



ERASMUS MUNDUS

Promotion of European Higher Education – Action 3

Projects related to EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

One of the priorities of the Erasmus Mundus Action 3 annual calls for proposals in the framework of the second phase of the programme (2009-2013) is to support projects that aim at **promoting European higher education in specific geographical areas**. These geographic areas may be related to countries or groups of countries that have international student flows or countries that are less represented in international cooperation programmes in higher education.

Action 3 projects may involve large and versatile partnerships grouping several countries from different regions or focusing on specific regions or sub regions of the same geographical territory. The international dimension of Action 3 projects is crucial to their success and the valorisation of their outcomes. Thus, the projects listed below are related to the geographical area of **Europe** but may concern a variety of themes or academic disciplines.

FEATURED PROJECTS

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Promoting Erasmus Mundus towards European Students: Activate, Communicate, Engage
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Synergies and Innovation Linking Europe, the MENA region and the Gulf in Higher Education & Research
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- **EM-Idea (2011-2014)**
Bringing the Erasmus Mundus community together to disseminate, exchange and act

- **LEAN-CC (2011-2013)**
Linking European, African and Asian Academic Networks on Climate Change
- **FORT (2008-2011)**
Forging Ties and Building Bridges between Mediterranean Higher Education Institutions
- **WISHES (2008-2011)**
Web-based Information Service for Higher Education Students
- **FASTQUAD (2007-2010)**
Facilitating students' mobility service including quality insurance dimension

This information sheet is one of a series that show Action 3 outcomes in particular regions of the world, or on specific themes. You can find the whole series at:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/results_compendia/selected_projects_action_3_achievements_activities_en.php

Please note that venues or dates of events are subject to change; checking the project's website for latest details on events is recommended.

HEIP-LINK

Promoting the international dimension of research in HEIs (2012-2014)

Coordinated by	University of Alicante, Spain
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Website	http://www.heip-link.net/
Partners	Poland, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Panama, Russia, South Africa, Vietnam

The HEIP-LINK project aims over a period of 2 years to strengthen cooperation and awareness among European Higher Education Institutions and their strategic counterparts in BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) Latin America and ASEAN countries in research, through enhancing knowledge of Research & Development (R&D) collaboration framework issues. HEIP-LINK is focused to develop an interactive on-line information platform which provides the most updated information on R&D collaboration framework aspects.

Outcomes

The project leads to the following outcomes:

- **analysis of HE research collaboration framework issues in 60** countries (EU27, Latin America-18, South East Asia-10 and BRICS-5)
- **interactive web-tool for HE research cooperation** - comparative decision-making tool with data of ca. 60 countries
- **publication** of a practical handbook "The Higher Education Research Collaboration Toolkit."
- international conference with aims to attract a large number of third country HEIs, policy makers and representatives of the enterprise sector and to discuss the R&D collaboration frameworks and IPR practices for European and non-European countries cross-border collaboration.
- **final event/conference** will target HEI leaders, policy makers and researchers from EU and third countries to discuss how to enhance visibility and best practices of EU HEIs for international R&D cooperation with key stakeholders.

Events

[Kick off meeting](#), 14-16 January 2013, Stellenbosch (South Africa)

[Promotion of the project in Asia:](#)

[National Conference "From CLMVT to AEC: Current Situation and Future Prospects"](#), 13 June 2013, Khon Kaen (Thailand)

[International Symposium "Global Saemaul Forum 2013"](#), 26-27 June 2013, Gyeongsan (Korea)

[International Conference](#), December 2013, Singapore,

[Final event/conference](#), October 2014, Brussels (Belgium),
dates to be confirmed

EM-ACE

Promoting Erasmus Mundus towards European Students: Activate, Communicate, Engage (2012-2015)

Coordinated by	Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Coordinator contact	Mattea Capelli (email: mattea.capelli@uniroma1.it)
Website	www.em-ace.eu/en
Partners	Belgium, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Australia, Serbia

This 3 years project aims to **enhance the visibility, awareness and attractiveness of the Erasmus Mundus (EM) programme across Europe**, with the final goal to raise both the quantity and quality of applications received from European candidates.

The overall aims of the EM-ACE are to:

- identify factors affecting **European students' participation** in EM (Action 1 and 2);
- evaluate and **benchmark the current status of EM marketing and promotion at Higher Education Institutions (HEI)** both in Europe and internationally;
- provide clear and **comprehensive information on EM for potential European EM candidates** and HEI staff;
- **professionalise marketing capacity among potential EM promoters** in order to help them improve and optimize EM marketing and promotion towards European students;
- improve students' capacity to prepare a **successful EM application**;
- **promote the EM programme** at European HEI and during international events, and ensure a wide dissemination and exploitation of project outputs and results.

Outcomes

- **needs analysis, short-term and long-term EM marketing strategy**
- **promotional materials and tools** (website and promotional material, training material for both students and staff, case compilation of best practices and web-content easily adaptable to different contexts/regions,...)
- **EM Marketing self-assessment review tool**
- **promotional & training campaign**

Events

[Kick-off meeting](#), 18-19 September 2012, Brussels (Belgium)

[Second consortium meeting](#), 28 February and 1 March 2013, Cambridge (UK)

[EM pre-departure orientation meeting](#), 12 July 2013, Belgrade (Serbia)

[EMA's General Assembly](#), 13-15 June 2013, Barcelona (Spain)

[Staff Mobility Week](#), 3-7 June 2013, Rome (Italy)

[EM-ACE at EAIE](#), 10-13 September 2013 Istanbul (Turkey)

[Third consortium meeting](#), 13-14 September 2013, Istanbul (Turkey)

LINKING-MED-GULF

Synergies and Innovation Linking Europe, the MENA region and the Gulf in Higher Education & Research (2012-2014)

Coordinated by	University of Barcelona, Spain
Coordinator contact	Ramon Torrent Macau (email: rtorrent@ub.edu)
Website	http://www.ub.edu/LinkingMedGulf/en/index.html
Partners	Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia

Linking-MED-Gulf wishes to **act as a link between Europe, its MENA (Middle East and North Africa) neighbours and the Gulf in the Higher Education and Research Area**. Linking-Gulf is intended to contribute to the development of long standing relations between the regions by generating links among them. This 2 year and 3 months project will also look forward to generating synergies with other Erasmus Mundus Action 3 and European Commission funded projects, which are active in the Mediterranean and in the Gulf in order to look for good practices that could multiply the links between the European countries, its MENA neighbours and the Gulf.

Linking-MED-Gulf that aims at continuing the path opened by the JISER-MED project by consolidating mutual understanding and long term partnerships between the regions by:

- improving the level of awareness of the Bologna Process in the MENA and Gulf Countries
- strengthening relations between Quality Assurance (QA) and Higher Education and Research
- discussing the relationship between the University and Industry in the regions
- contributing to the interdisciplinary policy debate in furtherance of increased participation and mutual understanding among different stakeholders and;
- ensuring sustainable means of multiplying and disseminating successful experiences of joint actions in the areas of HE and Research.

Outcomes

- comparison studies on QA issues, research papers,
- round-tables, forums, focus groups with students, employers and university leaders,
- workshops and seminars
- dynamic website portal, to foster active participation and debate among stakeholders in Linking-Med-Gulf.

Events

[Kick off meeting](#), 21-22 January 2013, Barcelona (Spain)

[AECHE 2013](#), 30-31 May 2013, Barcelona (Spain)

[EAIE Conference](#), 13 September 2013, Istanbul (Turkey)

[Focus Group in Tunisia](#), 19 September 2013, Tunis (Tunisia)

First project workshop, November 2013, Morocco (dates and venue to be confirmed)

EDUCOACH

Personal Online Advice for Study-in-Europe Orientation (2012-2015)

Coordinated by	StudyPortals B.V., Netherlands
Coordinator contact	Joran Van Aart (email: joran@studypoortals.eu)
Website	http://educoach.org/
Partners	Belgium, Estonia, Jordan, Ukraine, United States

EduCoach will improve for 2 year and 7 months international study orientation through online, personal advice delivered fully virtually, through Live chat, Voice/video Conferences, and Interactive Webinars, from highly qualified experts on all aspects from the initial exploration phase to the practical matters days before departure. It will **help millions of prospective students and PhD candidates who are considering study and research in Europe.**

This project will satisfy the information need that has so often been identified as **key barrier to mobility** and ultimately boosting quality and volume of student flows. EduCoach is optimally designed to understand and respond to the very needs of the respective target groups: in-depth, in their local language, and by the most suitable experts in the field. The innovative counselling services will all be offered at the right place and time: seamlessly integrated with StudyPortals.eu, Europe's leading study choice platform that already helps millions of students in their international study choice.

Outcomes

- **personal online counselling tools:** Live Chats and Voice/video Conferences, available in English, Russian and Arabic, will improve orientation of prospective students on an individual basis;
- **Interactive Webinars:** empowering alumni, student associations, universities, national institutes and companies to inform orienting students in a targeted, personal and thus effective way;
- **thematic knowledge base:** thematic articles with condensed information on the most common topics across all counselling sessions, making all information exploitable for orienting students on massive scale;
- **Recruitment Best Practice Guide for HE promoters:** condensing and publishing all expertise around student recruitment and the use of new generation communication tools for HE promotion. The guide will put forward recommendations on how to improve recruitment and communication with students in different parts of the world.

Events

[Kick-off meeting](#), 08-09 November 2012, Eindhoven (The Netherlands)

[Consortium meeting](#), 18-19 March 2013, Brussels (Belgium)

[Project meeting](#), October 2013, Ukraine, date to be confirmed

Urban Lab+

International Network of Urban Laboratories - Understanding urban dynamics, identifying future planning strategies, and strengthening education and research capacities (2012-2015)

Coordinated by	Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
Coordinator contact	Peter Herrle (email: habitat.unit@tu-berlin.de)
Website	http://www.urbanlabplus.eu/
Partners	Italy, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Chile, China, India, South Africa

Urban Laboratories are dedicated to inter- or trans-disciplinary research and learning, putting an emphasis on hands-on collaborative **research and education**, and bringing together the disciplinary **resources of the academy with the practical spheres of architecture, urban design and planning**. Composed of a total of eight established Urban Laboratories the 3 years project URBAN LAB+ aims to expand currently established laboratory approaches by **creating a platform for dialogue and cooperation** that will allow different partners in Europe as well as from major regions of urban growth – in South Africa, Asia, and Latin America – **to expand and intensify their knowledge** and therewith **to strengthen their educational capacities**.

Outcomes

- **joint symposia** in Europe and **workshops** in the Global South partners' universities, devoted to the urban laboratory approach for **promoting Global Education** and research in the built; environment disciplines in Europe;
- faculty **exchange and mobility**, including PhD and Master students' in joint research, education and hands-on projects (in particular by extending existing networks);
- **implementation of new joint courses** in existing urban Master programs and facilitating Master thesis work within the network;
- **annual printed and online publications** as well as **e-learning tools**, providing high visibility and contributing to an increasing impact in both the third countries and in Europe.

Events

[Inaugural Symposium of the International Network of Urban Laboratories](#), 21-23 March 2013, Berlin (Germany)

[Cluster-meeting "Practice-orientation"](#), November 2013, Johannesburg (South Africa)

[Cluster-meeting "Intercultural Approach"](#), November 2013, Mumbai (India)

[Cluster-meeting "Interdisciplinarity"](#), December 2013, Santiago de Chile (Chile) dates to be confirmed

REALITY

Research Cooperation of European and Latin American Universities in Innovation Technologies (2012-2014)

Coordinated by	University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia
Coordinator contact	Jana Lenghardtová (email: leng@euba.sk)
Website	http://www.fromvisionstoreality.sk
Partners	Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Spain Mexico

The general objective of the project over a period of 1 year and 11 months is to **establish sustainable partnership between participating economically- and technically-oriented universities from the European Union and from one Latin American country (Mexico)**, based on strengthening relations between higher education and research, and on cooperation with enterprises in the framework of “knowledge triangle” (education-research-innovation). This partnership will be built on a model of student exchanges combining study periods with applied interdisciplinary research focused on innovation transfer, and/or on supporting other kinds of relations between stakeholders from participating countries from two regions: Latin America & the Caribbean (LAC) and the European Union (EU).

The project will be based on the results achieved by members of the consortium in previous international projects, mainly on the **Cross-border HITECH centre** located both in Bratislava and Vienna (www.hitechcentrum.eu), and on the results of the Erasmus project “**Knowledge Triangle and EU-LAC cooperation**” (www.euba.sk/doubletriangle) as well as others.

Outcomes

- **students’ research projects**
- **agreements on cooperation**
- **portal to help** maintaining a sustainable cooperation between partners after the project life
- **road show, workshops and final project event**
- extending the **ALCUE units’ network** by partners

Events

[Kick off meeting](#), 12-13 November 2012, Bratislava (Slovakia)

[Coordination Meeting](#), 14-15 March 2013, Prague (Czech Republic)

[Coordination Meeting](#), 13-14 June 2013, Vienna (Austria)

[Road Show to Mexico](#), 27 October – 8 November 2013, Mexico City (Mexico)

[Coordination Meeting](#), 27 October, 2 November 2013, November 8; Mexico City (Mexico)

[Coordination Meeting](#), 14-16 May 2014, Granada (Spain)

[Coordination Meeting](#), 17 June 2014, Bratislava (Slovakia)

[Creative Workshops](#) for students – May 2014, Central Europe /Prague, Bratislava, Vienna/.

[Final Workshop](#) –2014, Bratislava (Slovakia)

venues and dates to be confirmed

JDAZ

Joint Degrees from A to Z (2012-2015)

Coordinated by	Netherlands Organisation for International Cooperation in Higher Education, Netherlands
Coordinator contact	Madalena Pereira (email: mpereira@nuffic.nl)
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Partners	Austria, Finland, Lithuania, Norway, Poland

JDAZ runs for 2 year and 7 months and focus on producing **a comprehensive, practical reference guide on Joint Degrees/Joint Degree programmes** based on all relevant major work done in this field. In doing so JDAZ aims to support the further development of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and provide an exhaustive source of information for all stakeholders working with the theme of joint degree programmes.

Outcomes

- publication of a **guide** that provides information on all relevant **issues relating to establishing and sustaining high quality international joint degree programmes**;
- integrated presentation of **information that contributes to coherent knowledge and expertise** of Erasmus Mundus co-ordinators and higher education institutions.

Events

Kick-off meeting, 13 November 2012, Krakow (Poland)

3 project meetings,

1,5-day seminar to test prototype version of the guide and collect examples of good practice
venues and dates to be confirmed

INTERUV

Joint Programmes – Facilitator for University Internationalisation (2012-2014)

Coordinated by	Foundation for the Development of the Education System, Poland
Coordinator contact	Beata Skibińska (email: beata.skibinska@frse.org.pl)
Website	http://www.interuv.eu/
Partners	Austria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Slovakia, United Kingdom

The aim of INTERUV is to promote the idea of joint programmes between HEIs in the EU and in the geographical regions neighbouring the EU (namely Eastern Neighbouring Area, Southern Neighbouring Area, Western Balkans and Central Asia).

The project has the following objectives over a period of 2 year and 1 month:

- **to promote the idea of joint study programmes;**
- **to support HEIs in introducing joint study programmes into the institutional strategies for internationalisation;**
- to contribute to 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 to be implemented in years 2014-2020.

Outcomes

- [three regional seminars](#)
- internal report from the **analysis of the inclusion of joint degrees** in HEI strategies
- internal report on **how many joint programmes are available in particular project countries**
- **updated knowledge and upgraded competencies** for staff members from NS, NTOs and National Contact Points.
- improved **awareness of joint programmes** in partner countries.

Events

[Kick off meeting](#), 12 November 2012, Krakow (Poland)

[INTERUV First Regional Conference](#) focused on the Eastern Neighbouring and Central Asia regions, 9-10 May 2013, Warsaw (Poland)

[INTERUV at EAIE](#) 13 September 2013, Istanbul (Turkey)

[INTERUV Second Regional Conference](#) targeted to Southern Mediterranean Region, 6-7 November 2013; project working meeting 8 November, Rome (Italy)

[INTERUV training seminar and conference](#) targeted to the cooperation with Western Balkans, spring 2014, Netherlands, venues and dates to be confirmed

[INTERUV closing meeting](#) September/October 2014, venues and dates to be confirmed

SHALOMundus

SHaring, Advising, Learning and Outlining Erasmus Mundus (2012-2013)

Coordinated by	Erasmus Mundus National Contact Point (Associazione Cimea), Italy
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Website	www.erasmusmundus.it/descrizione/shalomundus-project.aspx
Partners	Sweden, Poland

The SHALOMundus project with length of 9 months aims at **spreading the Erasmus Mundus Programme in Israel** through thematic seminars on location at two main Israeli universities: Bar-Ilan University and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. At each university two distinct thematic seminars are organized, designed for the needs of three different components of the universities:

1. **students** are informed of the **possibilities offered by the Erasmus Mundus Programme** (Action 1 and 2);
2. For **scholars** information are focused on opportunities for **the realization of joint programs with universities in the European Union** and the possibility of carrying out **projects within Action 3**;
3. For the **administrative staff** the information concern the **problems arising from participation in joint courses** starting from the Erasmus Mundus model, **analysing the elements of courses** and **highlighting examples of good practice**.

Outcomes

- [seminars](#)
- [material](#) produced to carry out such thematic presentations such as PowerPoint files, topic boards and any other useful material

Events

Visit at the Tel Aviv University, 29 January 2013 (Israel)

[Seminar at Bar Ilan University](#), 12 March 2013, Tel Aviv (Israel)

[Seminar at Ben Gurion University of the Negev](#), 13 March 2013, Beer-Sheva (Israel)

Her.cul.es

Strengthening the attractiveness of European higher education in Heritage and Cultural Tourism (2011-2013)

Coordinated by	Italian Centre for Advanced Studies in Tourism and Tourism Promotion, Italy
Coordinator contact	Maria Stella Minuti (email: m.minuti@cstassisi.eu)
Website	http://www.herculesproject.eu/index.php/fr/
Partners	France, Germany, Italy, United Kingdom Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia

The project has the following objectives over a period of 2 years and 4 months:

- to promote the **current supply of European higher education programmes on tourism management of cultural heritage**;
- to direct international mobility flows towards Europe, **encouraging students from the Maghreb to specialise in tourism management of cultural heritage** through attendance at specialisation courses of European universities;
- to promote **cooperation between institutions of higher education in Europe and North Africa on issues of tourism management of cultural heritage** in general and UNESCO sites in particular.

The activities will involve **European higher education institutions** offering programmes on tourism management of cultural heritage, **Maghreb students and researchers** seeking specialisation in the issues of heritage and cultural tourism and **Maghreb higher education institutions** and their **academic staff** that wish to network with other higher education institutions.

Outcomes

- **mapping** of the available EHE offer on the issues of heritage and cultural tourism;
- **analysis** of the most significant experiences of higher education in the national contexts;
- **development** of an On-Line Guide and Data Base
- **participation** in national/international education fairs in the Maghreb countries;
- **design** of a "Summer Seminar on Tourism Management of World Heritage Cultural Sites" ;
- **conduction** of the first pilot edition of "Summer Seminar" and a **final international conference**.

Events

Kick off meeting, 17-18 November 2011, Assisi (Italy),

Conference and public presentation of the project, Universidades, 4-6 July 2012, Constantine (Algeria),

National Conferences on Tourism Management of cultural heritage: 30 April 2013, Fes (Morocco); 28 May, Constantine (Algeria),

Public presentation of the project "Forum International de l'étudiant", 25-28 April 2013

Casablanca (Morocco), Public presentation of the project "Forum International de l'étudiant des Master-MBA 3ème cycles et Formation continue" 18-22 September 2013, Casablanca, Morocco

First pilot seminar on Tourism management of world heritage cultural sites, 1-7 July 2013,

Assisi (Italy), Final International Conference, 20-22 November 2013 Assisi (Italy)

EM-Idea

Bringing the Erasmus Mundus community together to disseminate, exchange and act (2011-2014)

Coordinated by	University Bordeaux I, France
Coordinator contact	Prof. Boas Erez (email: boas.erez@math.u-bordeaux1.fr)
Website	www.em-concilium.eu
Partners	Belgium, France, Italy, Lithuania, Spain, Sweden Canada, Kenya, Serbia, Uruguay

The EM-Idea Consortium wishes to create the conditions such that the Erasmus Mundus 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. This **3 years project's** objectives are to:

- **Bringing the community of EM coordinators together;**
- **Helping stakeholders** of joint programmes;
- Creating an independent, non-profit association of coordinators of EM-like joint programmes, called **Erasmus Mundus Concilium**.

The project's main geographical targets outside Europe are Africa, Northern and Latin America, and Europe's neighbouring countries.

Outcomes

The foreseen activities lead to the following outcomes:

- **Survey of tools and services available** to coordinators of international cooperation programmes;
- Organisation of at least **six (regional) conferences** throughout Europe to bring together the EM community around structured exchanges;
- Project for the **Erasmus Mundus Concilium's policy statement**, by-laws, first business plan and first programme of activities.
- **Creation of the 'Erasmus Mundus Concilium'**

Events

A series of 6 conferences in Europe will be organised:

November 2011 (Belgium)

March 2012 (Sweden)

July 2012 (Lithuania)

September 2012 (Serbia)

March 2013 (Spain)

Summer 2013, Bordeaux (France)

Conference in Latin America (venue and date to be confirmed)

LEAN-CC

Linking European, African and Asian Academic Networks on Climate Change (2011-2013)

Coordinated by	Erasmus University Rotterdam I.H.S./R.H.V, The Netherlands
Coordinator contact	Stelios Grafakos (email: grafakos@ihs.nl)
Website	https://www.ihs.nl
Partners	Italy, Lithuania, The Netherlands Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa

LEAN CC is a two years project that intends to reach the following objectives:

- Enhance dissemination of knowledge towards **improving awareness of climate change issues** across different sectors and actors within Non - EU countries of the partner HEIs;
- Gain knowledge and improving access to academic programmes within EU HEIs that fit clearly with non – EU countries’ needs;
- **South-North and South-South sharing of knowledge** and capacity enhancement through information exchange, e-platform, real-time seminars, conferences and development of a pilot e-course.

Outcomes

The activities lead to the following outcomes:

- the development of an **E-platform**, in the form of a E-portal-website
- **two promotional seminars**
- the development of an **E-course with three modules** on climate change

Events

Kick-off meeting, 16-17 November 2011, Yogyakarta (Indonesia)

Promotion Seminar 1, June 2012, Manila (Philippines)

Promotion Seminar 2, October 2012, Johannesburg (South Africa)

Closing conference, June 2013, Venice (Italy)

FORT

Forging Ties and Building Bridges between Mediterranean Higher Education Institutions (2008-2011)

Coordinated by	Fundación General de la Universidad de Alicante, Spain
Coordinator contact	Caroline Madeleine (email: Carolina.madeleine@ua.es)
Website	http://www.project-fort.org/
Partners	Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey

The objectives of the project over a period of 2 years and 10 months are to **Forge Ties** and Build **Bridges** between **Mediterranean Higher Education Institutions** in order to stimulate student exchanges and to develop long-term partnerships. The project is in line with the last Euro-Mediterranean cooperation initiatives especially the building up of the Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education & Research Area. Therefore the activities aim at **facilitating Southern students' access to the European Higher Education** and **sharing criteria, evaluation methods and Quality Assurance schemes** in order to promote the mobility of students between Mediterranean HEIs. The activities contribute to the consolidation of long term dialogue and mutual understanding between the two Mediterranean shores.

Outcomes

- Upgrade **knowledge and tools** of university managers to facilitate Mediterranean Students integration and skills in the use of ECTS, Qualifications Framework and Diploma Supplement
- Creation of **methodology for the practical implementation of overseas students services**
- Adoption of common working papers on **Quality Assurance: [Quality Assurance trends in the Mediterranean Higher Education Institutions](#)**
- **[Study in Europe](#)**: a document elaborated in the framework of the project in order to facilitate access to EHE
- Development of an **[Experts Database](#)** that allows HEIs to get in contact with experts in the fields of EHE and the Bologna process, Quality Assurance, Internationalisation of Higher Education and Research & Innovation.
- Creation of **[Web Site](#)** to foster Intercultural exchange and dialogue

Events

The following seminars, workshops and conferences were organised:

[Good practices in Service Provision and University Preparation](#), 4-5 June 2009, Sousse (Tunisia)

[To analyse the criteria, evaluation methods and QA processes in Mediterranean Basin and trends in cooperation in the quality management of universities](#), 24-25 April 2010, Amman (Jordan)

[The Use of ECTS, Qualification Framework and Diploma Supplement](#), 9-12 May 2011, Izmir (Turkey)
[Enhance the attractiveness of European Higher Education area and students nobilities in selected regions](#), 9-12 May 2011, Fes (Morocco)

[Promoting the European Higher Education System in the Mediterranean Basin](#), 9-12 September 2011, Amman (Jordan)

WISHES

Web-based Information Service for Higher Education Students (2008-2011)

Coordinated by	Universität Paderborn, Germany
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Website	http://www.eu-wishes.eu
Partners	Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Spain Russian Federation, Turkey

WISHES is a 3 years project that aims to promote European study and work offers to potential students and recent graduates. The information and **community portal WISHES** interlinks higher education institutions (HEIs), students and enterprises and provides them with information tailored according to their expressed needs. Thus in result, WISHES enables **HEIs** and **enterprises** to effectively promote their study and work offers worldwide and free of charge and **students** to retrieve reliable information to find their dream job / university abroad.

Outcomes

WISHES realises the following outcomes to match its main target groups virtually and face-to-face:

- **Set up and operate the [WISHES mobility portal for studying and working abroad](#)** as an effective networking and recruitment tool
- Create an [on-line community](#) that provides links to International students' organisations and an interactive forum
- [On-line publication of a virtual library](#) that contains information material created during the project such as factsheets for Universities and Businesses
- **Organize WISHES Networking Days** to sustainably initiate further cooperation in the European higher education area supported by ICT

Events

Analysis workshop, 20 December 2009, Liège (Belgium)

EAIE (European Association for International Education) Conference 2009, 16-19 September 2009, Madrid (Spain)

IT workshop, 16 July 2009, Linz (Austria)

[WISHES Conference and Users' Meeting 2011](#), 17-19 May 2011, St. Petersburg (Russia)

FASTQUAD

Facilitating students' mobility service including quality insurance dimension (2007-2010)

Coordinated by	Pierre Mendès France University -Grenoble II (France)
Coordinator contact	Pierre Bailly (email : pierre.bailly@upmf-grenoble.fr)
Website	http://inter.nstu.ru/erasmus/index.shtml
Partners	Finland, Italy, Romania, Spain, Russian Federation

This is a 3 year project that was developed in order to facilitate student mobility and more specifically contribute towards an **easier access to European Higher Education** especially for **students coming from the Russian Federation**. Workshops and seminars as well as experts visits were organised in order to analyse how to set up mobility facilitating services and how to develop guidance for improving students' mobility. In addition the project developed a methodology of evaluation and quality assurance that guaranteed the level of acquired competences.

Outcomes

The activities resulted in the following outcomes:

- introduction of mobility facilitating services to the partner Universities: international academic mobility flows were organised;
- a database that allows academic staff to co-supervise mobility programmes;
- "Applicant Documentation and Instruction Kit", a standardised kit for students;

Events

[How to manage mobility programmes](#)

Seminar - May 2008, Saratov (Russian Federation)

[Managing the modalities of double diplomas](#)

Seminar - November 2008, Saint-Petersburg (Russian Federation)

[What is the meaning of evaluation and quality assurance concepts?](#)

Workshop – April 2009, Yekaterinburg (Russian Federation)

[Final Conference](#)

FASTQUAD results & outcomes, September 2010, Novosibirsk (Russian Federation)