



## Transatlantic Friendship & Mobility Initiative: Second Bilateral Seminar Held in Paris

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The **Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility Initiative**, a joint declaration made on May 13, 2014 by the U.S. Department of State and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development, established the United States and France's common interest in doubling and diversifying student mobility by 2025.

Following the **first bilateral seminar** held in Washington, DC in January 2015 where roadblocks to increasing student mobility were identified, the Cultural Services and Office for Science & Technology of the Embassy of France in the United States in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development and the Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research organized a second bilateral meeting in Paris on March 7-8, 2016, working closely with American partners such as the **Institute of International Education**, **NAFSA: Association of International Educators-NAFSA**, **Diversity Abroad**, the **American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers** and the **Association of Public and Land-grant Universities**.

The objective of this second seminar was to encourage those involved in the internationalization of higher education in France and the United States to prepare an operational roadmap that will lift roadblocks to student mobility between our two countries. This seminar was held over two days and was broken up into four thematic workshops covering topics identified during the first seminar:

- 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

Two goals were set for each workshop: to assess the current situation and to propose solutions and concrete actions.

This seminar allowed the 80 French and American participants to share their experiences and opinions and to work towards joint proposals that will be included in a roadmap for the next two years.



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Click on each link below to download the seminar documents:

- [Program - March 7-8, 2016](#)

- Panelist Biographies

- Attendees

- Introduction

### **- Workshop 1: Diversifying Study Abroad: New Models for Study Abroad between France and the US and Reaching out to New Publics**

- Nadine Van Der Tol, North America Program Manager for Higher Education and Research and Student Mobility, MENESR
- Andrew Gordon, President & Founder, Diversity Abroad
- Arnaud Roujou de Boubée, Executive Director, Fulbright Commission France
- Vincent Michelot, Professor, Sciences-Po Lyon
- Jacques Pothier, President, Mission Interuniversitaire de Coordination Echanges Franco-Américains
- Anita Kirpalani, Director of Development and Partnerships, Passeport Avenir
- Randy Duran, Director, Office of Undergraduate Research, Louisiana State University
- Malaika McKee, Professor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Renaud Lallement, Vice-President (Communication), Association of IUT Directors (ADIUT)
- Conclusions: Minh-Hà Pham, Embassy of France in the United States

### **- Workshop 2: Welcoming Students: Welcoming Better to Welcome More**

- Christel Outreman, Higher Education Attaché, Embassy of France in the United States
- Peggy Blumenthal, Senior Counselor to the President, IIE
- Sandra Cohen, Assistant to the Deputy-Director for Higher Education and Research, MAEDI (fr)
- Eloise Brézault, Professor, St. Lawrence University
- Noureddine Manamanni, Vice President for International Relations, Université de Reims
- Pierre Van de Weghe, Vice President for International Relations, Université de Rennes 1
- Alia Ladjili-Rodriguez, Manager Welcome Service, Campus France (fr)
- Conclusions: Nadine Van Der Tol, MENESR

### **- Workshop 3: Facilitating Mutual Credit and Degree Recognition**

- Jean-Luc Clément, Research Adviser, Office for European and international relations and cooperation, MENESR
- Melanie Gottlieb, Deputy Director, AACRAO
- Claudia Gelleni, Head, ENIC-NARIC France (fr)
- Arnaud Raynouard, Vice President for International Relations, Université Paris-Dauphine
- Roger Brindley, APLU Commission on International Initiatives
- Conclusions: Christel Outreman, Embassy of France in the United States

### **- Workshop 4: Professionalizing Study Abroad Experiences: Developing Research and Professional Internships in the US and France**

- Minh-Hà Pham, Embassy of France in the United States
- Christopher Cripps, Dean of International and European Affairs, Paris Sciences et Lettres
- Stacy Burger, Interim Director of International Services, Lehigh University
- Catherine Martineau-Huynh, Vice-Dean, International Affairs and Partnerships, Centrale Supélec
- Marianne Conde Salazar, Director of International Relations, Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry (fr)
- Joannah Bell, Deputy Managing Director, French-American Chamber of Commerce in New York
- Audrey Stewart, Director of European and International Strategy, ENSAM
- Association Bernard Gregory (fr)
- Conclusions: Léa Futschik, Higher Education Attaché, Embassy of France in the United States