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# RPL procedures: costs and benefits for French Universities

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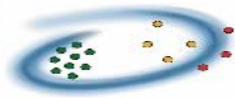
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# Plan

## 1. Costs

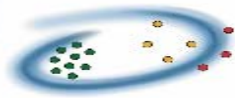
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## 2. Benefits

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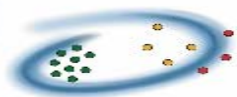
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# *Costs for university*

- 1. Time of staff, of professors and lecturers... (costs)*
- 2. Money because there is less courses, and often no courses at all !*
- 3. Lost of recognition, of excellence?*



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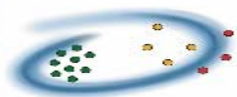
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# Costs for university (1/2)

*Time of staff, of professors and lecturers...*

*An analytical evaluation (Brest University, 2008 cost.)*

|   | Step of RPL procedure                                      | time | cost |
|---|--|------|------|
| 1 | Informing, counselling people asking for accreditation     | 2:30 | 86 € |
| 2 | Setting an accreditation board and organising an interview | 2:10 | 70 € |
| 3 | Admissibility procedure                                    | 2:00 | 60 € |



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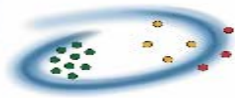
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## *Costs for university (2/2)*

*Time of staff, of professors and lecturer...  
An analytical view (Brest University, 2008 cost.)*

|   | Step of RPL procedure                                      | time  | cost  |
|---|--|-------|-------|
| 4 | Optional <b>coaching</b> filling the portfolio             | 17:00 | 621 € |
| 5 | Setting an accreditation board and organising an interview | 4:30  | 165 € |
| 6 | Deliberation and decision from the jury.                   | 6:00  | 240 € |



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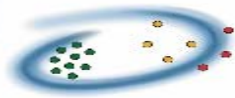
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# *Costs for university*

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**34 h → 1242 €**

**Who pay ?**



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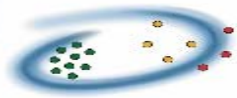
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# *Costs for university, who pay?*

- **Budget of university : state funds**
- **Region (if coaching)**
- **or employer** (tax for CE  $\geq 1,6\%$  of all salaries)
- **Candidate** (depending on university decision)
- **European social funds (since 2000)**



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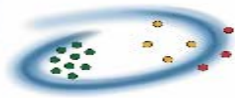
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# ***Costs for candidates***

- 1 - Time .... but social partners have defined a “RPL” leave (24 hours)**
  
- 2 – Tuition fees of university**
  
- 3 - The remainder of specific costs**  
(depending on university decision)





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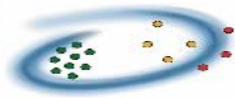
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# *Benefits for university*

- 1. A Recognition of university diploma value?*
- 2. A proof of its adaptability, widening accessibility of higher education*
- 3. A Better knowing of qualifications, skills, jobs... towards its certification,*
- 4. An effect on diploma definition : separation between diploma (certified outcomes) and access*
- 5. A visible engagement for ULLL and its development !*



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# *Benefits for candidates*

- Personal satisfaction,
- Learning value for all the activities
- Facilitation of the return to studies, toward a real LLL right ?
- Reduction of the cost of LLL
  
- Preservation against unemployment
- Preservation against youngest concurrence,
- Preparation of external mobility