

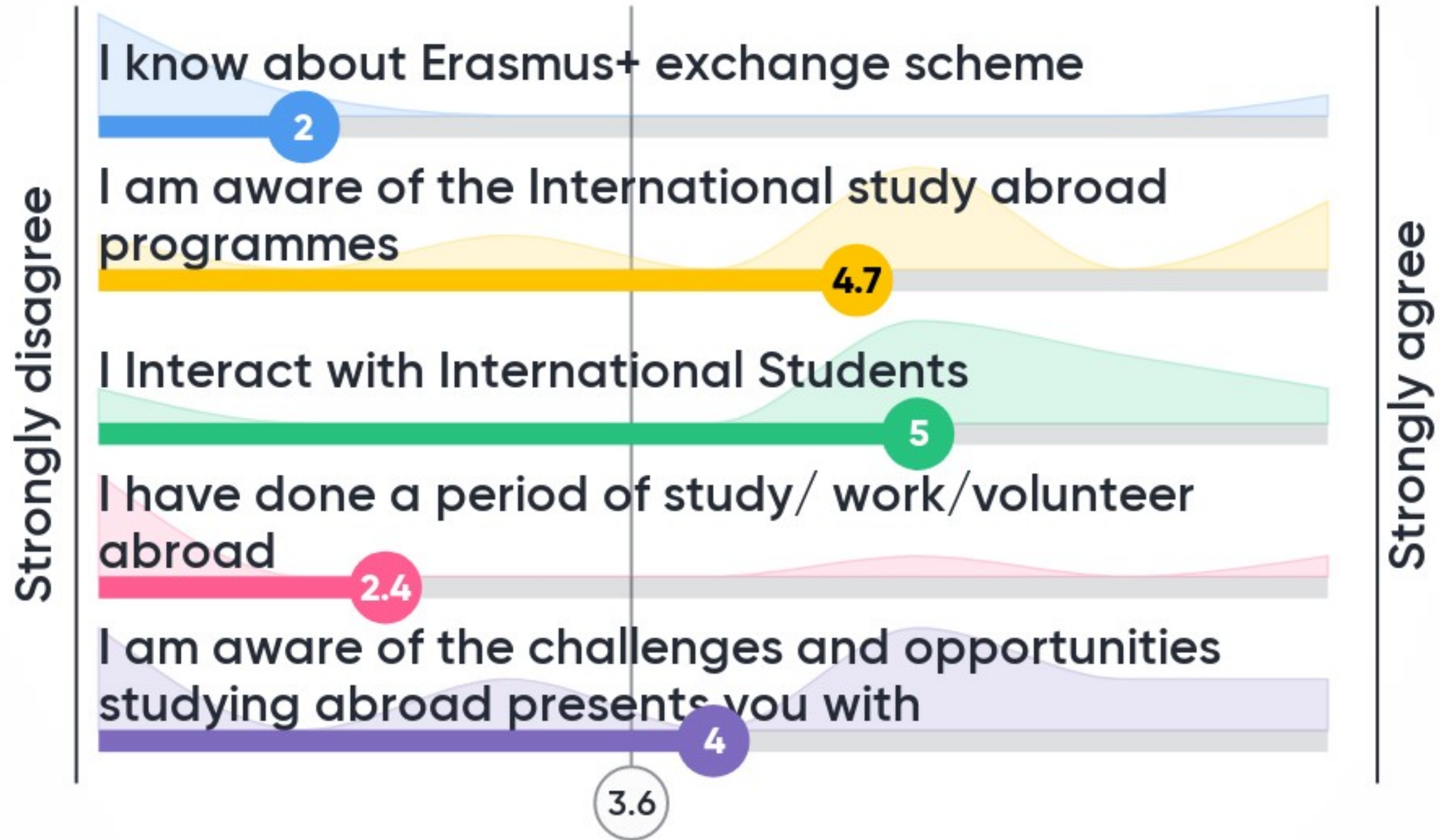
Internationalisation and Student Engagement

Supporting mobile students before, during and after their exchange.



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Your Background



Students Helping Students

Empowering international students to be ambassadors of intercultural understanding, sharing the value of unity in diversity.





Internationalisation of Educatiaon

- Bring new reflections in the classroom
- Internationalisation across Levels
- Prepare students for an international work environment
- Allows for Internationalisation at Home
- Increase knowledge and Participation in Erasmus+
- Breaking Stereotypes



Integration and Transcultural Competence

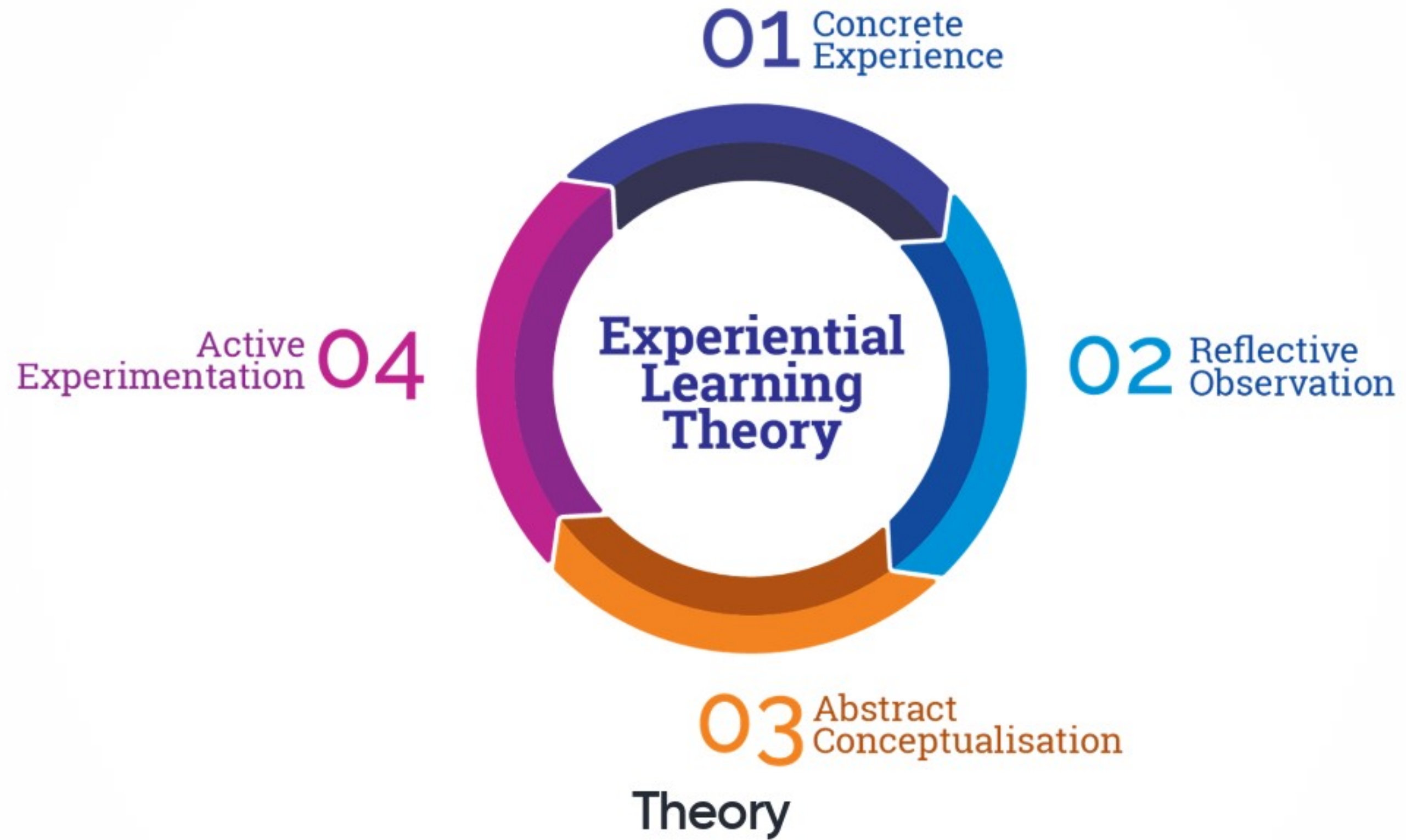
- Dissapointment of expectations; planned to create more local friendships (ESNsurvey 2016)
- Exchange students tend to spend most time in an international bubble
- Encourage Intercultural dialogue and tolerance
- Prevent Segregation in different ethnic groups
- Create multicultural societies

What is Formal learning, Informal Learning and Non Formal Learning?



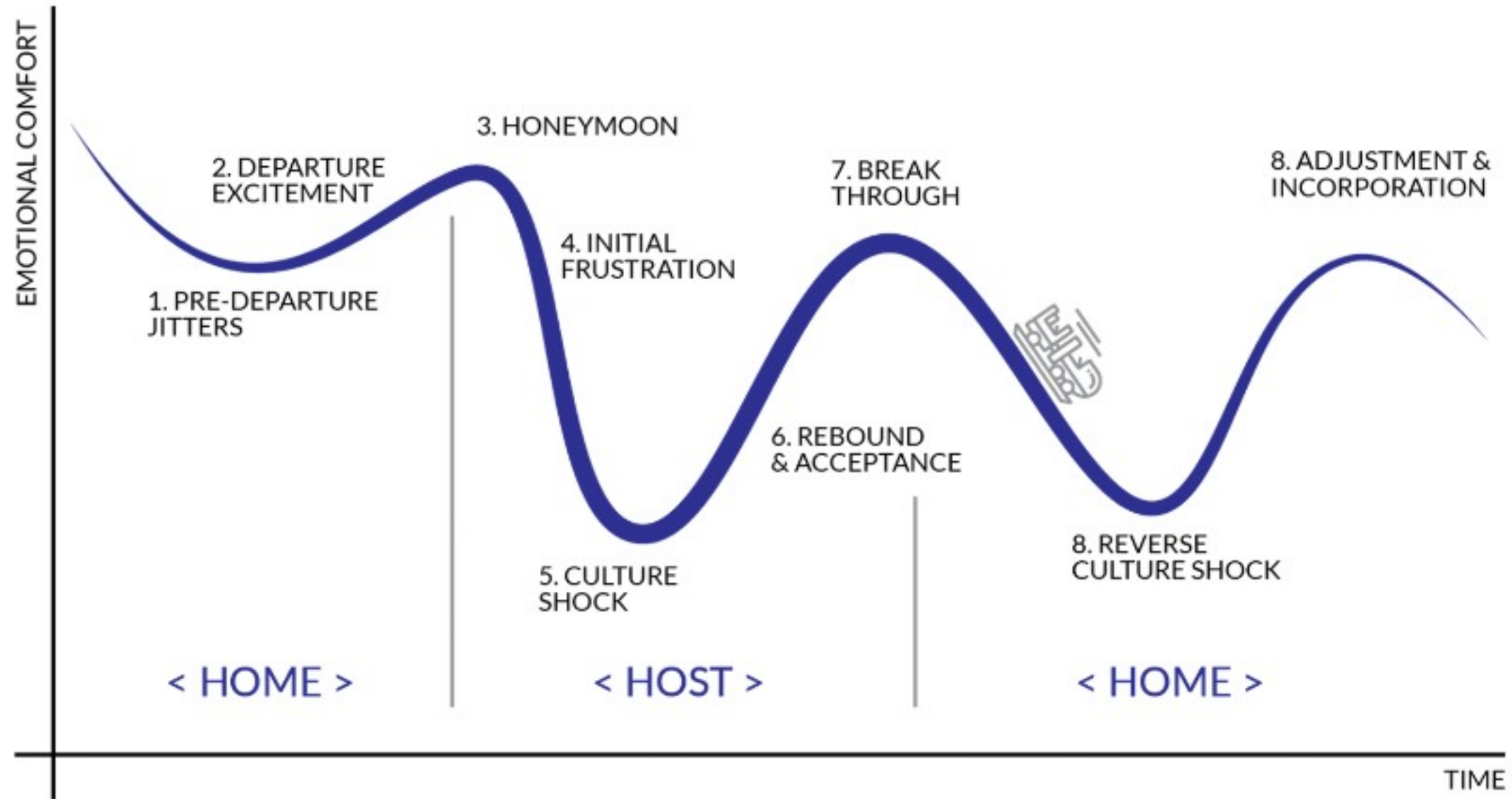
Experience Based Learning and Non Cognitive Skills

- Bridge the gap between theory and practice
☒ Increases engagement levels,
Makes learning more personal
- Importance of reflection to go from
Informal Learning to Non-Formal Learning
> Behavioural Change
- Non-Cognitive Skills gain importance >
increased Recognition of Non-Formal
Learning in Higher Education



ERASMUS LIFE CYCLE

Cultural Adjustment Curve



What do you see?

Stage 1 – Pre departure Jitters

- The student is generally a bundle of nerves, some might get cold feet. Realisation of implications hit.
- First time abroad by themselves, huge individual responsibility.

Stage 2 – Departure Excitement

- The student is generally a bundle of nerves, overwhelmed with feelings of joy and anxiety for their great adventure.

Video 1

Thoughts?

Stage 3 – Honeymoon

- Sensory overload
- Everything in the new culture is fresh, different, exciting, and somehow perfect.
- First few days and weeks are spent exploring, meeting people, enjoying new food, and seeing local sights
- Pictures and souvenirs are taken and purchased

Stage 4 – Initial Frustration

- begin to question and confront the different values and behaviours of the people in the new culture.
- A sharp sense of self may sink in
- Things may seem utterly confusing, causing the study abroad to possibly reject the new culture.

Stage 5 - Culture Shock

- A general low point
- as they have reached their maximum tolerance for the differences.
- May begin to question their decision to study abroad in the first place.
- strong feelings of being a "foreigner."
- Homesickness sets in.

Stage 6 – Rebound and Acceptance

- rebound on their path to total adjustment.
- develop strategies to adapt and cope with the host culture.
- Instead of being angry, they accept and appreciate the cultural differences.
- A good sense of humor comes in handy here.

Stage 7- The Breakthrough

- comfortable in their surroundings
- They begin to see the host country as less restrictive.
- They find solace in a dual cultural identity
- But, return home is imminent

Stage 8 – Reverse Culture Shock

- Realisation of the downsides of their home Culture
- Personal change versus local stagnation
- Confrontational; At the peak of the breakthrough

ERASMUS

POST-ERASMUS DEPRESSION

ESNblog

Thoughts?



Stage 9 – Adjustment and Incorporation

- Changing values and beliefs will impact behaviour.
- Finding new ways to be at Home
- Strong will to continue to be international
- Incorporation of what is learned in skills, studies and future career

Engaged students because of their university experience?

It's truly a shared responsibility between sending and hosting institution, student organisations and local society.



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Video 2

Thoughts?



Discussion – Before | During | After mobility

What key concepts intrigued you?



Recap

Debrief

Feedback

