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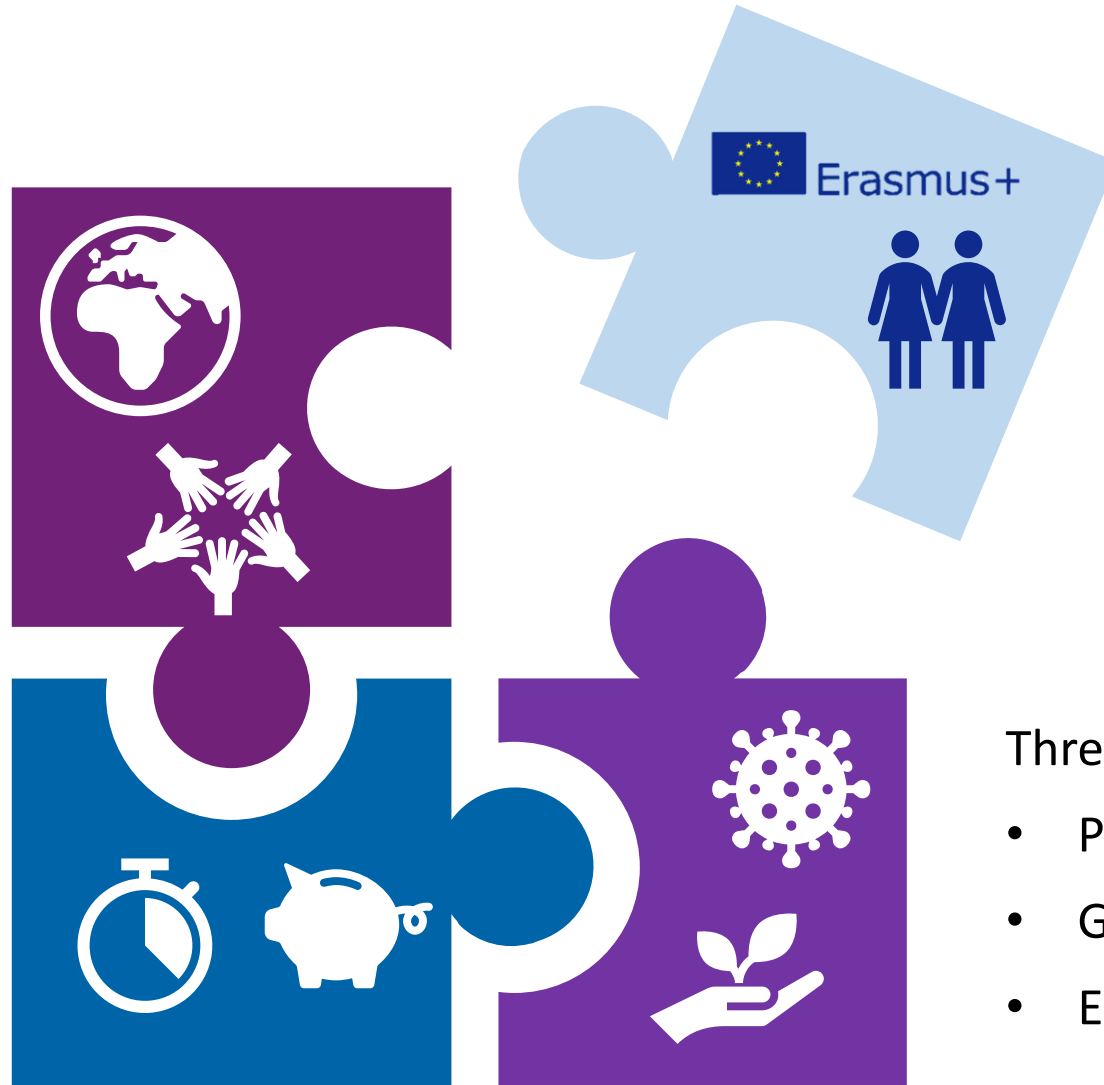


### Diversity:

- Midwifery education
- Midwifery competences
- Population needs

### Challenges:

- Busy curriculums
- Financial barriers
- Unequal access



- Exchanges abroad
- Twinning

### Threats:

- Political changes
- Global pandemics
- Environmental impact

# International Student Midwives Network



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# Vision:

We would like  
midwives of the  
future to be global  
leaders who work to  
enhance the profile  
of the Midwifery  
profession worldwide

## The international student midwives network will:



Foster peer support relationships between student midwives across Europe and globally



Facilitate the exchange of personal experiences in the journey of becoming a midwife



Facilitate the development of interpersonal skills to work cross culturally



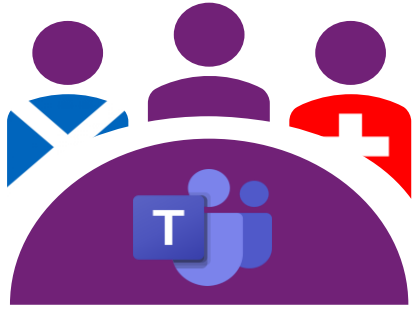
Promote intercultural learning through reflection on the similarities and differences in the social context of Midwifery



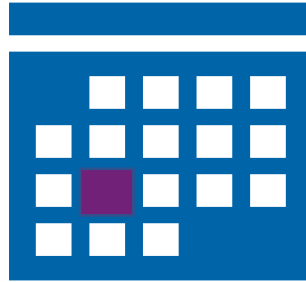
Promote professional exchange to foster best practice in Midwifery



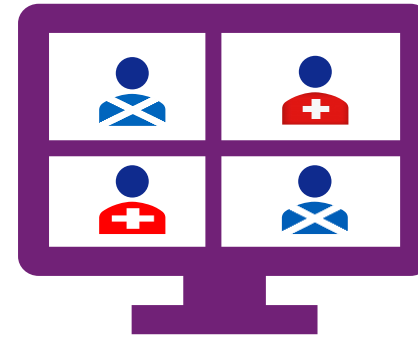
Discuss and exchange ideas of contemporary and important international midwifery campaigns and debates



Small virtual groups



Monthly meetings



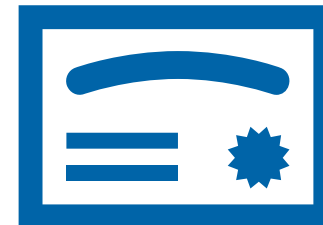
Virtual conference



Student-led



Linked to national  
competency frameworks



Academic recognition\*

midwifery role in society  
specialist roles social media  
racism homebirth migration  
maternity care models  
midwifery led care stillbirth csection rates  
social policies covid mental health  
lgbtqi birth rates choice placement  
homebirths infant feeding medicalisation  
birth trauma birth options maternity leave  
midwifery education abortion care  
resilience epidura rates



I have really **enjoyed learning about the similarities and differences** between Scotland and Switzerland and the care provided to women and their families. I feel this is any easy and useful way for students to learn about over cultures

**RGU student**

**ZHAW student**

So far **the project has opened my eyes** for problems or issues that are present in our respective societies but rarely discussed. I enjoyed hearing the different views on midwifery and the different pathways and motivations on how to become a midwife

Our **meetings were a pleasure to be part of** as they were conducted with warmth and good humour. I feel very fortunate to have met such an erudite and thoughtful group of student midwives

**RGU student**

**ZHAW student**

As a group we found our way to discuss a great variety of different topics, based on a **respectful and appreciative attitude**. I really enjoy this way of learning and sharing new knowledge.





80% would recommend this experience to others

Empowered to practice as a midwife within culturally diverse population

54%

Improved interpersonal and communications skills

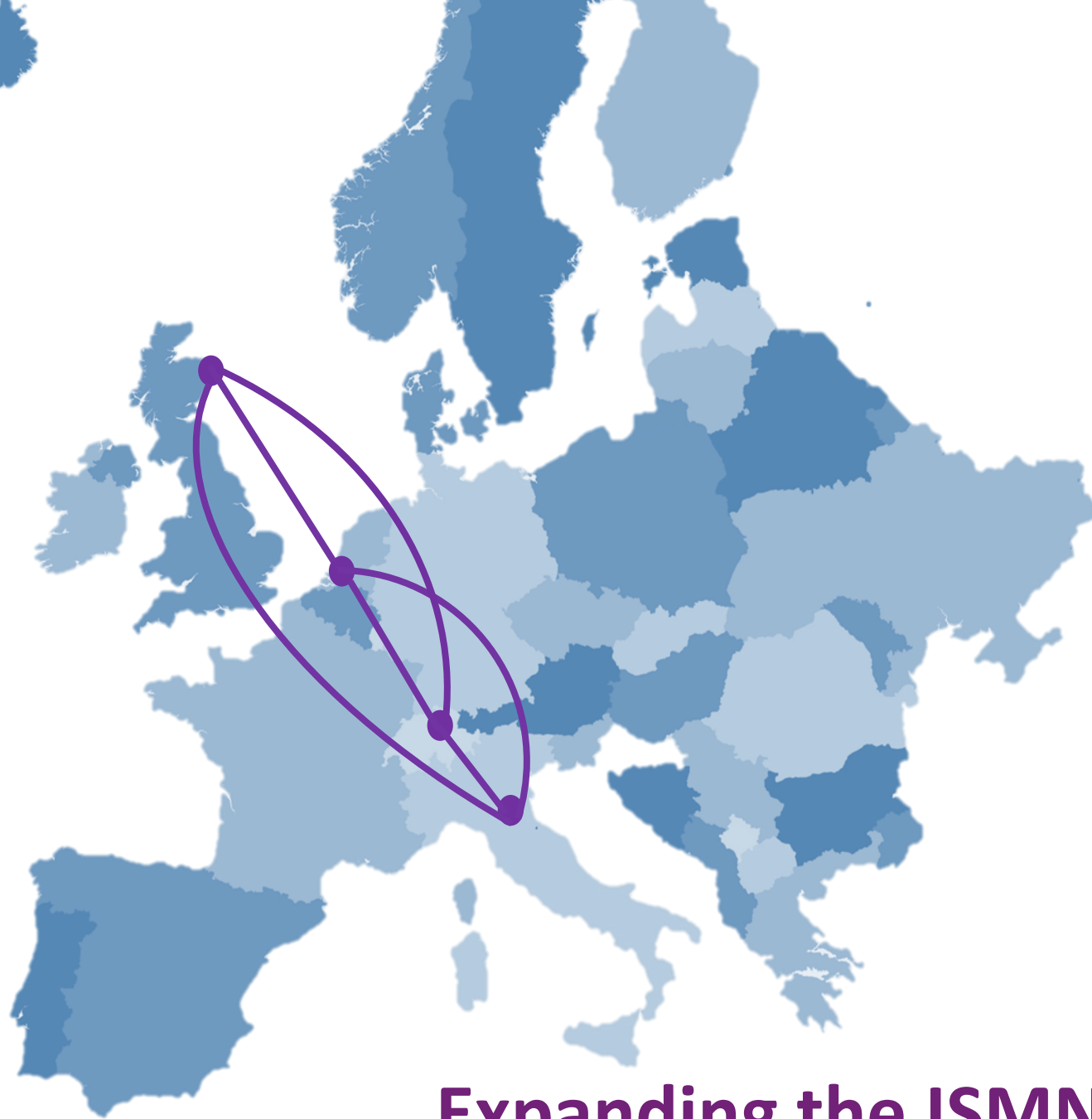
43%

Better understanding of international challenges for implementation of Midwifery models of care

61%

Better understanding of international role of the Midwife

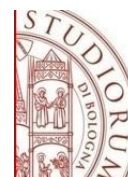
68%



# Expanding the ISMN



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