

INTERUV Second Regional Conference
Joint study programmes: facilitator for university
internationalisation
Rome, 6-7 November 2013

Context:

Joint study programmes, since their first appearance in the 1970s, have been increasing their role as an efficient and attractive tool of internationalisation in higher education. The level of awareness of joint programmes' benefits as well as knowledge about their preparation and implementation is far from satisfactory. Moreover Member States of the EU understand the need to expand cooperation in form of joint study programmes to the neighbouring countries. Why are joint study programmes considered an attractive and efficient tool for internationalisation? Because they demand exchange of thoughts, ideas and experience, bring together people coming from different cultures and traditions, accumulate expertise of teachers and researchers representing universities with different missions, visions and profiles. They contribute to learning and professional mobility, cultural awareness and peaceful development of civil societies. The EU and its neighbours need more high quality, interdisciplinary, innovative and attractive joint study programmes.

INTERUV Project

INTERUV: Joint Programmes - facilitator for university internationalisation is an initiative of Erasmus Mundus National Structures from 15 European countries (Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain, Slovakia and United Kingdom).

The INTERUV project focuses on:

- the promotion of the idea of joint study programmes among higher education institutions (HEIs) from the EU and third countries from the geographical regions neighbouring the EU;
- supporting HEIs in introducing joint study programmes into their institutional strategies for internationalisation;
- the capacity building of institutions acting at present as Erasmus Mundus National Structures and National Tempus Offices in order to help them in the transition period of preparation for the new programme Erasmus + to be implemented in years 2014-2012.

Conference objectives:

- to gather people from 15 EU/EEA countries and Southern Mediterranean Region (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, occupied territory of Palestine, Syria, Tunisia) – representatives of HEIs, offices dealing with educational programmes, as well as

institutions active in higher education for which the issue of joint study programmes is challenging and needing further development;

- to provide examples of high quality joint study programmes, especially Erasmus Mundus Master Courses;
- to offer platform for exchange of experience, views, ideas, expertise and thus to enhance participants' knowledge about preparation and implementation of joint programmes;
- to improve probability for future joint study programmes offered by partnerships involving EU/EEA countries and their today's neighbours.

It is expected that the conference will be attended by ca. 150 participants, including ca. 110 from EU/EEA and 40 from the Mediterranean region.

The language of the conference is English.

Wednesday, 6th November 2013

13:00 – 14:00	Registration of participants
14:00 – 15:30	Welcome and opening remarks
	Short introduction to the INTERUV project and presentation of INTERUV report on internationalisation and Joint Study Programs
	Europe and South Mediterranean Region – different aspects of cooperation, trends and perspectives for future joint initiatives <i>Key note speech</i>
	The external dimension of the Bologna Process and Joint Study Programmes <i>Key note speech</i>
	Discussion
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Refreshments</i>
16:00 – 17:30	Joint study programmes in cooperation with South Mediterranean countries <i>Practical examples of Joint Master and PhD Courses</i>
	Discussion, questions and answers
17:30 – 19:00	Space for networking <i>Possibilities to establish contacts, express interest to cooperate.</i>
20:00	<i>Dinner</i>

Thursday, 7th November 2013

<p><i>Two parallel sessions</i></p> <p>09:00 – 10:30</p>	<p>Group 1 Management of joint programmes and recognition of joint degrees <i>Models, tools and good practices emerging from EM Action 3 projects</i></p>	<p>Group 2 Quality and sustainability of joint programmes <i>Models, tools and good practices emerging from EM Action 3 projects</i></p>
<p>10:30 – 11:00</p>	<p><i>Refreshments</i></p>	
<p><i>Two parallel sessions</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:30</p>	<p>Group 2 Management of joint programmes and recognition of joint degrees <i>Models, tools and good practices emerging from EM Action 3 projects</i></p>	<p>Group 1 Quality and sustainability of joint programmes <i>Models, tools and good practices emerging from EM Action 3 projects</i></p>
<p>12:30-13:30</p>	<p><i>Buffet lunch</i></p>	
<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Reports from the working groups</p>	
	<p>The new European Framework Programme for cooperation and mobility Erasmus +</p>	
	<p>How to develop EU-South Mediterranean Countries joint programmes within the new Framework Programme? <i>The technicalities of the new Programme, based on the Programme Guide</i></p>	
	<p>Discussion</p>	
<p>15:00 – 15:10</p>	<p><i>Closing remarks and farewell</i></p>	

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