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Experience implementing EMMC MISOCO

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Joint European Masters in International Migration and Social Cohesion

2009-2013 (last cohort will finish 2016)

www.misoco.org

- Information about programme and consortium**
- Challenges to plan and to implement a joint programme**

Consortium partners:

University of Amsterdam – coordinator

University of Deusto

University College Dublin

University of Latvia

University of Osnabrück

University of Poitiers

➤ York University

➤ University Antonio Ruiz de Montoya

➤ Moldova State University

1st Semester University of Amsterdam



2nd Semester University of Deusto



York University
3rd Semester, 15 ECTS

**University Antonio
Ruiz de Montoya**

**Moldova State
University**



**3rd, 4th Semester
University
College Dublin**

**3rd, 4th Semester
University of
Latvia**

**3rd, 4th Semester
University of
Poitiers**

**3rd, 4th Semester
University of
Osnabrück**

First cohort (2010-2012) finished studies

University of Latvia – 4 students

Second cohort (2011-2013) finished studies

University of Latvia – 3 students

Third cohort (2012-2014) finished studies

University of Latvia – 0 students

Fourth cohort (2013-2015) 2nd year

University of Latvia – 1 students

Fift cohort (2014-2016) 1st year

(now only three cohorts!)

EMMC MISOCO implementation challenges:

- First year – most difficult;
- Management of consortium of 6 EU partners and 3 TC partners;
- Implementation of programme as promised in the proposal;
- Benefits from the participation in Erasmus Mundus (now – ERASMUS+) programme

First year – most difficult

If EACEA says, that the preparation of project proposal is most easiest part, believe – it still could be true!

If proposal is approved, the work have to be started immediately, however contract and finances follows latter

Website, online application tool, first physical meetings had to be self-financed by partners

(now better – funding for preparatory year)

Management of consortium of 6 EU partners and 3 TC partners: planning

- ❑ Too many partners – more partners, less money for each (**minimum – 3 partners**)
- ❑ Special attention from the very planning have to be paid wheather partners can really provide courses in English
- ❑ Special attention have to be paid to local regulations, academic calendar etc.
- ❑ Special attention have to be paid to communication with potential partners

Main activities during implementation:

- Development of Selection procedure;
- Development of detailed study plan and programme;
- Harmonised formal aspects (start and end of studies, credit transfer, requirements for master thesis etc.);
- Joint Diploma supplement;
- Scholar mobility;
- Communication with students.

Management of consortium

- ❑ The MISOCO consortium has four to six video conferences (helpful) and two physical meetings per year (mandatory).
- ❑ Attendees in these meetings are the coordinator and programme manager, the academic advisors from all core partners
- ❑ Experience of previous cooperation is welcome, but not crucial, for successful implementation of the programme

- ❑ MISOCO programme's academic conception was well developed, however it took one-two years to avoid overlaps in the first year programme and to precisely establish specialization of each second year partner
- ❑ MISOCO programme's practical details regarding EU student mobility to TC partners was not developed so well and it turned out hard to implement planned mobility (**now different requirements!**)

Difficulties during the implementation:

- ❑ MISOCO has very strict entry requirements - this means that only a small number of students were selected and student quota for scholarships was not always full-filled
- ❑ *University of Poitiers* dropped out 2011/2012, due to language of instruction
- ❑ It was impossible to implement EU student mobility track as planned – 15 ECTS or three month was too much (or too less), also length of courses usually are full semester

Benefits from participation in Erasmus mundus programme:

- ❑ Experience about implementation of joint international programmes;
- ❑ Symbolic, social and cultural capital;
- ❑ International comparative perspective also on quality of local study programme;
- ❑ International experience makes more lively discussions and diversify insights during study process



THANK YOU!