

EM-Idea: Bringing the Erasmus Mundus community together to disseminate, exchange and act

Duration: 3 years

Summary description:

With this project, we wish to create conditions such that the Erasmus Mundus (EM) community at large can jointly exploit, explain and discuss its involvement in the Erasmus Mundus programme, so as to find ways to strengthen and improve it.

The project will target the following categories of persons and actors of international cooperation in higher education. These will benefit from the project directly or indirectly, as mentioned:

- EM coordinators: academic and administrative staff from the EU and from third-countries (directly)
- Coordinators of international cooperation programmes, from the EU and from third-countries (directly)
- HEI representatives, from the EU and from third-countries (directly)
- Students and doctoral candidates, from around the world (indirectly)
- Policy makers, from the EU and from third-countries (indirectly)

The project's main **geographical targets** outside Europe are:

Africa, Northern and Latin America, and Europe's neighbouring countries.

The **main activities** of the project will be:

1. perform a needs analysis in order to identify the most useful ways to help coordinators of joint study programmes and/or international partnerships;
2. organise at least six (regional) conferences throughout Europe to bring together the EM community around structured exchanges;
3. arrive at the creation of an independent, non-profit association of academics, with a sufficient number of members and a business plan allowing it to pursue the activities initiated with this project and relying essentially on its own resources;
4. survey tools and services available to coordinators of international cooperation programmes, that may be fully taken over by the association, such as a full-fledged collaborative website and online tools for the management and the quality assessment of joint programmes.

The name chosen for the association of coordinators is **Erasmus Mundus Concilium**.

The **main outcomes** of the project will be:

- The conclusions of the needs analysis and of the survey of services and tools available to joint programme coordinators;
- the proceedings of the debates held at the regional conferences and the supports of the lectures delivered;
- a project for the Erasmus Mundus Concilium's policy statement, by-laws, first business plan and first programme of activities.

The **dissemination** of the results will be performed at the conferences and through the communication channels of the 16 partners of the project and the three supporting partners. The conferences' programme, the results of the project and the progress towards the creation of the association of coordinators will be available at www.em-concilium.eu

Website: www.em-concilium.eu

Partners:

University Bordeaux 1, (Co-ordinator)
Coimbra Group, Belgium
Ghent University, Belgium
Association for the Development of Higher Education and Research beside the universities and companies in the Aquitaine region, France
Nice Sophia Antipolis University, France
University of Bologna, Italy
University of Padua, Italy
Vilnius University, Lithuania
Santander Group - European Universities' Network, Spain
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