

Academic Links and Strategies for the Internationalisation of the HE Sector

ALISIOS

Duration: 29 months

Summary description:

The ALISIOS project aims at creating better synergies between the EU policy dialogue with third countries and large-scale higher education cooperation programmes with emerging regions and countries, by sharing concepts, methods and tools that can shape communities of practice to support such programmes in an effective and sustainable way. By narrowing the gap between the policy processes underway at EU level and the agents involved at MS and Third Country national level (individual HEI staff, networks of HEI, international education associations, governments and governmental agencies), ALISIOS will contribute greatly to the full development of the huge potential of the EU-Third Country partnerships in academic cooperation, research integration, innovation and exchange. The Brazilian government's 'Science without Borders' (SwB) programme is an exceptional case study for assessing the EU policy dialogue with third countries and its implications to academic cooperation programmes, international student services and quality assurance issues. To reach the above-mentioned objectives, the project's main activities and outcomes will consist in the development of a public website, the steering of a virtual and face-to-face forum, the organisation of three workshops, production of short papers, policy messages, recommendations, a video and a final project publication. A final dissemination conference opened to the different target groups and a wider general audience is also foreseen.

Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to create better synergies between the EU policy dialogue with Brazil and academic cooperation projects and activities currently underway with European and Brazilian support, with an emphasis on exploring the opportunities created by the Science without Borders (SwB) programme. We believe that by narrowing the gap between the policy processes underway at EU level and the agents involved at national level, we will contribute greatly to the full development of the huge potential of the EU-BR partnerships in academic cooperation, research integration, innovation and exchange.

Target groups

The direct beneficiaries of the project are individual HEI staff but also HEI associations and other networks, Governments and governmental agencies in Europe and Brazil. Indirect beneficiaries include students, post-docs and academic staff as well as governments and governmental agencies outside Europe and Brazil.

Main activities

- The SwB forum - a platform to facilitate the communication between national SwB coordinators in Europe and in Brazil and consists of meetings and some communication infrastructures.
- Workshops
- Participation in external events
- Production of a final project publication
- Final dissemination conference

Expected outcomes / products

- Public website with information about the project, its activities and results;
- 3 Workshops (each one with open sessions with invited speakers and closed sessions with project team working groups).
- Short papers with findings, policy messages/ recommendations on the advancement of international higher education and research.

- Final project publication
- Project logo
- General leaflet: colour document with the project presentation, activities and contact details.
- General project poster and posters tailored for the project for public events
- E-newsletter to inform partners, target groups and other stakeholders about the project milestones, events and relevant website updates;
- Video: 8-10 minutes piece with experts' tips on internationalisation strategies and quality tools with reference to the project final results
- 1 Final dissemination conference

Dissemination and exploitation of results

The outputs of this project have already been tested in some way, as the project partners have an extensive experience in the type of activities covered by the project. They know that the best way to convey political and strategic messages, quality assurance and operational methods and tools is through people-to-people interaction based on conferences, seminars, workshops, focus groups, supported by both physical and virtual meetings and resources, such as website, forums, papers, publications, videos. In fact, the project will test its outputs in a continuous manner as the project progresses and will not wait until the end of the project to disseminate all its outputs. The partners and the target groups will have the opportunity to comment on the results of the project during its different phases, which are punctuated by the several project public events. Another important aspect is that the project emerged from a first meeting of SwB national coordinators and selected stakeholders, which will be interested in accompanying and giving feedback about the project activities and outputs.

Website: www.uc.pt

Partners:

University of Coimbra, Portugal (Co-ordinator)

Foundation of Portuguese Universities, Portugal

Campus France, France

European University Association, Belgium

University of Bologna, Italy

Association of Brazilian Higher Education Offices for International Relations, Brazil

Coimbra Group of Brazilian Universities, Brazil

University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Contact:

Joaquim Ramos de Carvalho

Vice-Rector

Colégio de S. Jerónimo, Largo D. Dinis, Apartado 3026

3001-401 Coimbra

Portugal

vr.joaquim.carvalho@uc.pt

Grant: € 323.580,00