

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Projects in 2009-2011

Programme/ executing association	LLP/Erasmus IP
Project title	Promoting Intercultural Management for Working Life in the Baltic Sea Region 2010 – PIM 2010
Project ID	2009-1-FI1-ERA10-01871
Project duration	09/2009 – 09/2010
Project coordinators	Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland
Project partners	Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Estonian IT College, Estonia; Fachhochschule Kiel, Germany; Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania; Vilnius College of Higher Education, Lithuania; Alytus College, Lithuania; Copenhagen Technical Academy, Denmark; University of Economy in Bydgoszcz, Poland.
Short project description	<p>The program PIM2010 is designed to promote the competencies of participating students in the Baltic Sea region in intercultural management with a multidisciplinary approach. The program's overall objective is to provide the students with a theoretical and practical knowledge of intercultural communication. The students will learn about working in multicultural environments and create their own tool for intercultural issues at work in order to function actively in organizational development. The regional objective is to promote multicultural understanding in the Baltic Sea region. The cumulative objective is to create a larger understanding for different cultures and changing identities in multicultural Europe, and to create a desire for more knowledge in intercultural communication.</p> <p>The program is designed for students of all fields. The contents are taught by a multicultural, multidisciplinary teaching team from the participating institutions. The participants will work interactively, varying theory and practice on cultural theories, interpersonal skills, teamwork, authentic cases, intercultural competence, negotiations, corporate ethics, conflict resolution, European multicultural identities etc. The students are also responsible for organizing a fair for the general public in Bydgoszcz, where they will present their national cultures, HEI, and some enterprises.</p> <p>Expected outputs include cooperation processes, managerial lessons learned and know-how, intercultural and international experience, transnational sharing of experience and best practices, cross-cultural dialogues, written reports, ICT tools, own website in creating a sustainable learning community, improved communication skills, a public awareness campaign, media publicity, developed key competences for lifelong learning according to the European Reference Framework, networking skills, new ways to learn and teach, future cooperation between the participants and teachers and an e-publication of the IP.</p>

Programme/ executing association	Nordplus Framework Programme/Higher Education
Project title	Network: Polaris Project title: "Sustainable development in food services, catering and facility management"
Project ID	ID 18468
Project duration	09/2009-09/2011 (3years)
Project coordinators	Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland

Project partners	Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania; Metropolitan University, Denmark; Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Akershus University College, Norway; Göteborg University, Sweden
Short project description	The purpose of this project is to merge two existing networks Polaris and NCN and add also some Baltic partners to this new network. The main topic of the project is sustainability and sustainable choices in food, catering and facility management. The network project emphasizes learning and cooperation of food service in public sector. The network continues cooperation through an intensive course, development projects and Bachelor Theses. The network also aims to find new ways to enhance the cooperation in areas of curriculum development and comparison of pedagogical methods. Polaris Network has been operating with mainly the same partners as Nordic Network for Catering Services and Hospitality Management (NCN). Common opinion is that the two networks joining together could benefit from the results and projects of both networks and work more efficiently. The network aims to merge Baltic institutions into the network project sharing benefits of Nordic cooperation with Baltic.

Programme/ executing association	Nordplus Framework Programme/Higher Education
Project title	Network: Nordic Tourismeducation Network sustainable Tourism Project title: "Nordic Tourismeducation Network sustainable Tourism"
Project ID	ID 18621
Project duration	08/2009- 10/2010 (15 months)
Project coordinators	The Danish Business Academy, Denmark
Project partners	Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Greenland Business College and Tourism Academy, Greenland; The University of Akureyri, Iceland; Vilnius Law and Business Lithuania; Harstad University College, Norway; Umea University, Sweden
Short project description	The purpose of this network is to develop an intensive course in Sustainable Tourism Management and over a period of three years to further develop this course to cover a full semester of a tourism education in the Nordic countries.

Programme/ executing association	LLP/Erasmus IP
Project title	"Rural tourism - innovative products and marketing"
Project ID	
Project duration	09/2009-08/2011 (3 years)
Project coordinators	Piramk University of Applied Sciences, Finland
Project partners	University of Salford, Salford Business School, Katholieke Hogeschool Brügge Ostende, Vilnius Law and Business College
Short project description	The purpose of the intensive programme is to give undergraduate students the opportunity to work in multidisciplinary and multicultural groups, which solve real-life problems of SMEs in rural tourism and find solutions to company problems. The latest knowledge is given to students via presentations, visits to companies and lectures. It is the aim that students of different fields and staff members bring into the programme their expertise and through this combination of the skills all participants can learn much more than working in their own areas of expertise. The

	<p>objective is that students create material, innovations and solutions for rural tourism. Students change ideas through intercultural communication and learn through international projects. It is the aim that students learn communication, presentation, business, entrepreneurial and other professional key skills through taking part in the intensive programme. Partners form groups of marketing, business and hotel and restaurant management students and staff members. Cooperation with SMEs is increased with the intensive programme by given the enterprises new ideas and by solving their problems in the mentioned areas. It is the intention to give a wider European approach to all participants through the intensive programme and working intensively together gives the opportunity to share ideas and expertise.</p>
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Programme/ executing association	Human Resource Development Programme
Project title	Improving management of the International School of Law and Business
Project ID	VP1-2.1-SMM-04-K-01-003
Project duration	2010/01-2012/01 (2 years)
Project coordinators	European Social Fund Agency
Project partners	-
Short project description	The aim of the project is to improve the management of ISLB by developing a conceptual framework for improving ISLB's governance and an integrated development strategy. The conception and strategy will embrace four strategic areas for increasing ISLB's competitiveness in the national and international environment: entrepreneurship, quality, international visibility and recognition, and applied research. The Project also includes a training programme for ISLB's administrative staff.

Programme/ executing association	Human Resource Development Programme
Project title	Systematic upgrading of teachers' competences by innovative teaching and learning methods and tools
Project ID	VP1-2.2-SMM-07-K-01-025
Project duration	2 years
Project coordinators	European Social Fund Agency
Project partners	Alytus College and Vilnius Design College
Short project description	The aim of thye project is to promote systematic and continuous upgrading of teachers' competences by strengthening the methodological and technological basis for enhancing teachers' general and special competences and by improving teachers' pedagogical excellence. The project embraces the creation of innovative methods of upgradingt teachers' competences and active learning tools, a training programme for enhancing teachers' general and special competences, and internships in foreing universities.

Projects carried out in 2008-2009

Programme/	LLP/Erasmus IP
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executing association	
Project title	"Promoting Intercultural Management - PIM 2009"
Project ID	IP29574/1/2/731/08
Project duration	09/2008-09/2009 (1 year)
Project coordinators	Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland
Project partners	Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland; Estonian IT College, Estonia; Fachhochschule Kiel, Germany; Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania; Vilnius College of Higher Education, Lithuania; Alytus College, Lithuania; Copenhagen Technical Academy, Denmark; University of Economy in Bydgoszcz, Poland.
Short project description	<p>PIM2009 is an intensive program designed and promoted by the partner universities and colleges of the Baltic Sea Network. The program is funded by the European Union, Lifelong Learning. PIM2009 takes place each year in a different country within the Baltic Sea region. The programme consisted of an intensive course that was held in Alytus College, Lithuania.</p> <p>The intensive programme has exposed the students to understanding the patterns of culture-related approaches and attitudes influencing behaviour. The international virtual and intensive learning environment has provided new teaching and learning methods while fulfilling the set objectives. The programme has enhanced the students' insight into a number of areas, which are essential when working in or with the EU as well as globally. The realization of the programme has contributed to a better understanding of young Europeans, especially in the Baltic Sea region. The areas of specialization included Communication and networking skills, Intercultural theories, Multicultural working environment and the changing identity of Europe, Management of multicultural staff, Analysis of cultural differences and dimensions of culture, Presentation, interview, negotiation, and reporting skills, Decision-making and human resource management.</p>

Programme/ executing association	Nordplus Framework Programme/Higher Education
Project title	"Nordic Toursimeducation Network, Sustainable Toursim Management"
Project ID	10591
Project duration	09/2008-09/2009 (1 year)
Project coordinators	The Danish Business Academy, Denmark
Project partners	The Danish Business Academy, Denmark; Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Finland; The University of Akureyri, Iceland; Qaqortoq Business School, Greenland; Umeå University, Sweden; Harstad University College, Norway; Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania
Short project description	<p>The purpose of this network is to develop an intensive course in Sustainable Tourism Management and over a period of three years to further develop this course to cover a full semester of a tourism education in the Nordic countries. The Sustainable Tourism Management course is a combination of a distance learning part and an intensive course. This year the course covered 6 ECTS and ran over 6 months. The contents were Tourism planning in a geo-tourism context, Heritage tourism and authenticity, Experience tourism, Marketing and Business in tourism. Each of the participating educational institutions carried out their part of the distance learning part. This part went on in an e-learning environment. In the intensive part the students and teachers participated in a one week course in Iceland.</p>

Programme/ executing association	European Network For Business Studies and Languages SPACE
Project title	International virtual intercultural communication project "Student time Management"

Project ID	
Project duration	12/2008-05/2009 (6 months)
Project coordinators	Constrantin Brancoveanu University, Romania
Project partners	Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania; Instituto Politecnico do Porto, Portugal; Innsbruk University Management School, Austria; Leeds Metropolitan University Business School, UK; Minor Business School, Estonia
Short project description	During the project a questionnaire about student time planning was created. Every participating partner institution formed 3 student groups. Each group must question 150 of his peers from the same institution. Every team closely analyzed collected data and prepared a thorough report about researched institution student time planning. After systemizing the results of all participants, final report including student time planning peculiarities was drafted. The results of this project will be placed on the official European higher education schools association "SPACE" website and will be available on SPACE virtual book as well as published.

Projects carried out in 2007-2008

Programme/ executing association	LLP/Leonardo da Vinci
Project title	International Strategy for Inovative Skills – I.S.I.S. V
Project ID	LLP-LdV-IVT-07-IT-247
Project duration	12/2007-12/2008 (1 year)
Project coordinators	Provincia di Ancona, Dipartimento II Settore III - Istruzione Formazione Lavoro
Project partners	Vilnius Law and Business College
Short project description	The project was designed for trainees in Initial Vocational Training. The project made provision for 3 weeks professional training in Lithuanian enterprises of 10 students from the study fields of agriculture, IT, mechanical engineering, and biology. The Italian students got acquainted with Lithuanian culture, traditions, and history, as well as gained skills and experience at companies in an international environment.

Programme/ executing association	European Network For Business Studies and Languages SPACE
Project title	Virtual Project "Cross Cultural Communication and Business Etiquette"
Project ID	
Project duration	10/2007-10/2008 (1year)
Project coordinators	University College of Gent, Belgium
Project partners	Billieres Higher Education Institute, France; Business English Banking Institution of Higher Education, Latvia; Georgia Bacovia University, Romania; Constantin Brancoveanu University, Romania; Vilnius College of Higher Education, Lithuania; Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania
Short project description	A group of students of each partner institution participating in the project run short surveys, exchange information and write reports on the selected topics addressing cross cultural communication and business etiquette. All reports will be gathered in a virtual book about business etiquette and will be available on SPACE Internet site. The knowledge of foreign cultures is beneficial to a student's future career, especially in this age of global economy. It generally broadens students' perspectives toward the world, enabling them to respond to different cultural environments smoothly and appropriately

Projects carried out in 2006-2007

Programme/ executing	Socrates/Leonardo da Vinci
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association	
Project title	"International Strategy for Inovative Skills – I.S.I.S. IV"
Project ID	I/06/A/PL/154521-FPI
Project duration	12/2006 -12/2007 (1 year)
Project coordinators	Provincia di Ancona VIII Settore - Formazione Professionale e Lavoro
Project partners	Vilnius Law and Business College
Short project description	The project was designed for trainees in Initial Vocational Training. The project made provision for 3 weeks professional training in Lithuanian enterprises of 8 students from the study fields of agriculture, IT, mechanical engineering, and biology. The Italian students got acquainted with Lithuanian culture, traditions, and history, as well as gained skills and experience at companies in an international environment.

Programme/ executing association	INTAS
Project title	"Mapping the Social Sciencies and Humanities Research Capacities in Europe and the NIS"
Project ID	Ref.Nr. 05-1000006-8446
Project duration	09/2006-08/2008 (2 years)
Project coordinators	Centre for Science Studies, Tartu, Estonia
Project partners	Institute of Science, Innovation and Socio-Economic Programmes; European University in St.Petersburg, Russia; Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan; Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law, Armenian National Academy of Sciences, Armenia; Caucasus Research Resource Center, Georgia; Vilnius Law and Business College, Lithuania
Short project description	The scientific objective of the project is to elaborate and test approaches to mapping and assessing SSH capabilities. This includes a review of the existing approaches in Europe, US, the NIS and other regions and elaborating approaches suitable for assessing the research capacities in Europe and its neighboring countries – the NIS and other countries. The projects aims at formulating policy implications and development of recommendations for setting priorities in the SSH within an enlarged European research area.

Programme/ executing association	
Project title	Research Project Classifying European Institutions of Higher Education (CEIHE)
Project ID	
Project duration	09/2006-05/2008 (2 years)
Project coordinators	Center for Higher Education Policy Studies – CHEPS – Scientific Research Instituite of the University of Twente, The Netherlands
Project partners	
Short project description	At the end of the project, the project team will deliver suggestions on how to operationally implement a typology of higher education institutions. Based on the results of the consultations and meeting, the case studies and the pilot survey the do's and don'ts in developing a European typology will be much clearer and a pathway towards a fully operational product, higher education institutions and other stakeholders may readily use, will be described. This project has been funded with support from the European Commission, Socrates programme. For more information on CEIHE II click http://www.utwente.nl/cheps/research/projects/ceihe/

Projects carried out in 2004-2006

Programme/ executing association	Socrates/Leonardo da Vinci
Project title	"International Strategy for Inovative Skills – I.S.I.S. III"

Project ID	I/05/A/PL/154366-FPI
Project duration	12/2005 -12/2006 (1 year)
Project coordinators	Provincia di Ancona VIII Settore - Formazione Professionale e Lavoro
Project partners	Vilnius Law and Business College
Short project description	The project was designed for trainees in Initial Vocational Training. The project made provision for 3 weeks professional training in Lithuanian enterprises of 14 students from the study fields of agriculture, IT, mechanical engineering, and biology. The Italian students got acquainted with Lithuanian culture, traditions, and history, as well as gained skills and experience at companies in an international environment.

Programme/ executing association	Socrates/Leonardo da Vinci
Project title	"International Strategy for Inovative Skills – I.S.I.S. II"
Project ID	I/04/A/PL/154321-FPI
Project duration	12/2004 - 12/2005 (1 year)
Project coordinators	Provincia di Ancona VIII Settore - Formazione Professionale e Lavoro
Project partners	Vilnius Law and Business College
Short project description	The project was designed for trainees in Initial Vocational Training. The project made provision for 3 weeks professional training in Lithuanian enterprises of 6 students from the study fields of agriculture, IT, mechanical engineering, and biology. The Italian students got acquainted with Lithuanian culture, traditions, and history, as well as gained skills and experience at companies in an international environment.