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Support of International Platform Merging Labour and Education

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Basic information



Support of International Platform Merging Labour and Education

**= Link between Universities and Professional Sector in the Area of
Agriculture and Life Sciences**

Coordinating organization: CULS Prague, Czech Republic

Grant amount: 535 615 €

Duration: Oct. 15, 2016 till Sep. 15, 2019 = in total 36 months

Partners



European partners

- Austria - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
- Belgium - Ghent University
- Czech Republic - Czech University of Life Sciences Prague

Asian partners

- Cambodia
 - Royal University of Agriculture
 - University of Battambang
- Indonesia
 - Bogor Agricultural University
 - Tadulako University
- Thailand
 - Prince of Songkla University
 - Kasetsart University

Associates



- **Agrinatura** – The European Alliance on Agricultural knowledge for Development



- **FORS** – Czech Forum for Development and Cooperation



- **EMA** – Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association



- **ESAA** – Erasmus + Student and Alumni Association



- **SEARCA** – Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study Research in Agriculture



- **YPARD** – Young Professionals for Agricultural Development

Aims of the project



- Encouragement of cooperation of Academic sector (HEIs) with Professional sector
- Enhanced employability of Asian partner universities' alumni

1) Support networking

- Alumni Centres
- Platforms for Cooperation with Professional Sector
- Career Centres

2) Improvement of curriculum of study programmes

- Internships - practical knowledge and better skills of the alumni

3) Enhancing soft skills

Target Groups



Academic sector

- Students
- Graduates
- Teaching staff
- Staff of Alumni Centres & Carrer Centres

Non-academic sector

- Business companies
- NGO's
- Governmental organizations
- EU-Asia companies



Main activities



WP 1

PREPARATION

Alumni Centres (AC)

WP 2

DEVELOPMENT

**Platforms for Cooperation
with Professional Sector
(PC-PS)**

WP 3

QUALITY PLAN

Internships

WP 4

DISSEMINATION & EXPLOITATION

**Promoting Alumni Centres and
Platforms for Cooperation (PC-PS)**

WP 5

MANAGEMENT

Events & overall management

Schedule of activities



2016	Kick-off meeting at CULS Prague, Czech Republic
2017	Workshop „Best Practices examples for Alumni Centres“, Belgium
	Guidelines of Best Practices examples for Alumni Centres – study
	Establishment of Alumni Centres and Career Centres in Asia
	Training for Alumni Centres staff, Austria (1 week intensive training)
2018	Foundation of Platforms PC-PS at Asian universities
	Internships and Guest lectures at Asian universities
	Organizing of Career Days – Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand
2019	Guest Lectures, Internships, Career Days at Asian universities
	Final Project Conference – Indonesia

Evaluation report - RELEVANCE



P O S I T I V E S

- Project clearly addresses priority for region (**university-enterprise cooperation & international cooperation**)
- Already experienced team
- Clearly described objectives and activities relevant to priorities
- Innovative ideas (**Alumni Centres, Internships, Guest lectures**)
- Well described added value of experiences Asian HEI

C H A L L A N G E S

- Deep analysis of current situation is requested (**statistical data**)
- How Alumni Centre support employability of students is not clear?
- Describe more what are outputs from previous projects and how are relevant to present project
- Not clearly described added value of EU HEI and their experience in non-EU

Evaluation report – QUALITY of project design



P O S I T I V E S

- High quality of workpackages of Alumni Centres and Career days (already experienced)
- Balanced budget, well justified
- Logical structure and time schedule
- Adequate indicators

C H A L L A N G E S

- Is not adequately consider complexity of cooperation with professional sector
- WP Internships – describe more gender dynamics, selection procedure, feedback evaluation
- Provide how many PC we will buy for each Alumni Centres
- Specify in details co-financing
- Risks management missing (if professional sector is not willing to cooperate)

Evaluation report – QUALITY of project team



P O S I T I V E S

- Strong team in agricultural sciences, well balanced, capital cities + non capital
- Leadership of WP clearly described and distributed
- Adequate measures taken (face-to-face as well as online)
- Asian partner involved in decision-making process

C H A L L A N G E S

- Describe in detail staff experience
- Lack of partners from Asian professional sector!!! Add strong agricultural employer
- Role of associate is not clear (except dissemination role)
- Give leadership in dissemination to Asian partners
- Lack of potential conflict resolution approach

Evaluation report – IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY



P O S I T I V E

- Clear impact to employability
- Cooperation in region and HEI and labour market
- Multiple effect „Guidelines for Best practices of Alumni Centres“
- Clear plan for dissemination (websites, workshops, final conference)
- Strong commitment that Alumni staff financed by HEI during and after the project end
- Signed MOU

C H A L L A N G E S

- How will be organized Monitoring of activities?
- How to measure short-term and long-term impact?
- Which evaluation measures will be taken?
- Improve activities of dissemination outside the team (media, non-academic sector)
- Internships – question of sustainability after the project end

Preparation – tips & tricks



- Start prepare it **on time** (3 months in advance, since November)
- Advantage: to have **pre-identified general topic** from previous discussions from partners (what they expect and need)
- Firstly prepare **general strategy** (2 pages of main objective and outputs)
- Share it with **potential partners**
- Select **good partners** (good strategy is to know at least half of them, maximum half of new ones, only responsible ones!)
- If they agree, send them **requested documents for submission** (it takes long time to get it back e.g. signatures of Mandates)

Preparation – tips & tricks



- Organize **skype call** and discuss it with them – plan details of the project, who is responsible for what, select leaders of workpackages, timetable with deadlines
- Count that as a **leader** you have to prepare **majority of the texts**
- Divide the **work among partners** – what they do and cut it in the sessions (if it is too much, they will not do it)
- Reserve **enough time** for writing the final version (intensively 2 weeks every day, nights...skype call up to 2 o'clock in the morning).
- Plan time for **English corrections** by native speaker
- Submit it **one day before** the deadline (problems with connections etc.)
- Plan **holidays** after submission😊 and cleaning the office
- Great that the results are known in August...you will forget the stress😊



THANK FOR YOUR ATTENTION!