



Academic cooperation tools developed by francophone universities in Belgium under Belgian funding schemes



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Academic commission for the development - CUD

31 000 000 € per year from the Federal government

What is it:

Commission of the 6 Belgian French speaking universities

Place to discuss and define common policy

Objectives:

To reinforce the universities of the South as actors of development

Strength:

Inter-university and inter-disciplinary approach



Funding scheme

1/ Program NORTH:

Individual grants for adapted programs + fees for the organization of the programs

For people from the South

- Grants for Master courses in Belgium
- Grants for short term trainings in Belgium

For people from the North

- Grants for internship or final paper work in the South

For researchers from the North and the South

- Grants to support the Belgian government in its cooperation policy



Funding scheme

2/ Program SOUTH

Specific projects between South and North universities

Support **project for master courses** or **short trainings** in the South

Institutional support to privileged universities

Research projects between teams of universities in the North and in the South on specific problematic of development of the South country



Funding Scheme

Research projects:

- 5 years
- 500 000 €
- Equipment, staff, PhD grants, mobility grants N-S, S-N, S-S, seminar costs ...



Challenges & opportunities

2011 reflection of CUD on its programs

Conclusion:

Research project is the best tool

Reasons:

- Common initiative of two or more professors
- People know each other very well and have confidence
- The content of the projects is valuable for both parties (win-win collaboration)
- The projects are more in the core business of our professors



Challenges & opportunities

The remaining weakness:

- The impact of the results of the research
- The transfer of the results within the population and the public or private sector

What can be done?

Work together with NGO's, association, governments, private sector in the South?



Sustainability

The objectives are always:

- Capacity building
- Transfer of knowledge

How:

Creation of a research teams of excellence through PhD thesis half time in the North and half time in the South