

Erasmus Mundus Action 4 European Campus: Enhancing Overseas Student Mobility

SUMMARY

- 2-year project: 01/11/2008 01/11/2010
- EC grant: 262.800 € (partners co-financing 87.650 €, proportional to the part in the budget)

Objectives

- To foster and facilitate student mobility,
- To make mobility experience richer and more successful,
- To encourage more students from all over the world to study in the EHEA,
- To strengthen cooperation among universities and student organizations in their common goals,
- To develop a platform that gathers formal and non-formal information in a fast and automated way,
- To engage universities to use an online information standard to obtain a more coherent presentation within and beyond the EHEA.

Key steps to create the Mobility Platform

1. Creation of Online information standards

A standard language for presenting information will be applied to the different university websites to allow exchanging data easily.

2. Creation of "University Satellites" and the "European Campus Galaxy"

Open source website template with two types of information

Formal: University websites

Non-formal: e.g. ESN sections websites

The Satellites will harness individually all the existing information and the Galaxy will collect all the existing information in a common platform. Hands-on Satellite trainings will be provided by YA.

3. Collection of EHEA Mobility Experiences

- Mobility experiences will be collected on the Galaxy
- Hardcopy booklet of experiences promoting the EHEA for dissemination

Project partners

UNICA Network (Coordinator)

Formal members:

- Youth Agora
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
- ESN Tallinn
- Tallinn University
- University Pierre and Marie Curie
- Asociación Orión, Network of Latin American, Caribbean and European Universities and NGOs
- Brussels Education Services

Non-formal members:

- University of Vienna
- University of Cyprus
- University of Zagreb
- Stockholm University
- Sapienza University of Rome
- ESN Rome ASE

Role of each partner

UNICA: Project Coordinator and grant holder

- SC member
- Contract management
- General project management (administrative and financial)
- Coordination of activities
- Hosting SC meetings
- Reporting
- Contact with the EC
- Communication among all partners
- Monitoring activities of the Pilot Group
- Evaluation of specific project phases
- Active dissemination and promotion of the project

Youth Agora: Technical Project Coordinator

- SC member
- Technical development of the European Campus Galaxy and Mobility Experiences websites
- Responsible for ICT aspects
- Technical support for Pilot Group (UNICA universities and ESN sections)
- Training sessions during the Satellite meetings
- Technical support for other universities willing to join the initiative
- Ensuring the sustainability of the Platform
- Report on recommendations for future exploitation of the Platform
- Supporting and training other volunteer webmasters for future extensions and development of the Platform

Erasmus Student Network: Adviser

- SC member
- Expertise in the creation of the Galaxy
- Sharing experience regarding informing international students
- Evaluation and promotion of the Platform
- Support on the selection of experiences for the Website and the booklet
- Project dissemination and promotion

Brussels Education Services: Evaluation and Promotion

- SC member
- Production of evaluation notes on the project's developments after SC meetings
- Presentation of a promotion work plan for 2 years with a detail calendar of promotion events to be approved by SC

- Active promotion campaign in Latin America together with ORION
- Keeping records for the project files of all promotion activities carried out in the framework of the contract.

ORION: Promotion and dissemination

- Pilot promotion campaign in Latin America together with BES
- Evaluate and report on the quality and usability of the Platform

Tallinn University

- Active member University Pilot Group
- Organizer Satellite User Training

ESN Tallinn

- Active member ESN Pilot Group
- Co-organizer Satellite User Training

University Pierre and Marie Curie

- Active member Pilot Group
- Organizer Satellite User Training

Sapienza University

• Active member University Pilot Group

ESN Rome ASE

• Active member ESN Pilot Group

University of Vienna

• Active member Pilot Group

University of Zagreb

• Active member Pilot Group

University of Cyprus

• Active member Pilot Group

Stockholm University

• Active member Pilot Group

Composition of the working groups

- Research Team:
 - o 1 UNICA
 - o 1 Youth Agora
 - o 1 ESN student
 - o 1 invited expert
- Development Team:
 - o 2 Youth Agora
- Steering Committee:
 - Research Team
 - o Brussels Education Services
- Pilot Group:
 - o 6 UNICA universities
 - o 6 ESN sections

Scheduled Events

- 4 SC meetings, 1 Research meeting, 2 Pilot Group meetings, 4 workshops, 2 EAIE conferences, 2 NAFSA conferences, 3 Satellite meetings and 3 Evaluation meetings
 - 1st SC meeting in Brussels: November 2008 (Steering Committee)

- **Research meeting** with the Bologna Lab Meeting in Brussels: November 2008 (Research Team + 1 UNICA university)
- **1**st **Pilot Group meeting** in Tallinn: February 2009 (Pilot Group + Research Team + Development Team)
- **I Workshop** "Enhancing Student Mobility in a Digital World" ESN Annual General Meeting in Utrecht: 26-29 March 2009 (1 ESN + 1 YA + 1 UNICA)
- 2nd Pilot Group meeting in Brussels: February 2009 (Pilot Group + Research Team + Development Team)
- **II Workshop** "Towards Better Online Information Provision", UNICA IRO meeting: April 2009 (1 ESN + 1 YA + 1 UNICA)
- NAFSA 2009 in Los Angeles, 24-29 May: "Fostering Global Engagement Through International Education" (1 YA, 1 UNICA)
- 1st Satellite Meeting in Brussels: June 2009 (3 YA)
- **EAIE Conference 2009** in Madrid, 16-19 September: "Connecting Continents" Presentation "Enhancing Student Mobility in a Digital World: The European Campus" (1 ESN + 1 YA + 1 UNICA)
- I Evaluation Meeting and 2nd SC meeting in Brussels, October 2009 (Pilot Group + Research Team + Development Team + 3 former Mobility Students)
- II Evaluation Meeting with the Bologna Lab Meeting in Vienna: November 2009
- 2nd Satellite Meeting in Paris: December 2009 (3 YA)
- **III Workshop** "Promoting the European Campus Galaxy" ESN Annual General Meeting in Istanbul: March 2010 (1 ESN + 1 YA + 1 UNICA)
- **IV Workshop** "Promoting the European Campus Galaxy" UNICA IRO meeting in Brussels: April 2010 (1 ESN + 1 YA + 1 UNICA)
- 3rd SC meeting in Brussels: April 2010 (Steering Committee)
- NAFSA 2010 in Kansas City, 30 May–4 June (1 YA, 1 UNICA)
- 3rd Satellite meeting in Brussels: June 2010 (3 YA)
- **EAIE Conference 2010**: September 2010. Presentation "Using European Campus Galaxy for Global Promotion of the EHEA" (1 ESN + 1 YA + 1 UNICA)
- III Evaluation meeting and Final SC meeting in Brussels: October 2010 (Pilot Group + Research Team + Development Team + 3 former Mobility Students)