

# TU Darmstadt offers grants for stay in a foreign country

### Nature of Grants

Referat Europa+ / Unite under the Dezernat Internationales oversees the allocation of Erasmus+ grants.

These grants are funded by the European Union to strengthen academic ties across Europe by facilitating short-term and long-term exchanges for university members in other EU countries.

Both students and academic staff can access a range of grant types and frameworks through this program.

Deutsche Akademische Austauschdienst supervises and audit the grant distrubition and has detailed guidelines.

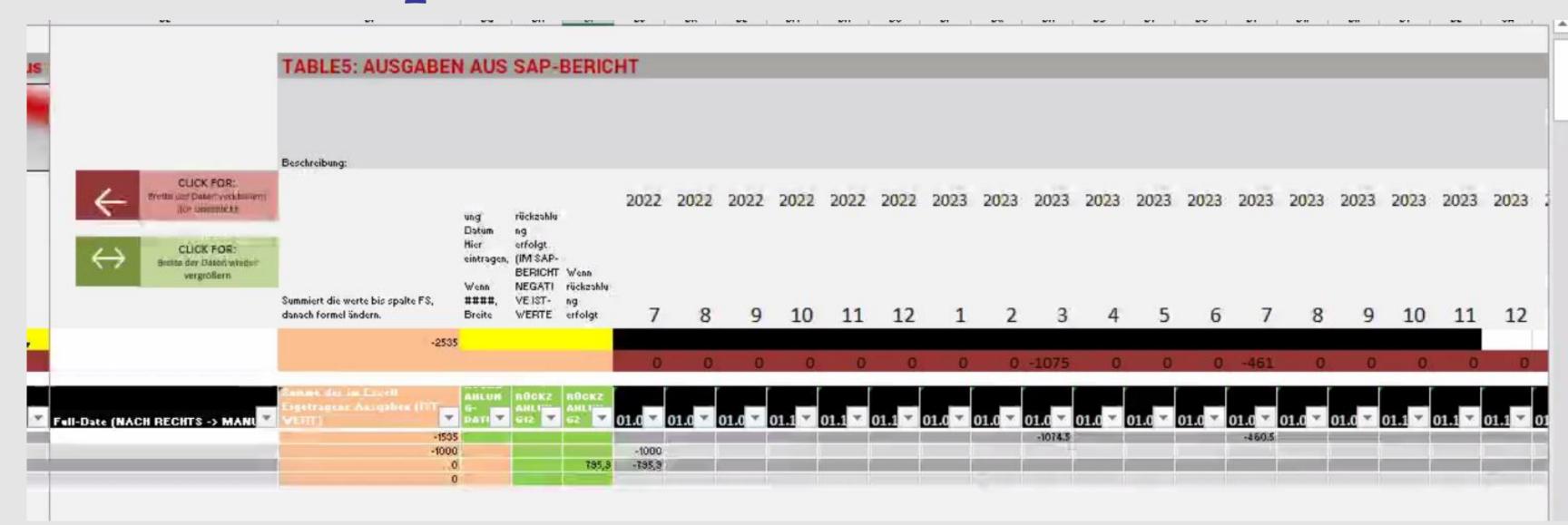
### Management of Grants

While an external complex SAAS is used for managing the study mobilities, due to the differences in the audit and granting schemes of the staff mobility, an Excel sheet has been instrumentalized.

The Excel spreadsheet was old, dating back to 2014. As DAAD and EU changed the granting schemas, the formulas were changed several times, resulting in an incomprehensible sheet and broken formulas.

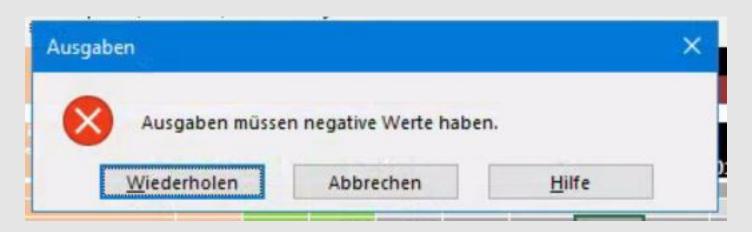
There I was tasked with finding a solution to broken formulas by tracing them back. However, after consulting with my superiors, I decided to develop a comprehensive toolset to manage current and former mobilities

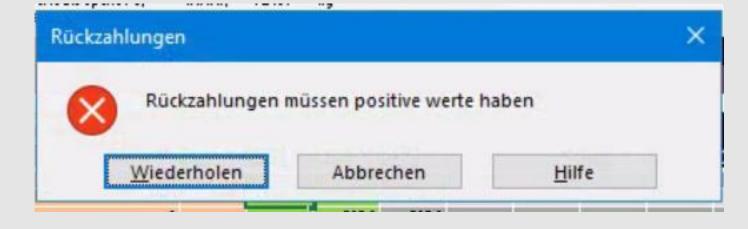
### Excel Template



### Area for payment records

I have kept the old structure, in order to ensure compatibility with old records, added a field for reimbursements and added VBA macros to bulk changes in size of width of cells to increase readibility.

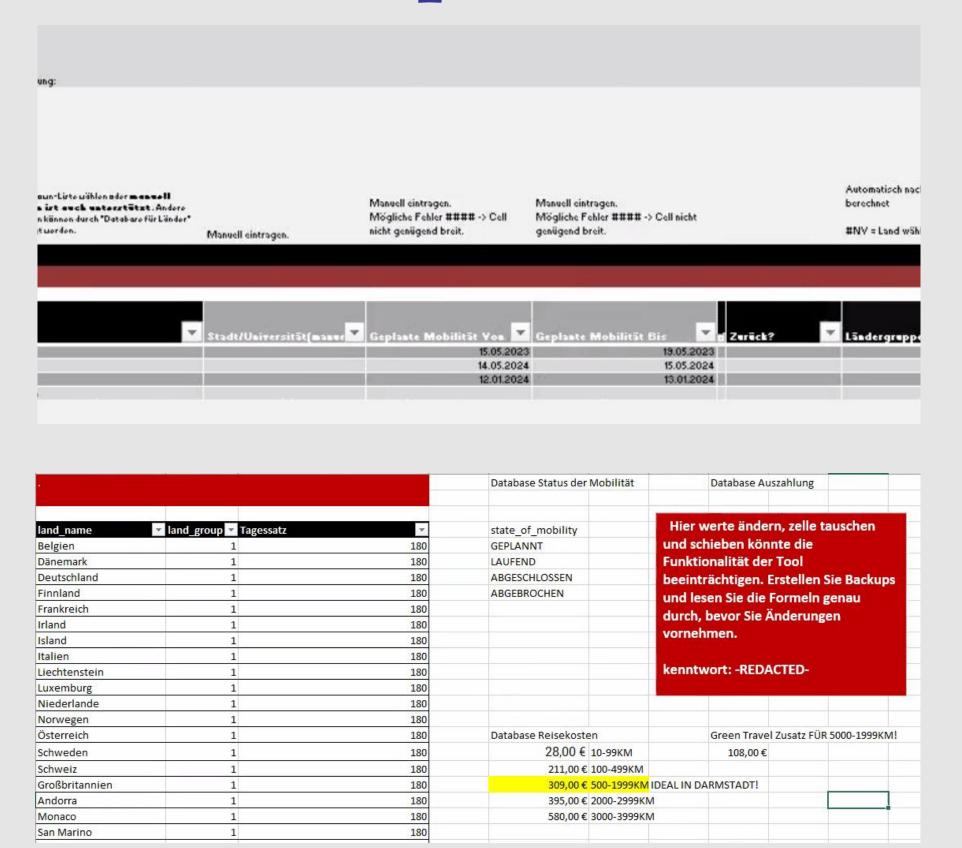




#### Payment Record Verification

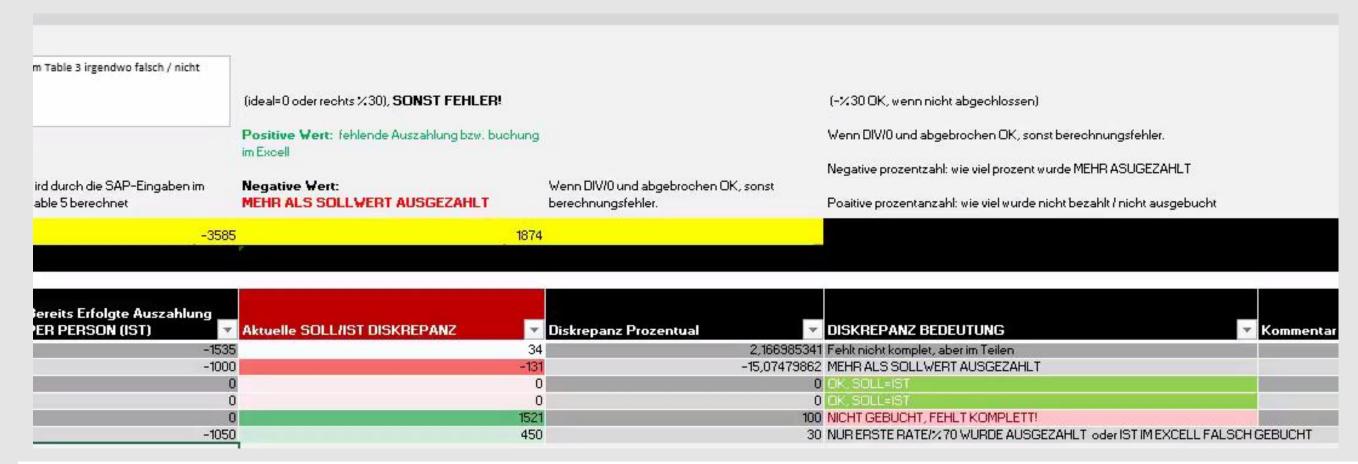
To ensure my student assistant colleagues were recording the payments as intended, i have introduced data validation.

### Excel Template



#### Area for calculating grant amount automatically

I have added explanatory headers to each field. To enhance readability and adaptability to both new and existing payment schemes, the formulas retrieve their values from a separate database page.



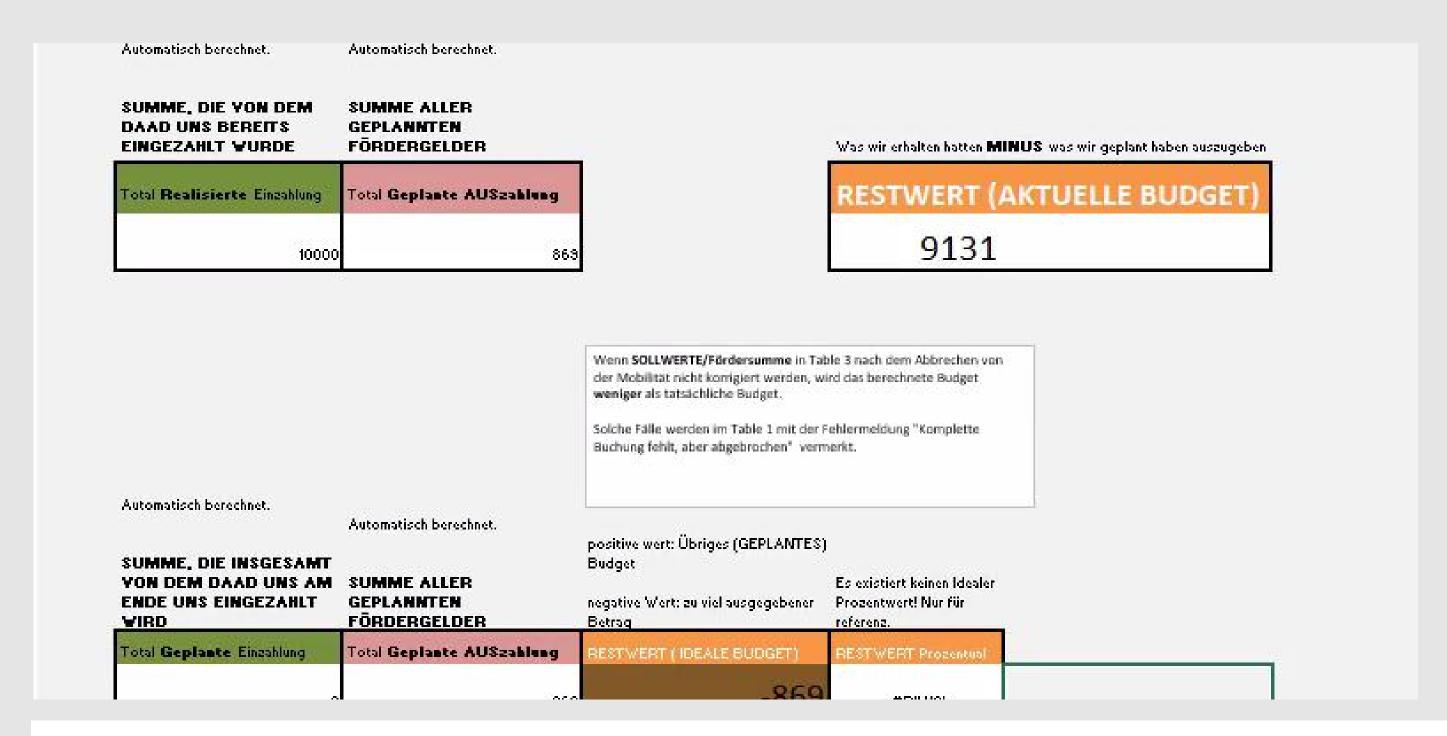
#### Area for automatic controlling/audit

The legacy manual task of controlling and checking discrepancies has been automated. The spreadsheet also provides automated insights regarding the meaning and reasons for the existing discrepancies.

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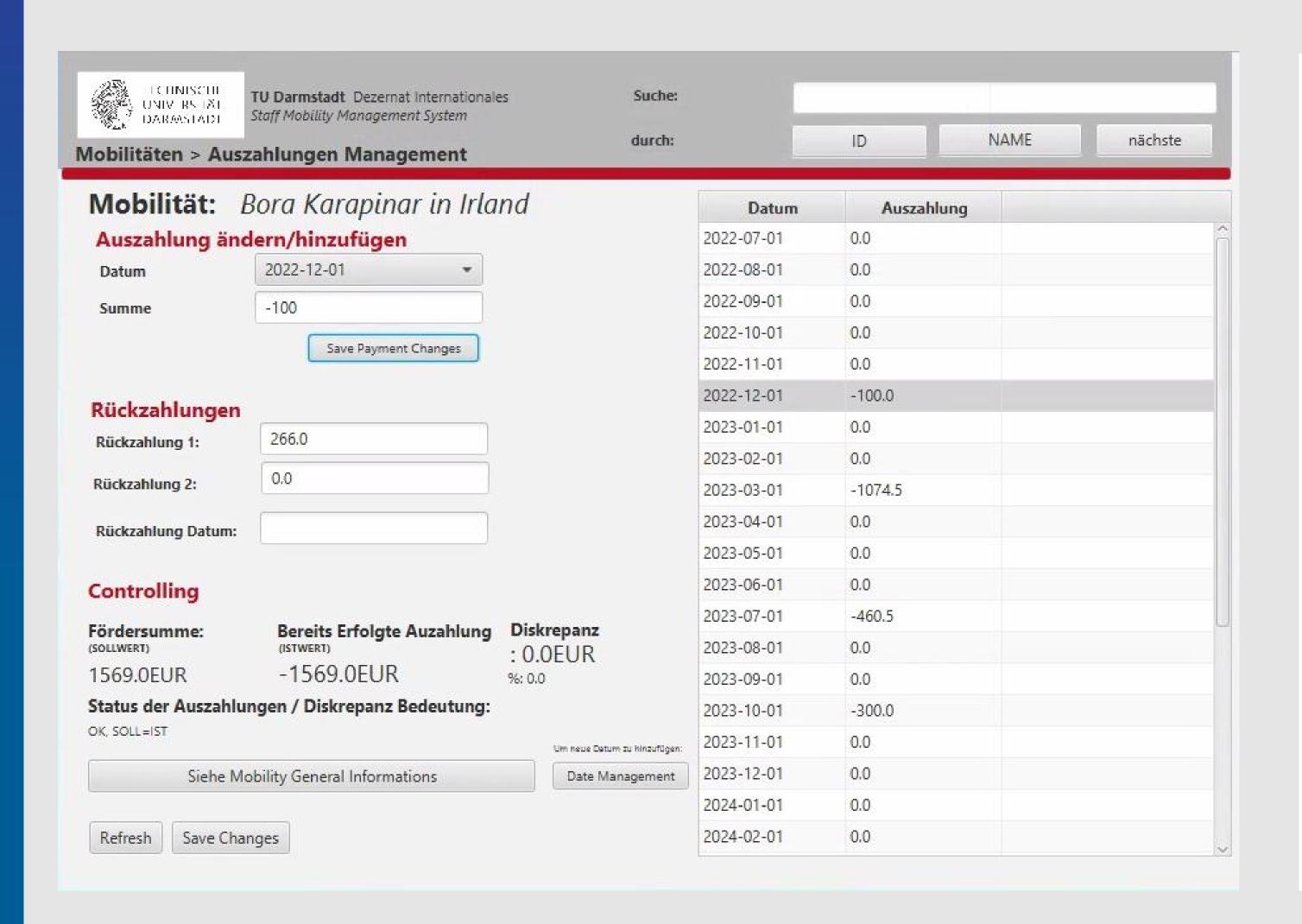
Area for calculating realized and planned cash flows



#### Dashboard for automatic budget and cash flow management

I have designed a dashboard to show the current status of the budget and potential additional cash flows, making the decision to accept or reject mobility applications simpler.

# JavaFX application for easier payment recording



Tracing and comparing payment records through various reports and summaries can be difficult to comprehend, so I have designed a JavaFX application.

It utilizes **Apache POI** to access the records of an Excel spreadsheet, reads the data, and saves any changes back.

I have assumed there may be a future need to import data saved on sheets, so the Java architecture is designed to be decoupled, allowing for the easy development of a SQL module for data import/export.

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#### Spreadsheets as database

The program loads the sheet and its records, and saves any changes that occur.

