

## **PROGRAMME: LLP 2007 – 2013: ERASMUS STRUCTURAL NETWORKS**

### **PROJECT: JOIMAN - Joint Degree Management and Administration Network: Tackling current issues and facing future challenges**

#### **CONTEXT**

The success of the Erasmus Mundus Programme worldwide, together with the scheduled implementation of the Bologna Process, pushed European Universities to reserve to joint curricula development a special place in their internationalisation strategies. European Universities have been involved in joint programme development since the eighties, however the Erasmus Mundus Programme has brought a substantial change in the “philosophy” connected to joint programme creation and administration, focusing on the concept of consortia didactical and administrative integration. At the present, after 4 years of Erasmus Mundus life, **many administrative issues are still open, such as the sustainability**, which is linked to different National university funding systems and to social cohesion dimension, and the **need for common procedures and tools for consortia cooperation**.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- To improve the management capacity of European Higher Education Institutions, in the administration and management of Joint Programmes
- To create a common discussion platform among institutions with a relevant experience in the development and management of Joint Programmes
- to analyse the existing administrative procedures and practices in the management of Joint Programmes at Master and PhD level,
- to develop new guidelines, good practice examples and common cooperation tools
- To prepare European Universities to the opportunities and challenges of the Erasmus Mundus II Programme

In particular the Network will provide the HEI community good practice examples in the following domains:

1. Application, Enrolment, Selection and Certification of students career
2. Financial sustainability of master courses
3. Quality/Organisation/Services in Joint Programmes
4. Development and administration of Joint PHD Programmes
5. Development and administration of Joint Programmes with “non UE” and “non Bologna” institutions

## PARTNERS

The consortium is composed by **15 Universities** and by **3 Erasmus Mundus National Contact Points**, covering 11 European Countries, among them Countries from the Southern Europe, Continental Europe, Scandinavian region and Central and Eastern Europe Area. All the 15 universities are prominent and broadly based research universities with intensive international co-operation between them and with partners all over the world. Twelve out of the fifteen universities are member of the Utrecht Network, a network of 33 European Universities co-operating in the area of internationalisation of higher education and running, among the other projects, the EXAMPLE Erasmus Mundus Action 4 initiative aimed at the promotion of the European higher Education system in the world. All the 15 Universities have gained a long experience in the development of Joint Programmes at Master Level, with a **massive participation in the Erasmus Mundus Programme**.

The network is enriched by the participation of the EM NCPs of Italy, Belgium (Flemish) and Lithuania. NCPs provide the universities with the information on the Erasmus Mundus ongoing projects and permit the synergies between the network partners and other ongoing projects

## LIST OF PARTNERS

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| 1  | Italy     | Università di Bologna                            |
| 2  | Italy     | Università degli Studi di Padova                 |
| 3  | France    | Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille |
| 4  | France    | Université Louis Pasteur Strasbourg 1            |
| 5  | France    | Université Bordeaux 1                            |
| 6  | Spain     | Universidad de la Iglesia de Deusto              |
| 7  | Austria   | Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz                   |
| 8  | Belgium   | UNIVERSITEIT ANTWERPEN                           |
| 9  | Romania   | Universitatea "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iași         |
| 10 | Lithuania | VILNIAUS UNIVERSITETAS                           |
| 11 | Norway    | Universitetet i Bergen                           |
| 12 | Sweden    | Lunds universitet                                |
| 13 | Czech Rep | Masarykova Univerzita                            |
| 14 | Germany   | Ruhr-Universität Bochum                          |
| 15 | Germany   | Universität Leipzig                              |
| 16 | Italy     | PNC Erasmus Mundus ITALIA                        |
| 17 | Belgium   | PNC Erasmus Mundus FLEMISH BELGIUM.              |
| 18 | Lithuania | PNC Erasmus Mundus LITHUANIA                     |

## **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS**

The activities are organised in Work Packages. Each work package tackles a specific issue connected to the administration and management of joint degrees.

| WP n° | Workpackage title   |
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| 1     | Education/Scholarship Administrative Issues in Joint Programmes |
| 2     | Financial Issues in Joint Programmes                            |
| 3     | Quality/Organisation/Services in Joint Programmes               |
| 4     | Development and management of Joint PHD Programmes              |
| 5     | Development and management of JPs with non UE Universities      |

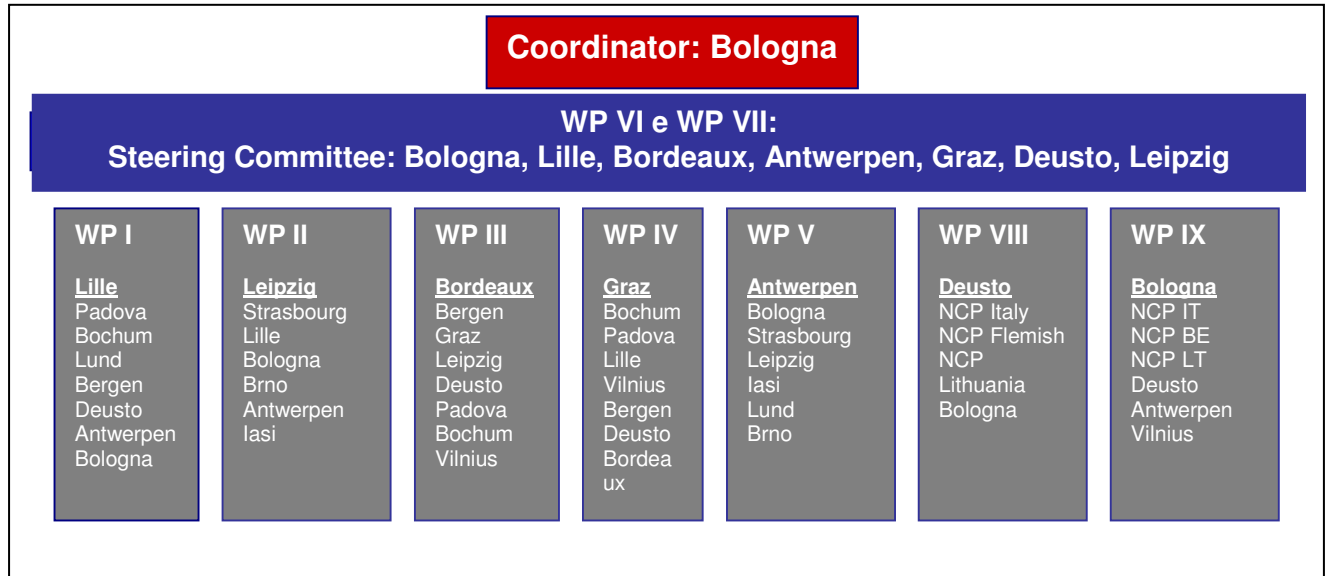
### **Fields of investigation**

- Application Procedures in Joint Programmes;
- Selection procedures in Joint Programmes;
- Enrolment procedures and Certification of mid term and final studies in Joint Programmes (JP)
- Different national legislation on fees and scholarships;
- Scholarships and Social cohesion;
- Sustainability of JP
- Organisation of services at different governance level
- Dialogue between central and peripheral structures
- Organisation of different Joint Phd models
- Development of joint programmes with non European Institutions

### **Outputs**

- ♦ Survey on administrative procedures, survey on financial issues and sustainability of Joint Programmes and survey on organisation and quality assurance in Joint Programmes
- ♦ Good Practices Reports on administrative procedures in JP
- ♦ Good Practices Report on financial policies in JP
- ♦ Good Practices Report on Quality/Organisation/Services in JP
- ♦ Good Practices Report on Joint PhD Implementation
- ♦ Good Practices Report on JP Implementation with non UE HEI
- ♦ Call for Paper on joint PHD and Joint master with non EU institutions
- ♦ Cooperation Agreement and Financial Cooperation Agreement Template

## MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE



## EXPLOITATION SEMINARS

- **ROME – NOVEMBER 2009**
- **BRUXELLES – MARCH 2010**
- **VILNIUS – SEPTEMBER 2010**