

4TH JOINT WORKSHOP ON ACADEMIC COLLABORATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND SUB-SAHARAN UNIVERSITIES

COOPERATION

SUSTAINABILITY

NETWORKING

MOBILITY

U. PORTO



EUROPE-~~AFRICA~~ ACADEMIC COOPERATION

CURRENT EMA2 PROJECTS

CHALLENGES FACED DURING THE PROJECTS' IMPLEMENTATION

SUSTAINABILITY

COOPERATION WITH AFRICA

Erasmus Mundus Action 2 Projects

ACP region: projects coordinated by U.Porto

MUNDUS ACP: ACP countries (6 million EUR)

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ANGLE: ACP countries (3 million EUR)

North Africa: U.Porto is a partner

ALFIHRI: Alger, Morocco, Tunysie, Egipt, Lybia, coord. by Universidade de Deusto, Spain

GREEN IT: Alger, Morocco, Tunysie, Egipt, coord. by Universidad de Vigo, Spain

COOPERATION WITH AFRICA

ACP projects coordinated by U.Porto

Focus on:

- STRATEGIC PAPERS
- PRIORITY AREAS
- CAPACITY BUILDING

COOPERATION WITH AFRICA

Results of the ACP projects coordinated by U.Porto:

525 scholarship holders

(575 but 50 drop-out)

354 scholarship holders from Africa (> 67%)

(386 but 32 drop-out)

COOPERATION WITH AFRICA

INTRA-ACP Mobility Scheme

U.Porto is technical partner and associate:

Caribbean and Pacific: (technical partner)

- **CARPIMS and CARPIMS II:** cooperation between Caribbean and the Pacific, coord. by University of the West Indies

Africa: (associate partner)

- **AFIMEGQ:** cooperation between African institutions, coord. by the University of Yaoundé 1, Cameroon

CHALLENGES

CREATING A SOLID PARTNERSHIP – SIZE AND COMPLEXITY

GENDER BALANCE

MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

BRAIN DRAIN AND EMPLOYABILITY

CREATING A SOLID PARTNERSHIP

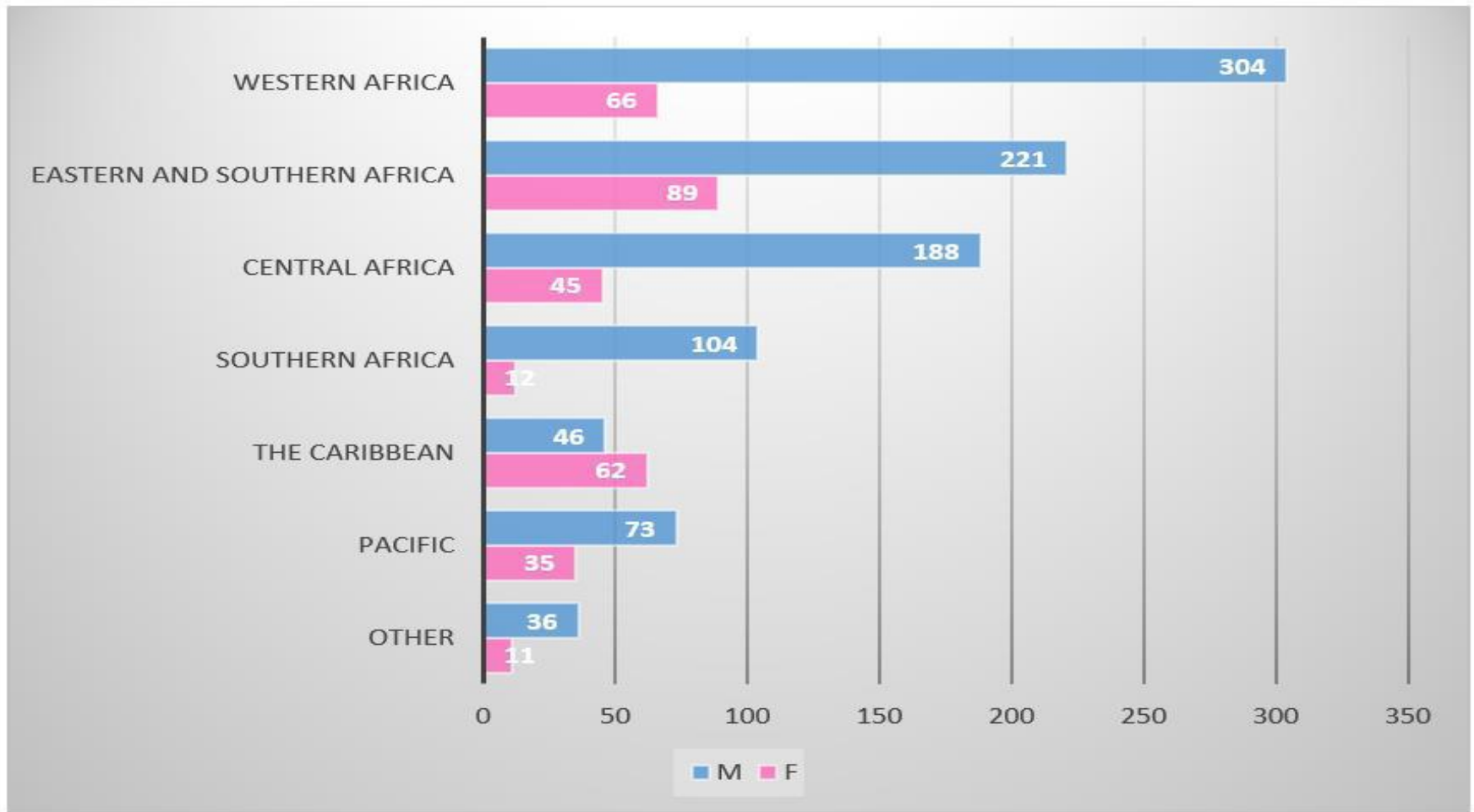
STRENGTH OF THE CONSORTIUM

- MANAGE ALL REQUESTS
- SELECT RELIABLE PARTNERS (100% CO-TUTELA AGREEMENTS IN PHD MOBILITY MUNDUS ACP IN U.LILLE AND U.LIÈGE)
- GOOD CONTACT PERSON (THE FACE OF THE INSTITUTION IN ALL CONSORTIUM ACTIVITIES)
- ENGAGE ASSOCIATE PARTNERS IN ALL STAGES OF THE PROJECT'S IMPLEMENTATION

STRONG COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

- DEVELOP A TRUSTFUL RELATION AMONG THE PARTNERS
- BUILD A NETWORK OF COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS

GENDER BALANCE



MANAGEMENT

HIGH NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS

3000 APPLICATIONS TO 200 SCHOLARSHIPS

HOW TO MANAGE WELL THESE NUMBERS?

➤ STRONG MANAGEMENT TOOL - UPSOFT

MANAGEMENT

VISA ISSUE

- DISTANT CONSULATES AND EMBASSIES (EXTRA-TRAVELLING)
- MANDATORY PRESENCE
- DIFFERENT CONSULATES DEMAND DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS
- BIOMETRICS – NOT ALL CONSULATES ARE PREPARED
- SOMALI PASSPORTS NOT ACCEPTED IN EUROPE

MANAGEMENT

VISA ISSUE

- INVITATION LETTERS: COORDINATOR AND HOME INSTITUTIONS
- RECOMMENDATION LETTER: HOME INSTITUTION
- LIST OF SELECTED APPLICANTS SENT TO EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES
- INVOLVE EU DELEGATIONS IN THE VISA PROCESS
- CLOSE CONTACT WITH AUTHORITIES TO MONITOR THE VISA ISSUE

MANAGEMENT ACCOMMODATION

EU COMMON PROCEDURES ARE NOT SUITABLE TO EMA2 STUDENTS

AS A RESPONSE, THE CONSORTIUM CREATED NEW MANDATORY PROCEDURES TO PROTECT THE SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS:

- IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST INSTITUTION TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE ACCOMMODATION
- SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS MUST KNOW WHERE THEY ARE STAYING BEFORE THEY LEAVE THEIR HOME COUNTRY

MANAGEMENT LANGUAGE

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS, AN OBSTACLE?

- Difficulty in obtaining TOEFL or IELTS tests
- Tests are too expensive
- EN as mother tongue (national language) is not enough?

MANAGEMENT LANGUAGE

- critical aspect to enhance international mobility
 - **Pre-departure** language training

- **Online** language courses

UPorto's example: course contents to support an online platform for language training, to be able to attract more students from non-PT speaking countries

MANAGEMENT LANGUAGE

- Language courses upon arrival (are they sufficient?)
- Tutorial support (bibliography and written tests provided in EN)

U.Porto's example for the Pilot-project for teaching Portuguese in Senegal

EMPLOYABILITY

VERY MUCH LINKED WITH BRAIN-DRAIN

How to motivate a top-level student to return to the home country with no employment prospects?

EMPLOYABILITY

IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF THE LABOUR MARKET

- Establish a link between the consortium and the economic and business sectors in the home countries

- partners, associates and local authorities

EMPLOYABILITY

IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF THE LABOUR MARKET

- Identify the work opportunities at the home country
- Select applicants in the priority areas
- Establish a set of contacts with companies and enterprises in the home countries to grant work placements or job experiences

SUSTAINABILITY

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION

SUSTAINABILITY

UNDERSTAND WHAT SUSTAINABILITY MEANS

➤ 2 distinct levels:

- ensuring **funding** of activities outside the framework of the project
- **sustaining the impact** of EMA2 projects beyond the EU support

SUSTAINABILITY

UNDERSTAND WHAT SUSTAINABILITY MEANS

Our definition of sustainability also focuses on aspects linked with partnership **integration, cooperation, quality, innovation, visibility** and **employability**.

AIM: generate a strong and tangible **impact** that may lead to **multiplying effects** in the future.

SUSTAINABILITY

ENABLE INTEGRATED CONSORTIUM INITIATIVES TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

- One project cannot aim at attaining a strong and global impact
- The project must be focused on effective small steps that together may generate a significant change

SUSTAINABILITY

ENABLE INTEGRATED CONSORTIUM INITIATIVES TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

- Signature of MOUs
- Co-tutelle agreements
- Double diploma at master level
- Joint supervision of thesis (master and PhD) and joint diplomas

SUSTAINABILITY

ENABLE INTEGRATED CONSORTIUM INITIATIVES TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

- Encouraging **staff** mobility (U.Porto's example for staff mobility funding)
- Motivating **researchers'** mobility (available resources at department level?)
- Support to **student** mobility (fee waiver policy)

SUSTAINABILITY

- OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR COOPERATION

IDENTIFY ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- **international exchange programmes** (U.Porto and U.Lille's examples)
- **local and national funding opportunities** (Scholarship Institute from Mozambique)
- **synergies with existing Programmes** also devoted to HE (IFC African, Network of Public Universities of CPLP...)

SUCCESSFUL CASES

- Mykel Samuel (UWI-UP): won a prize representing EGP-UPBS at the John Molson International MBA Case Competition, held in Canada
- Gustavo Paibe (UPM – UP): his abstract was approved for the 10th International conference on sports' sociology <http://www.eass2013cordoba.org/index.php/en/>

SUCCESSFUL CASES

- Lázaro Cuinica (UPM- UP): one of his papers was accepted by the 1st Iberian Meeting on Aerosol Science and Technology – RICTA 2013.

- Jean Lebongo (UY1 - ULg): wrote a book and published a series of scientific papers :

<http://www.decitre.fr/livres/jeunesse-africaine-et-dynamique-des-modeles-de-la-reussite-sociale-9782336001883.html>

SUCCESSFUL CASES

- Joseph Omondu Aloo (Kenya– Malmö): was awarded the Global Swede Prize. He also worked on the Red Cross as a volunteer and was one of the leading organizers of the event “Open your Eyes to Malmö”.
- Moctar Baldé (UCAD – UP): is working actively to set up a PT language course at UCAD, his home HEI in Senegal.

SUCCESSFUL CASES

- Tricia Rambharose (UWI – Malmö): was nominated for the Global Swede Award 2013
- Meena Rambocas (UWI – UP): her work was accepted by ICMC for the international academic conference held in Porto
- Zulmira Ximenes (UNTL – UP): has returned home and is now supporting other students to go abroad

SUCCESSFUL CASES

Student's Association

- Created by the MUNDUS ACP students doing a mobility in Lille, it was formally recognized by the University.
- The goal of the association is to support all ACP students current in Lille and to support new ACP scholarship holders from other projects.
- Another objective is to spread this association to all EU countries cooperating with the ACP region.

1st Summer course to be held in Lille/Liège in July 2013

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