

UUKi Flash poll: Outward Student mobility Plans, Academic Year 2020-21

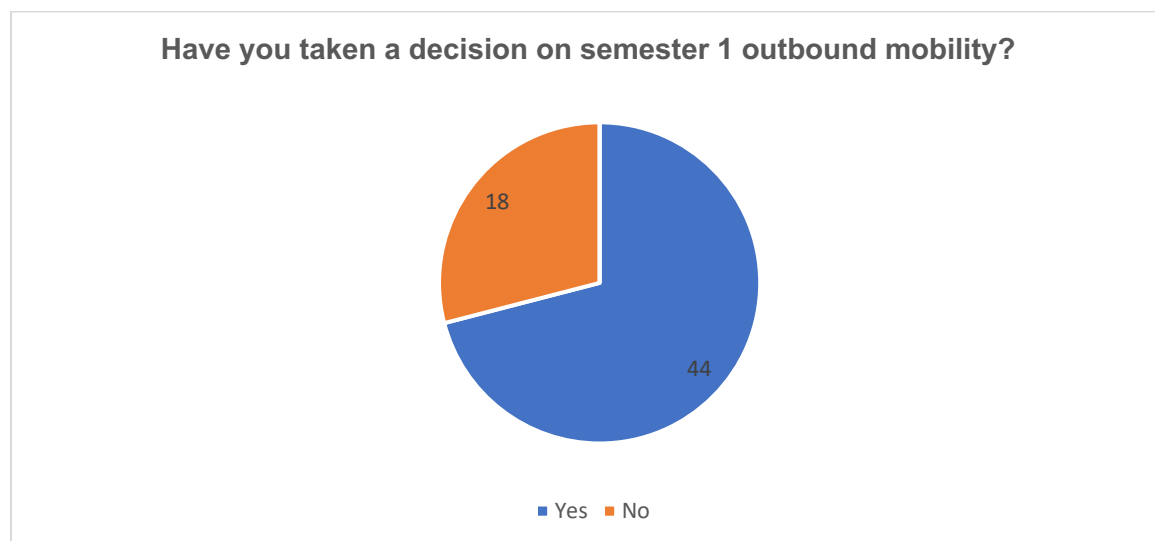
Universities UK International (UUKi) conducted a flash poll of UK universities attending its joint Europe-OSM Network meeting on Friday June 12. The findings from this poll update on some of the findings of UUKi's April survey on the impact of Covid-19 on student mobility next academic year 2020-21.

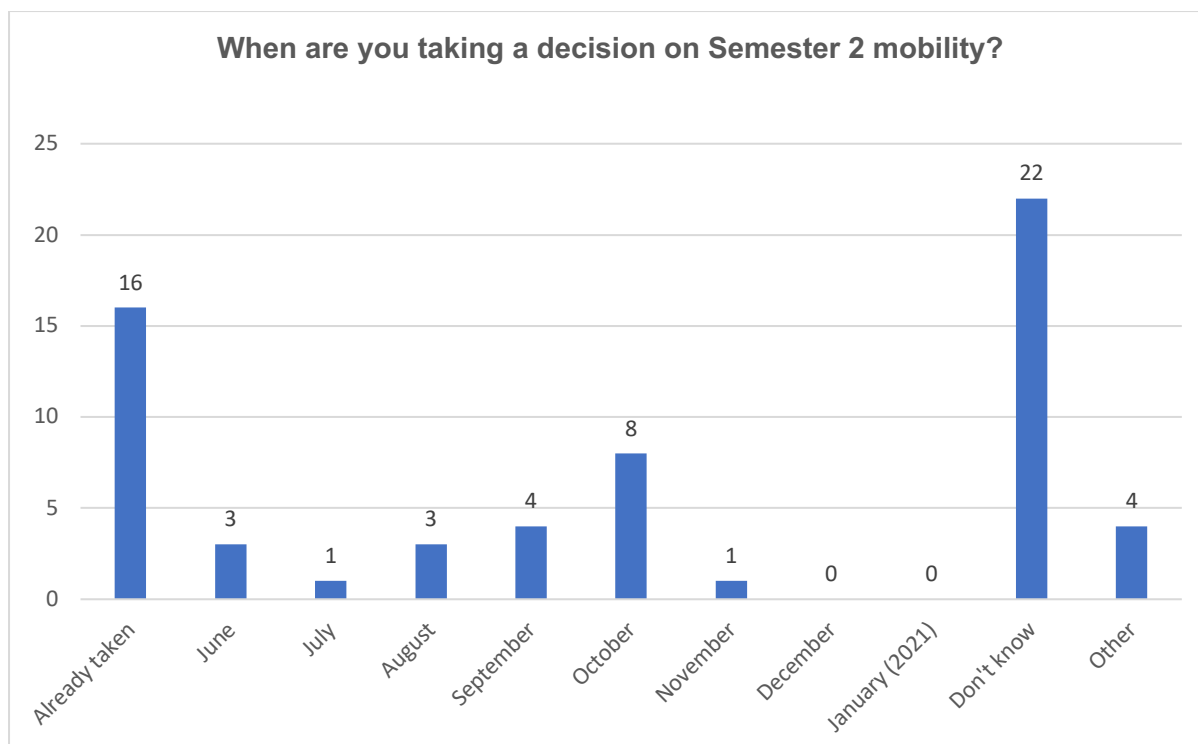
Sixty-two institutions responded to the poll. The survey asked three questions and the full aggregated results are available [here](#).

Key findings

- 71% of respondents had taken a decision on Semester 1 outbound mobility (either internally or publicly). 29% had not yet taken a decision.
- 26% of respondents had already taken a decision on Semester 2 outbound mobility. 11% of respondents would be taking the decision by end-August; 21% would be taking the decision over the Autumn and by end-November. 35% of respondents did not yet know when they would be making a decision on Semester 2 outward mobility.
- Universities are considering many options for students going abroad at the beginning of next academic year (both Semester 1 and Academic Year mobilities). The top five responses were:
 - Mobilities postponed to Semester 2 (65% of respondents);
 - Starting online with the host institution with a view to going abroad physically when possible (53% of respondents);
 - Cancellation of all mobility in Semester 1 (45% of respondents);
 - Virtual mobility/exchange (40% of respondents); and
 - Students enrol on home modules as a back-up (37% of respondents).

Full findings





What options are being considered/offered for students going abroad at the beginning of next academic year (e.g. both semester 1 and academic year mobilities)? Multiple responses are possible.	Universities
Mobilities postponed to second half of year	40
Starting online with host institution/employer with a view to going abroad physically when possible (blended mobility)	33
Cancellation of all mobility in semester 1	28
Virtual mobility/exchange (including virtual internships)	25
Students enrol on home modules as back-up	23
Cancellation of some mobility (e.g. optional mobility, mobility to specific locations)	21
Mobilities postponed to next academic year	21
Change of mobility destination	20
Home university modules with a view to going abroad physically when possible	14
Delayed physical start to semester at host	13
Shorter mobility periods (e.g. reduced year abroad number of weeks)	11
Work placement in the UK	11
Other	10
Students made exempt from programme	9
Business as usual	9
Cancellation of all mobility for academic year 20/21	8
No alternatives possible/being considered	2

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