

Agriculture, Skills, Knowledge in Asia: Competences and Employability of Erasmus Mundus Graduates in Agriculture on the Asian Professional Market

AskAsia

Duration: 1 year and 2 months

Summary description:

Objectives

The general objective of ASK Asia is (i) to assess how the Erasmus Mundus graduates in Agriculture and related Life Sciences perform on the professional job market in Asia, and, secondly, (ii) to identify specific competences and skills that provide these graduates with a comparative advantage in meeting the expectations of their first destination employers following the education/training period.

Main activities & Expected outcomes / products

The specific objectives and main activities of the project are listed as follows:

1. Interrogate the experience gained by IMRD, Agris Mundus, Eurasia 1 and Eurasia 2, Lotus, Experts and other projects having a shared interest/focus in higher education programmes to deliver graduates who meet the needs of the Agricultural and Life Sciences sector in Asia.
2. Evaluate the adequacy of the skills and competencies gained by Asian graduates from their education in Europe in meeting the skills and competencies requirements of their first destination employment following the European education period.
3. Jointly analyse these results of 1 to 2 above with representatives of the Asian universities that sent their students, representatives of the employers in Asia, and the European team members in order to review the current definition of the generic learning outcomes, in terms of skills and competencies, delivered by the European degree programmes.
4. Identify the conditions in the education/training supply in Europe, and the pre-conditions provided by the sending institution in Asia, that facilitate the highest employability of the Asian graduates after they return.
5. Revise the learning outcomes, in terms of skills and competencies that should be better taken into consideration by European Master and Doctorate curricula designed to address the specific needs of the professional sector in Agriculture and Life Sciences sector in Asia.

Dissemination and exploitation of results

6. Share these results with the universities having a special focus for Agriculture and the Life Sciences in Asia or /and involved in Erasmus Mundus courses in Europe

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