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PRESENTATION OF BEST PRACTICE CASES IN HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION MANAGEMENT

IUIES – International University Institute For European Studies, Italy

IUIES (International University Institute for European Studies) is an International University Consortium comprising the University of Trieste (Italy), the University of Udine (Italy), the Babes-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca (Romania), the University Eötvös Loránd of Budapest (Hungary), the University of Klagenfurt (Austria), the Jagellonian University of Krakow (Poland), the University Comenius of Bratislava (Slovak Republic), the MGIMO University of Moscow (Russia), the University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia) and the Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia - ISIG.

Since 2005 it has been member of the CEI University Network and since 2006 it has been endowed with juridical personality. IUIES is an International Centre of Excellence in post-graduate education based in Gorizia and every year it organises MA and PhD courses which are all held in English.

Objectives and vision:

IUIES aims at a future of new international experts who, originating in regional specificity, emphasise its role as a centre of excellence at a European level. In this perspective, IUIES sees international cooperation in post-graduate education as an essential element to strengthen and deepen the whole complex of relations among Regions and European and world peoples. Within this process IUIES works in synergy with the regional institutions and academic bodies in Europe, organising the meeting of lecturers and students from all over the world in Gorizia and promoting scientific exchange and academic comparison.

Each course (i.e. teaching structure) has its own specific objectives. IUIES organises every year the following courses:

- PhD in Transborder Policies for the daily life –180 credits
- MA in Communication and Methods in European Policy Making – 120 credits
- MA in International Peace Operators – 120 credits



Quantitative targets and Available Resources:

Every year the IUIES consortium as a whole (i.e. over the three abovementioned courses) attracts an average of 40 students and 30 teachers coming from all over the world for their advanced studies in the subjects covered by the two MAs and PhD. Since 2002, 85 teachers (professors, scholars and experts) have held lectures in IUIES courses.

Full time personnel 2 and 1 part time personnel.

Budget 2007: €250.000; Budget 2008: €240.000; Average 2005-2008: €235.000; Average 2002-2004: €220.00

Main obstacles and problems

Obstacle: Lack of a specific budget for thorough dissemination and recruitment at the EU level (i.e. dissemination of the announcement of competition; participation to international student fairs, etc).

Solution: Extensive use of mailing list; alumni network; dissemination of IUIES Journal.

Obstacle: Lack of a specific budget for the increased number of fieldtrips and scholarships.

Solution: Strengthening public-private partnership at the Consortium member universities.

Why it is a success story?

The career paths of IUIES graduates represent the best measure of the impact of the scheme. Moreover, an established partnership among 10 academic institutions throughout Europe represents an added value in terms of networking and mobility of students and staff. This is further strengthened by the joint participation of consortium members in Research projects funded under EU schemes such as the Erasmus Mundus – Atlantis programme.

Throughout the years, IUIES has established itself as a centre of excellence for European Studies contributing to the academic and cultural life of the transborder region (i.e. Austria, Croatia, Italy and Slovenia). Finally, IUIES has furthered its partnership by enlarging its “network of academic and scientific partners” to a number of academic institutions in China, Japan, Lebanon, Mongolia, United Emirates and the USA.

Overall, the following aspects are held to be the key elements of IUIES success:

- a) Highly scientific teaching body,
- b) highly selected students,
- c) scholarship ensuring students participation,
- d) highly international environment,
- e) high pressure on academic standards,
- f) strong students involvement in consortium members’ research activities,
- g) continuous evaluation of students satisfaction,
- h) daily opening of IUIES student office,
- i) support of IUIES students during their stay and prior to their arrival (i.e. visa, accommodation, language courses, etc)
- k) use of multimedia and internet based communication systems (skype, facebook, etc)
- l) editing of a dedicated international journal to disseminate students research results and allowing them to publish their dissertations (i.e. IUIES journal).

Moreover, IUIES has continuously enacted an internal evaluation system to improve the quality of its academic and organisational offer, to evaluate the progress of its activities and to monitor the correspondence of its working with the abovementioned elements.

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