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Payment of tuition fees for students from outside the EU/EEA studying in Denmark

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My presentation

1. The introduction of tuition fees in 2006
2. Consequences and explanations
3. The Danish Government's objectives and initiatives
4. Perspectives



Background

White Paper to the Danish Parliament on
strengthening internationalisation of
the education programmes (2004)

Problem

Large number of students from countries outside the EU/EEA enrolled in Academy profession programmes and Professional bachelor programmes

Objective

- Qualifying the demand
- Achieving balance between the wish to attract more international students
- Controlling additional expenditures



Background

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strengthening internationalisation of the education programmes (2004)

Proposals

- To eliminate the so-called "meter-based" grants for students from outside the EU/EEA and to implement tuition fees
- To establish a scholarship scheme for highly qualified students from countries outside the EU/EEA

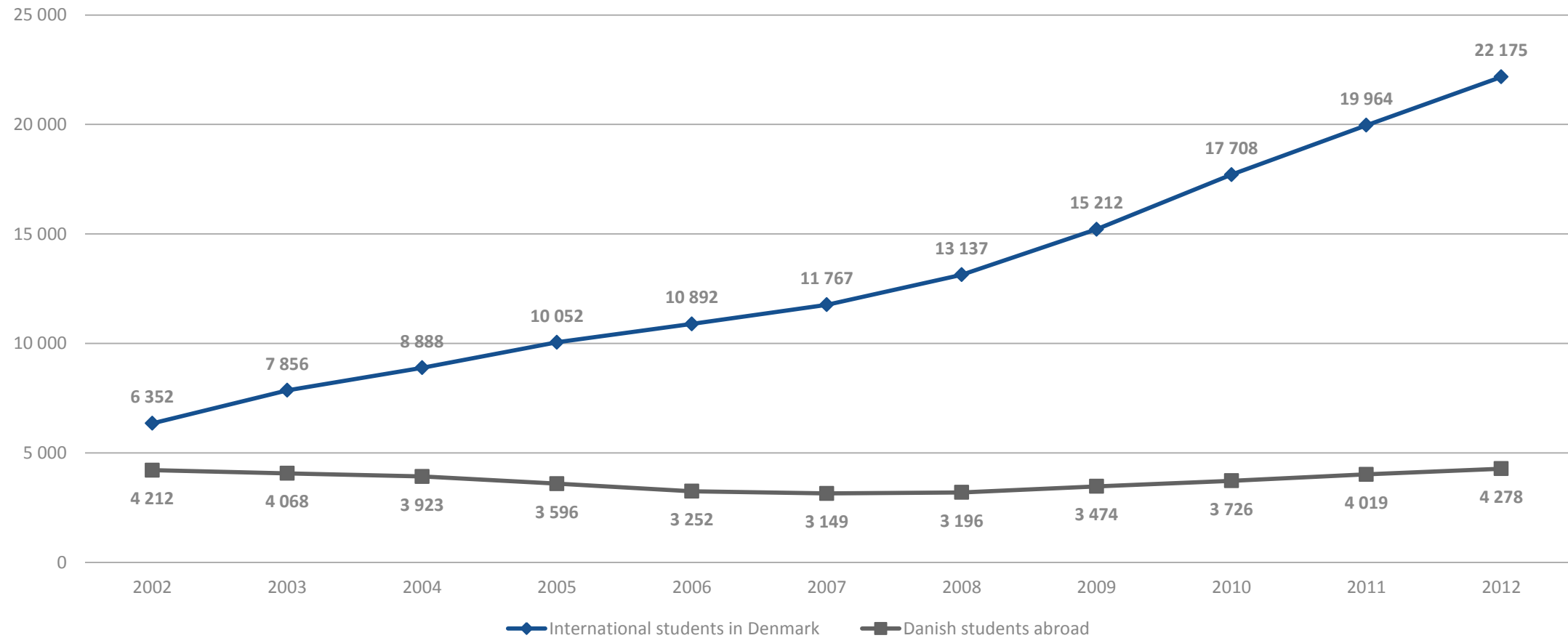


Bill 2005

- **Elimination of "meter-based" financing** of programmes for students outside the EU/EEA. PhD programmes not be affected
- **Implementation of 2 scholarship schemes**
 - Academy profession programmes/Professional bachelor programmes
 - University Bachelor's and Master's programmes for students enrolled in a full degree programme – Cost neutral
- **Decentralised administration** and possibility of charging tuition fees higher than the actual expense
- Act effective in August 2006

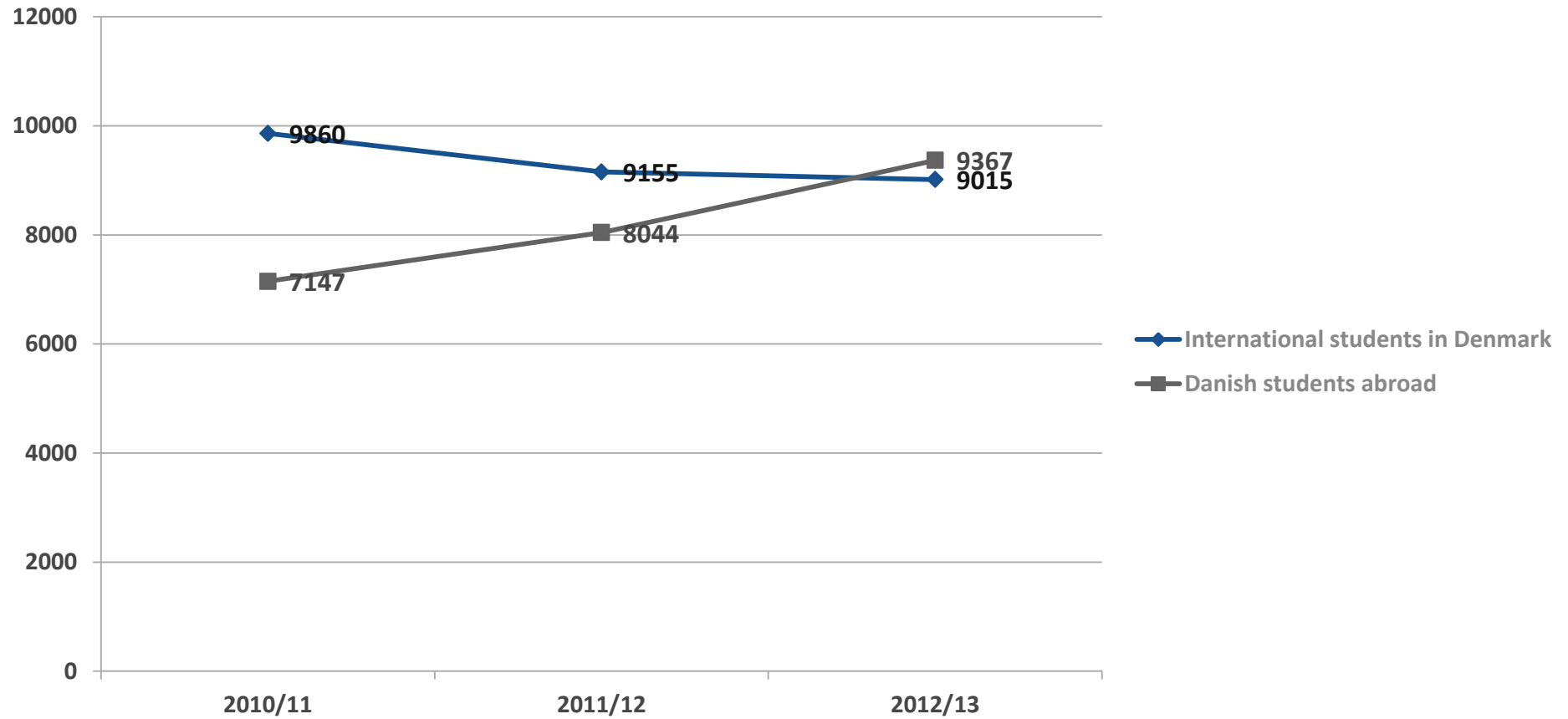


Number of full-degree students – international students in Denmark and Danish students abroad

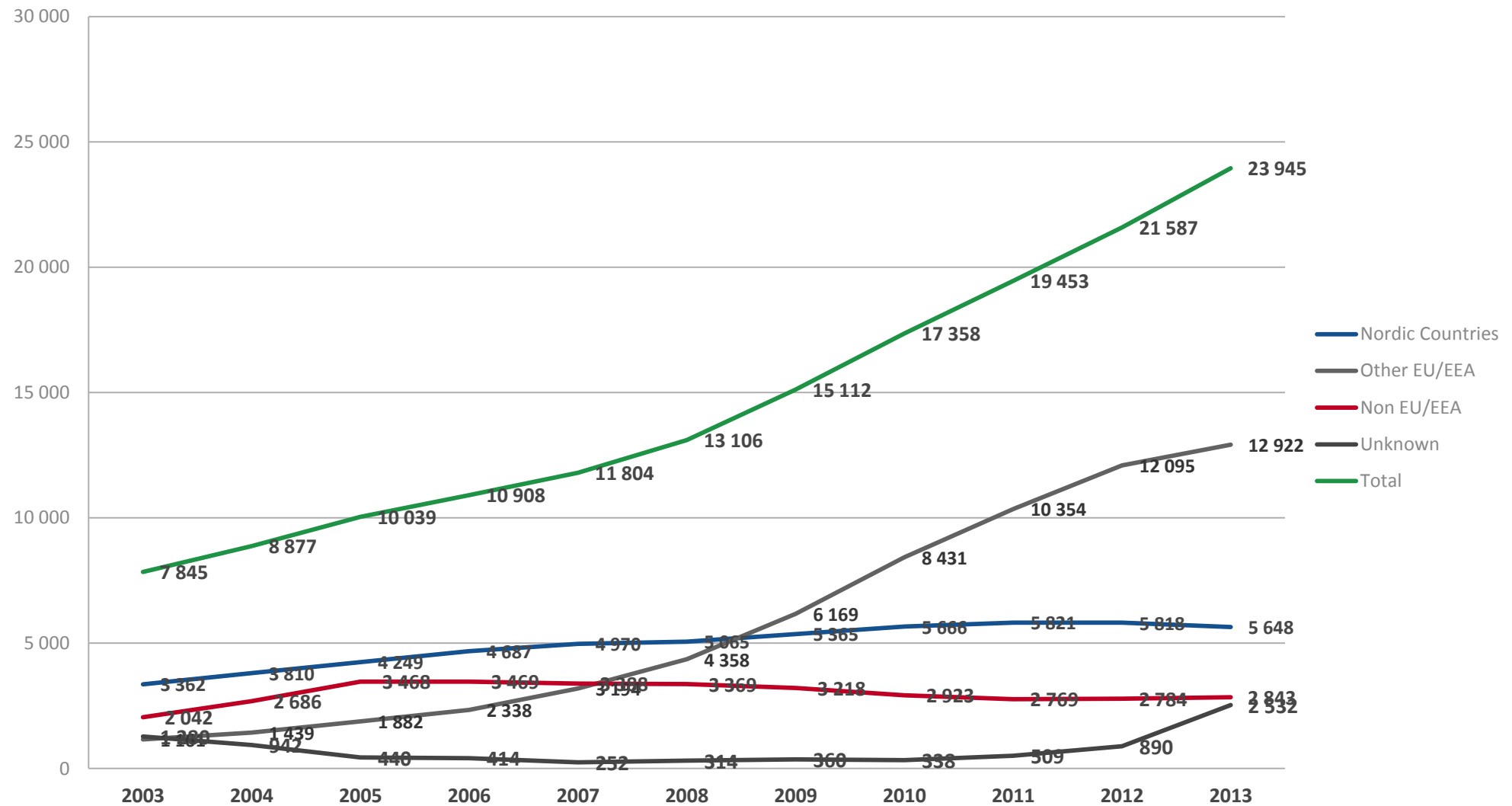


Student mobility, incoming and outgoing

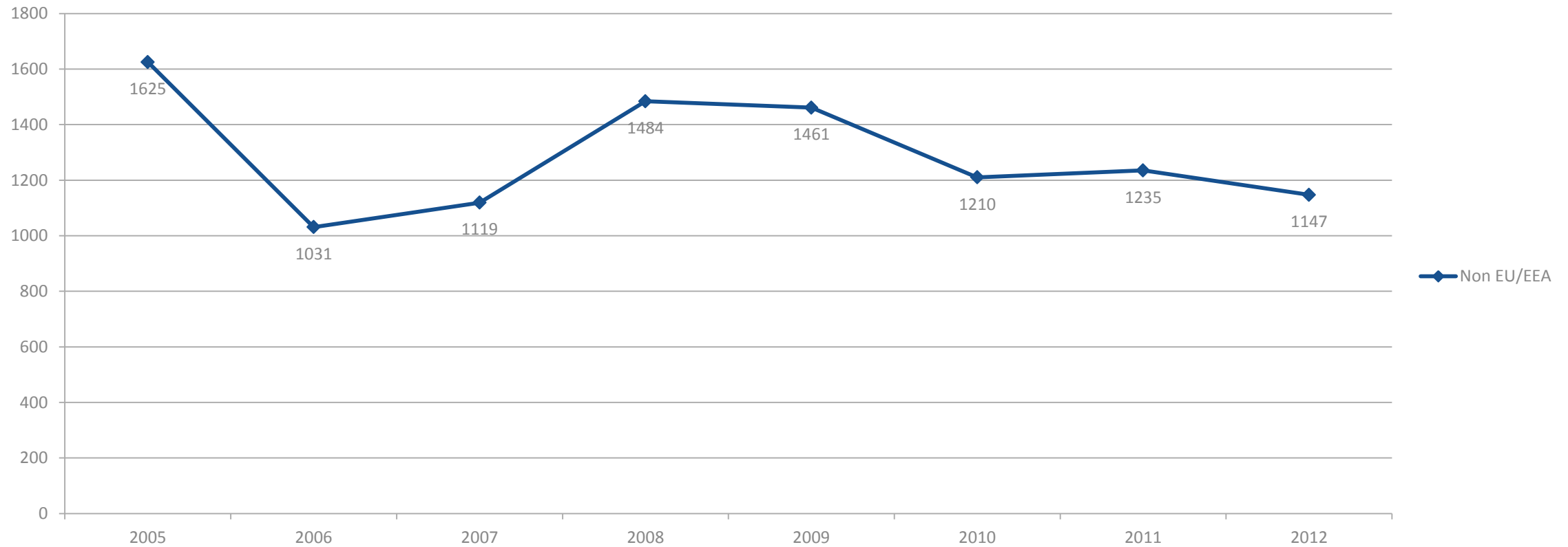
study periods and traineeships



Number of international students by area of origin



Admission of international students distributed by area of origin, 2005-2012

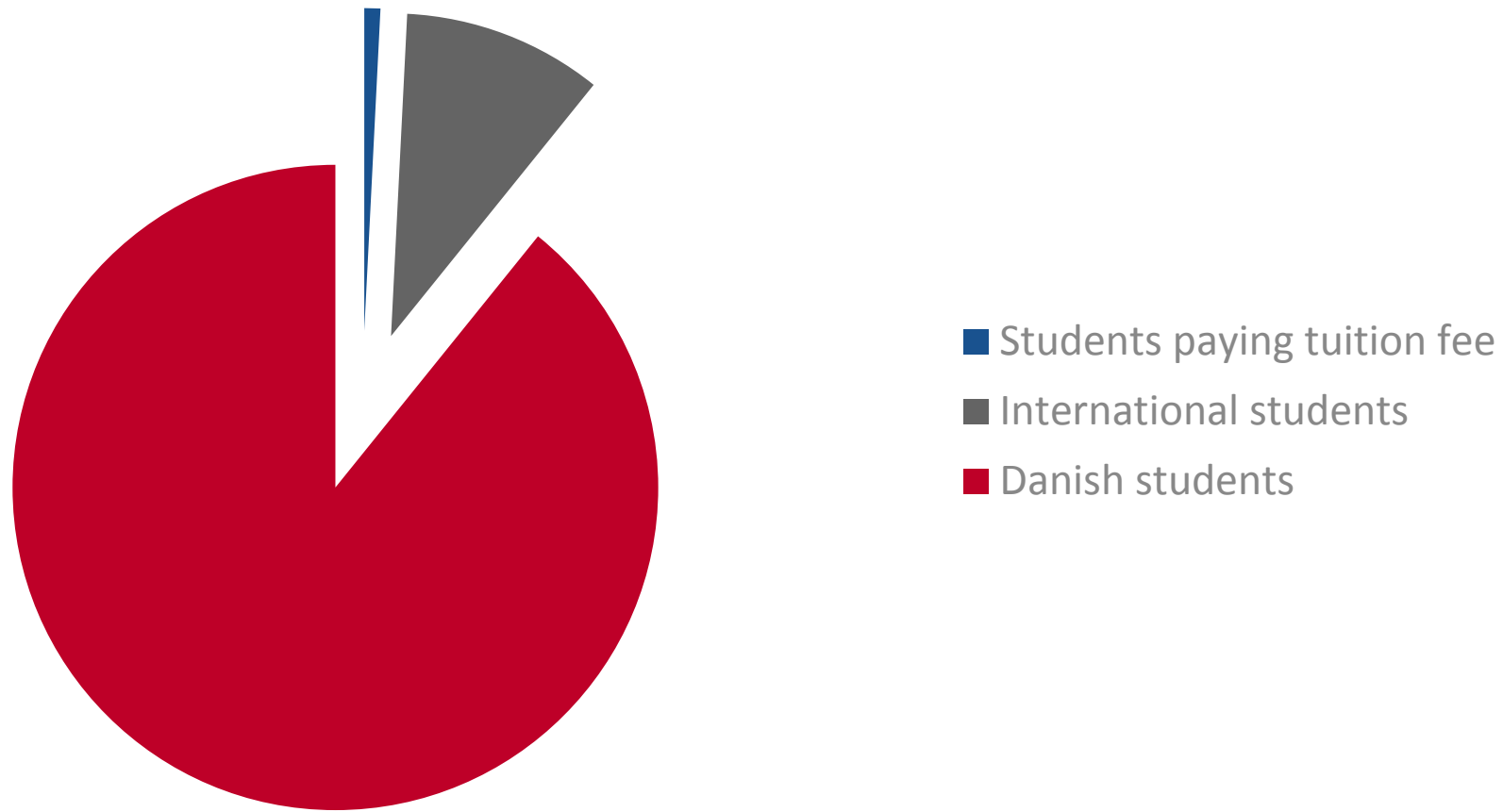


Number of tuition fee paying students from countries outside EU/EEA

	2012	2013
Universities	724	695
Academies of professional higher education and University Colleges	611	545
In total	1,335 (48 %)	1,240 (44 %)



Students in higher education in DK 2014



Total: 269,000 students in higher education
1,300 tuition-fee-paying students

Tuition fees for international students

“Practices in the Nordic countries regarding the implementation of tuition fees for international students.”

Oxford Research A/S – December 2012 for the Nordic Council of Ministers



Implementation at Danish universities, 2012

	AAU	AU	SDU	KU	DTU	RUC	CBS	ITU
Price	Min. 1 x grant	Min. 1 x grant	1 x grant	1 x 2 grant	Min. 1 x grant	Min. 1 x grant	Min. 1 x grant	1 x grant
Level of Decision	Decentralised	Centralised	Centralised	Decentralised	Centralised	Centralised	Centralised	Centralised
Application fee	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes, (€150)	Yes, (€150)	No

Source: Oxford Research's datacollection 2012



International students (full degree)

Subject area	2005	2009	% change
Humanities	14 %	15 %	+ 9 %
Natural Science	18 %	19 %	+ 5 %
Social Studies	28 %	33 %	+ 17 %
Health Science	15 %	13 %	- 12 %
Technical Science	25 %	20 %	- 21 %



Enrolment of non-EU/EEA students by area of origin

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	% change (2005/06 – 2009/10)
Africa	155	114	88	135	184	+ 19 %
Asia	1073	703	757	1113	961	- 10 %
Europe outside EU/EEA	112	51	85	95	104	- 7 %
North America	55	40	59	53	72	+ 31 %
South America	54	23	24	36	51	- 6 %

Source: Ministry of Higher Education and Science



Oxford Research – “The modified U-curve”

Drop in the number of international students due to

- New demands on financial capacity
- “The shock-effect”
- Competition

Followed by a significant rise because of

- Consolidation in the market
- Scholarships
- Marketing
- Better introduction of the students
- More international programmes



“Denmark – an attractive study destination”

Action plan for strengthening the internationalisation of higher education II, April 2014

Vision

To **attract** and educate the most talented people from all over the world – and to **retain** them in Denmark after completing their studies

Problem

Fewer and fewer young people from countries outside Europe studying in Denmark

Goal

20 pct. of the new international students from outside the EU/EEA by 2020 (in 2012: 12 pct.)



Initiatives

- New grant programme
- Collaboration with private foundations and businesses
- Expansion of the “Study in Denmark” website
- Summer school courses
- Adjustment of grants for courses in Denmark under the Cultural Agreements Programme
- Easier access to apply for student resident permits
- Etc.



Perspectives

Tuition fee for international students opens the door for tuition fees for Danish students

Still a challenge to attract students outside the EU/EEA to Denmark – but we keep on trying!

- Ambitious 2020 goal
- The initiatives in “Denmark – an attractive study destination”
- New study on educational export within higher education to be published soon
- Nordic Council of Ministers: Conference in the autumn 2015 on educational export

