

# International Otaniemi (INTO)

developing TKK International Strategy

# Steering Group November 2006

## TKK Strategy

## Goals and Issues

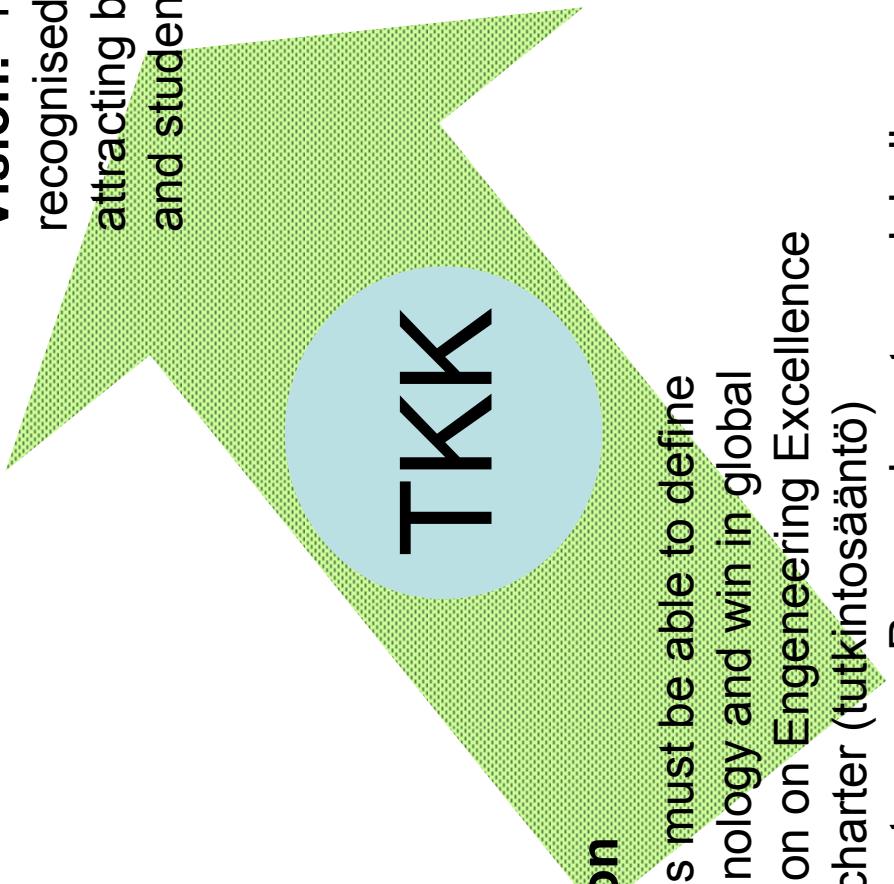
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# Agenda

- TKK International Strategy 2002
  - Motivation, modes of operation, implementation
- TKK current work on International Strategy
  - Preparatory Group of Profs Seppälä, Nevanlinna and Varsta
- Issues in International Strategy

# Motivation of Internationalization

**Vision:** TKK is an Internationally recognised Technology Univ attracting best teachers, researchers and students



## Globalisation

- Graduates must be able to define new technology and win in global competition on Engineering Excellence (degree charter (tutkintosääntö))
- TKK competes as a Research partner globally

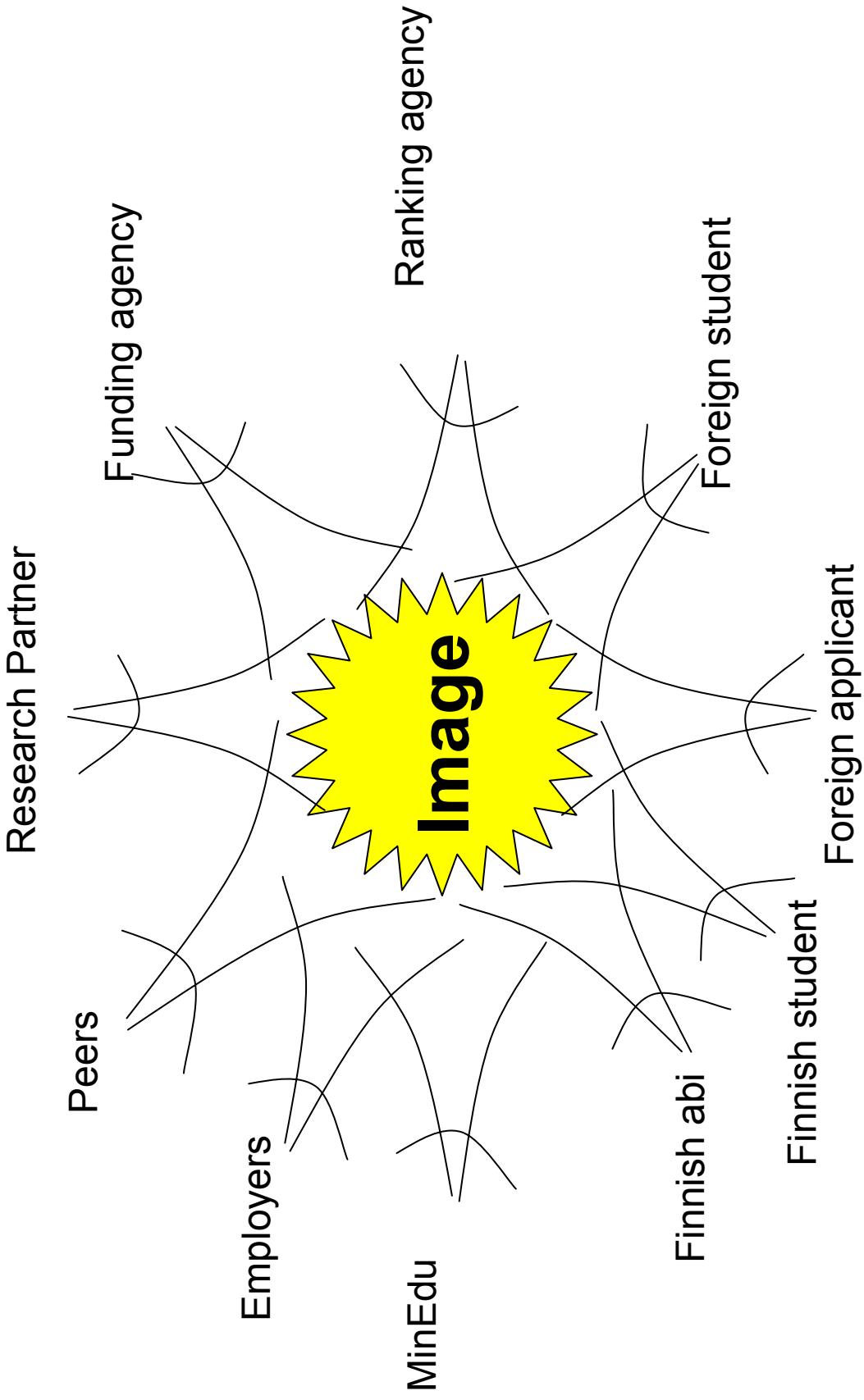
# Background: MBO at TKK

- Based on Agreements:
  - MinEdu – TKK
  - TKK Rector – Departments
- Core activity of TKK
  - Results that bring money: M.Sc degrees, Doctoral Degrees
  - Efficiency: low cost operation
  - High impact research: Academy, TEKES, EU, etc
- Non-core activities at TKK
  - All other admin directions agreed with MinEdu

# Strategy directions 2002

- Focus on significant collaboration actions in terms of science and technology
- Focus on collaboration with the Best Universities
- International Exchange focused on Quality (teachers, researchers, students)
- Multi-cultural ideals
- Increase number of study modules in English and Intake into Masters Programs

# TKK Image is multi-faceted



# TKK International Strategy of 2002

## Planned Action

- Increase International Recruitement to Masters Programs (10% by 2005)
- More Programs in English based on HE demand and competence
- Student Exchange (75%)
  - Agreed with MinEdu: 500/year
- Evaluation of Univ. Collaboration Agreements and Networks → student exchange, collab with the best, TKK International visibility
  - Yes.
  - ERASMUS, Cluster, EAIE, TIME, Nordtek...
  - Do we have enough partners to achieve exchange goals
- International Campus
  - Not done.

## Implementation

- 6...7%
- Done: now 9 Master's progrs + 6 PD progs
- Level: ca 20...25%
- Yes.
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# Implementation: Organisation of International Activities

- The 2002 International Strategy was a separate area strategy → now Internationalization seen as an integral part of TKK strategy
- Common Services
  - International Office: mobility, exchange, collaboration agreements and networks, campus international profile
  - Innovation Center: International Research projects
- Departments: Masters Programs, PD Programs, Student recruitment

# International Master's Programs

- MP in Communications Engineering (ECE)
- MP in Mobile Computing – Services and Security (CS)
- MP in Electrical Engineering (ECE)
- MP in Forest Products Technology
- MP in Micro- and Nanotechnology (ECE)
- MP in Process Systems Engineering
- MP in Data mining etc are being planned

## ERASMUS MUNDUS

- SpaceMaster – Joint European Master in Space Science and Technology (Aut)
- NordSecMob – MP in Security and Mobile Computing(CS)

In addition: 6 separate “Professional Development” Programs ( less than 120 ects)

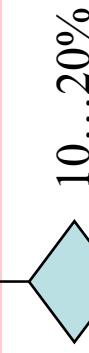
# Admissions – Three tracks

1 Paper Selection

Online Applications

→ 39%

Paper Applications



10...20%

Admitted

→ 25...75%

Enrolled

Graduated

Enrolled to PhD study

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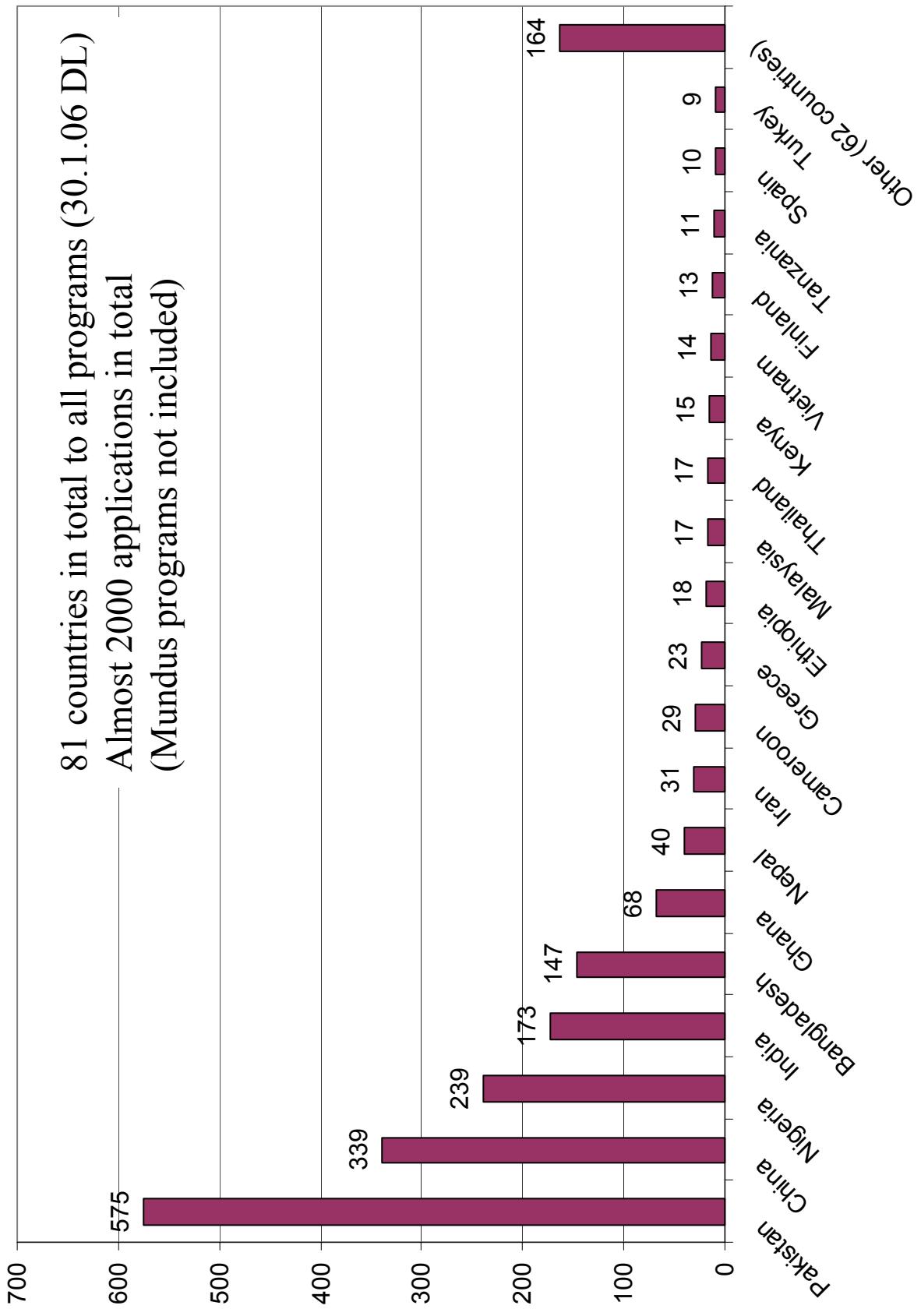
Selection through Entrance Exam  
onto Master's Programs

- With a B.Sc from a foreign University pre-selection at Departments to ensure appropriate prior knowledge

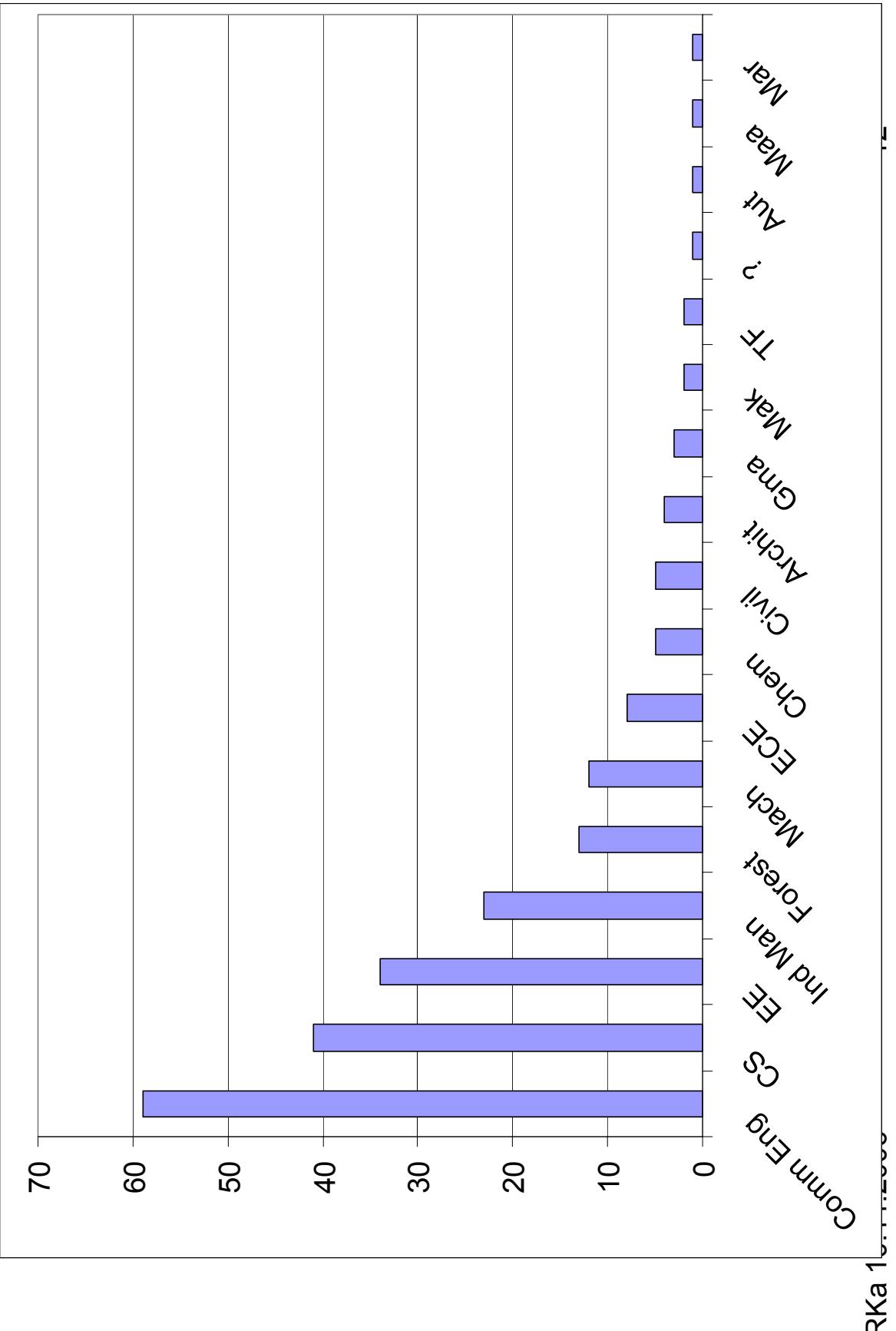
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- Admission in joint entrance process to Technical Universities and Deps
  - with IB, EB etc High School Certificates to Full 3+2 program's
  - a Finnish proficiency req under discussion

# Online Applications by Country



# M.Sc Degrees by Program



# Marketing: Information sources for Applicants

Internet	69 %
Personal Contact	16 %
Brochure	<1 %
Fair	<1 %
Press	<1 %
Other	13 %

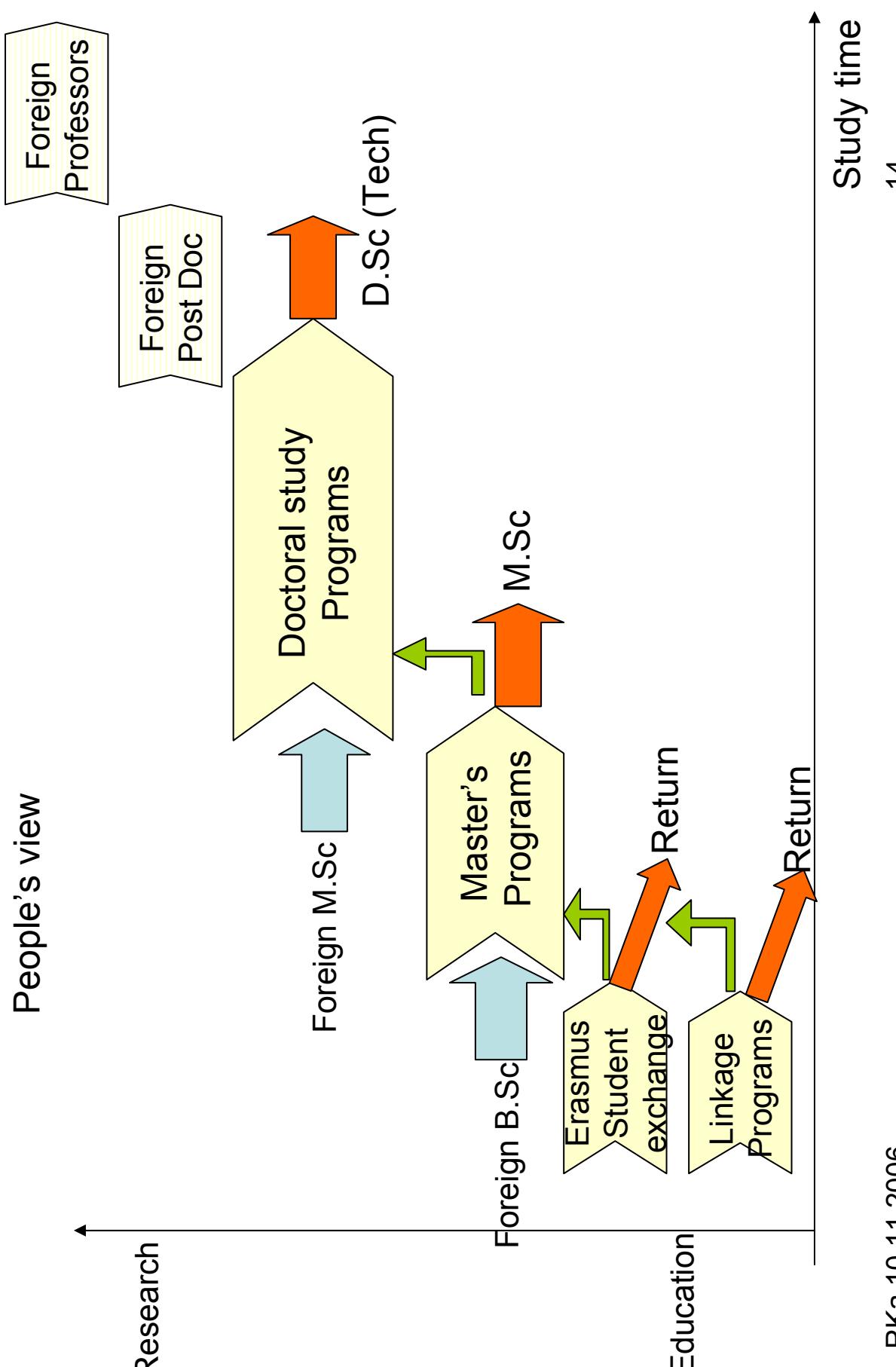
This is based on all online applications in Jan 2006 to TKK.

One can interpret this in two ways

- + two channels are important: Internet and the Grapevine.
- + TKK does not do much other kind of marketing except www.

# Models for International Education & Research

People's view



# Notes on models

- International Student Exchange is in balance (even positive) – 300...400 per year
  - Master's programs have attracted also exchange students
- Master's Programs (7...9 programs) about 6% of graduates
- Doctoral study – a well working model for research centric labs
- Very few post docs and profs

# Ongelmat

- Suomen koulutus- ja maahanmuuttopolitiikat ovat epäsovussa keskenään
  - Viisumikäytännöt, sosiaalietuudet (ulkomainen opiskelija voi maksaa veroja ilman että hän on sosiaalisetujen piirissä)
  - Kotouttamiskoulutukseen ja suomen kielen opetuukseen ulkomaalaissille ei panosteta riittävästi
- Yhteiskunta ja elinkeinoelämä laajasti eivät ole valmiita hyödyntämään meiltä valmistuneita ulkomaalaisia diplomi-insinöörejä
  - Jopa suomalaisen kansainvälisen harjoittelua voidaan työhönnotossa vierastaa
  - Julkisella sektorilla ei ole ulkolaisten työllistämiseen mitään laajempaa ohjelmaa
  - Onko TKK:lla valmis käyttää ulkomaalaisia opettajia?
  - Suomen kielen taidon ja paikallisten toimintatapojen tuntemuksen puuttuminen rajoittaa merkittävästi työpaikkavalikoimaa
  - Kansainväliset suuryritykset ovat poikkeus. Monet niistä käyttävät ulkolaisia osaajia täysin sujuvasti.
- Pääkaupunkiseutu on edelleen aika suomalainen paikka eikä sitä voi pitää monikulttuurisena metropolina



Suomi maana ei ole houkutteleva kohde ulkomaalaisille opiskelijoille

# Kulttuuri ja diversiteetistä hyötyminen

- Meidän tulee tiedostaa kansallisuuksien liittyvät kulttuurierot ja opia hyötyämään kulttuurisesta diversiteetista.
  - Auttaa saavuttamaan kaikkia muita kv tavoitteita
  - Toimii mallina muille kansallisille organisaatioille
  - Tietotalouden menestyjä ovat ne, jotka osaavat tämän.
- Ratkaisut: Cultural learning, Alumnit voimavarana sijaintimaaasta riippumatta:
  - Globaali verkosto, Kansainvälinen kampus ja Rekrytointi
- Nykytila: on teekkareita ja ulkkareita

# Some lessons learned in running Master's Programs

- Paper evaluation is an art in itself
  - Lots of faked papers around
  - Lots of different Universities
- Must continuously build up knowledge of what works and what does not
- Best students are admitted to many programs in many countries – competitiveness of the country and city are important
  - Finland and Helsinki could do much better in this regard
  - If one is too selective in paper evaluation, no one or too few will enroll
  - Fast processing of applications improves gain
- Online applications process helps to make the selection process professional
  - Even with poor marketing – the demand is there.
  - In Marketing we need Country level → Helsinki area level → University level → Program level.
- Must Integrate International Programs with regular Degree structure
- Predicting Enrollment percent is hard – makes planning difficult!
- After 7 years, Communications Engineering has more International Applicants to Master's Programs than Domestic Undergrad applicants to BSc+Msc programs. Still selection of foreign applicants must be much stricter.

# TKK International Master's Programs

## Target state

- TKK activity
- At least 1 Int'l MP/Department
- Quality Marketing(Applications >5000)
- Predictable gain >60%
- Graduates 15% of all
- Well trodden path to Dr study
- Graduates attractive applicants on Finnish Labor markets

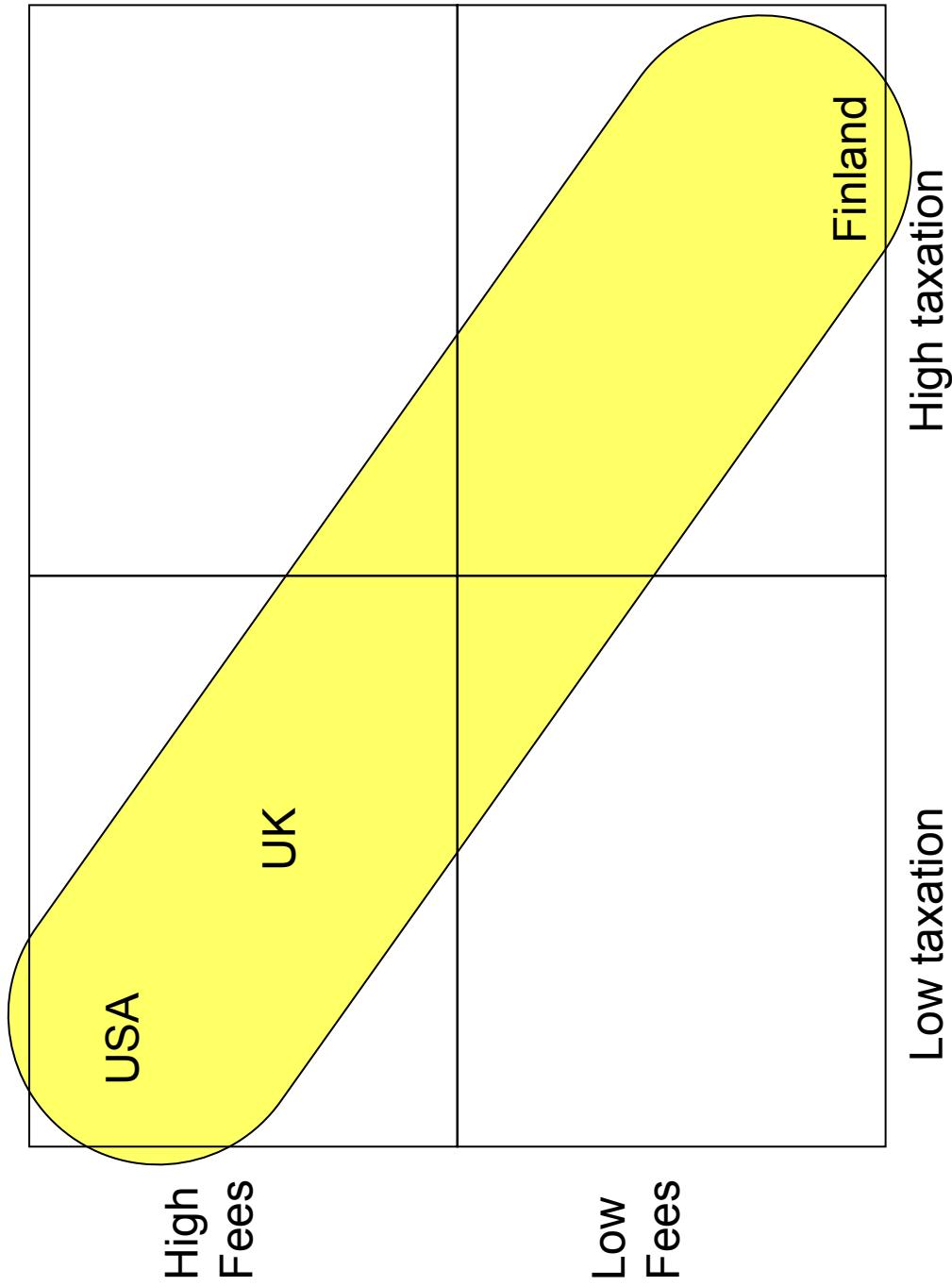
## Actions

- Coordination Committee of Int'l Educ
- Marketing – collaboration within HERA
- Teaching development (quality criteria)
- Link to Graduate Schools
- Cultural competence building for native and Int'l students
- Efficient admissions (fast response)

## Current state

- Department effort
- ca 10 MP's/ICT focus
- Low key marketing(applications > 2000)
- Gain from admitted 25...75%
- Graduates ca 7% of all
- Rarely a path to Dr study (most graduates stay to work in Finland or return home)

# Feasible Fees policies – Stand on the snowboard!



# Potential Challenge: GATS

- GATS = General Agreement on Trade in Services – by WTO
  - Defines Education as one service among others
  - Concerns primarily tertiary education i.e. Universities
- Governments define their commitments but GATS is not neutral – the goal is further liberalization of trade
  - Modes: Crossborder supply, consumption abroad, commercial presence, presence of natural persons.
- Issues: accreditation, national commitment, Education may be a bargaining chip in agenda that concerns other service sectors e.g. transportation services, research funding under GATS regime, etc.

# TKK Goals – Share of Foreign Students

- 600 graduate students (some 13000 total)
- 360 post graduate students
- 15% of Graduate School students in 2009
- 15% of Doctoral graduates

Goal: TKK wants to be one of the best technical Universities in the world.

- + to gain higher international visibility, one needs to be international in Research and Education
- + Recruiting the best students internationally helps.