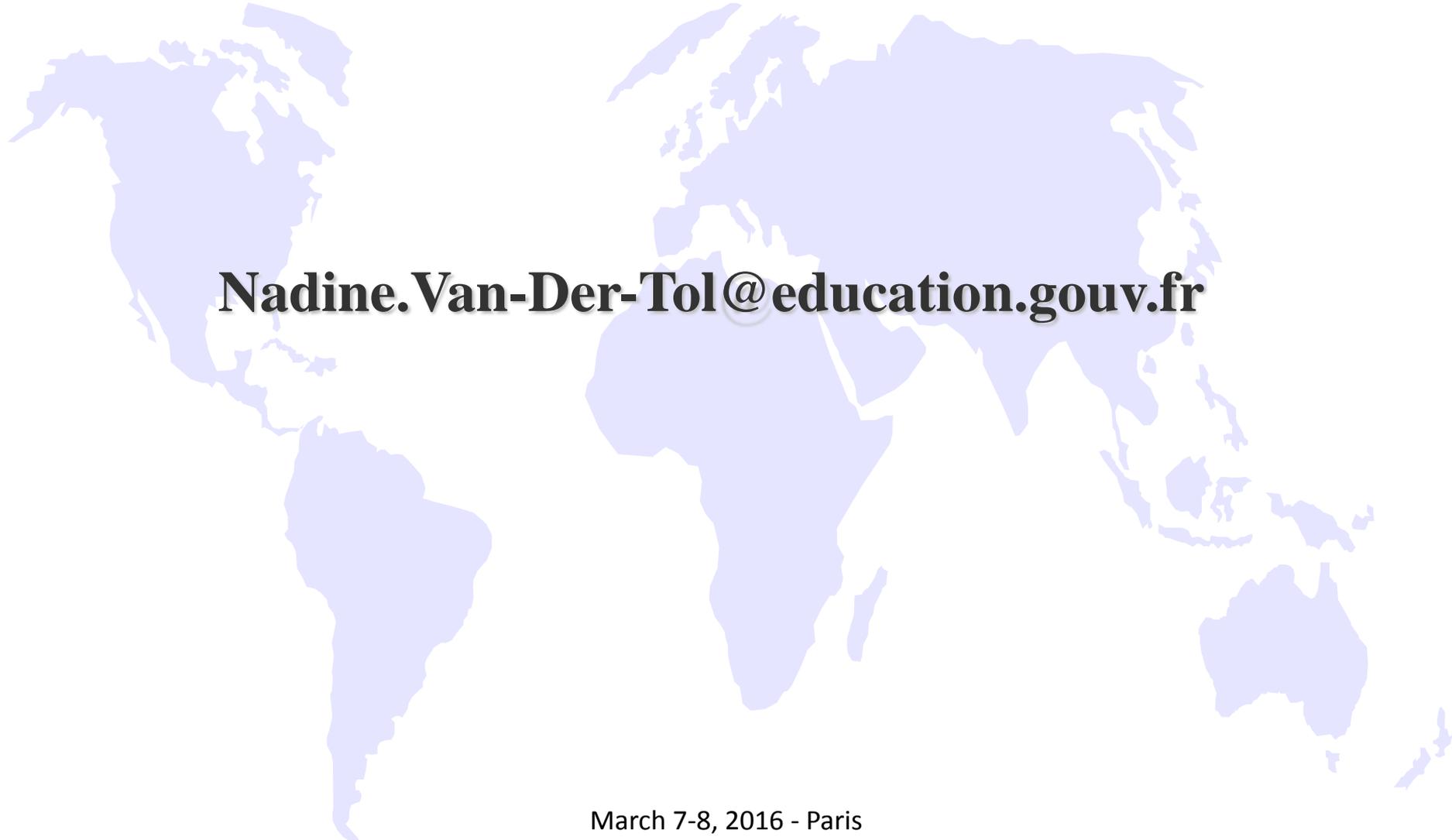
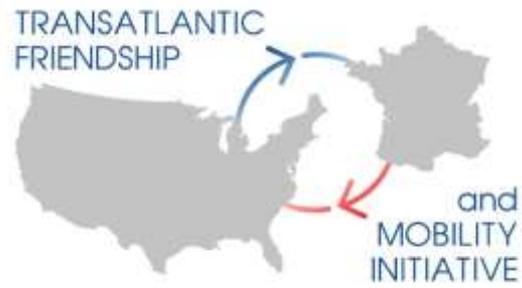
Actions to improve the lives of students in universities (eg the University of Rennes and Reims)

- “Guichet unique”
 - a guide (students and faculty)
 - operation “red carpet” for the welcome at the airport or train station
 - low cost of housing in provincial cities outside Paris
 - explanation of rules to live with a French family
 - English courses (ECTS)
 - Scholarship from universities or cities
 - “buddy system” entrusted to student organizations
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- **Actions to better train the actors in French universities to welcome foreign students**



Deliverables :

- Share the good practices with toolbox
- To commit in a quality process of good practices.
- To better train members of French institutions who would like to become more successful in their cooperation with the US. Created and operated by a transatlantic team, this training could offer 3 components:
 - an online “learn the basics and improve your skills” 20 hour session
 - a case study with a US partner
 - an evaluation of the US site
- Agree on indicators to MEASURE the quality of welcoming students



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