



Information for prospective partners in the second round of the IMPI project



Information on IMPI:

Bologna and Lisbon call for increased competitiveness and globalisation in higher education is developing rapidly, but so far no European-wide approach has been made to measure internationalisation. Transparency and accountability in internationalisation are not in place yet. To this end, a toolbox of indicators and related objectives and activities will be developed for European HEIs which will allow HEI's to individually define a level of internationality corresponding with their institutional goals. It provides options for comparison on the one hand but also offers opportunities for HEIs to choose their individual profile of internationalisation.

The project core partners are six metalevel institutions, SIU, NUFFIC, ACA, CampusFrance, Perspektywy and CHE Consult. The set of indicators will be co-developed by HEIs in order to ensure both relevance and acceptance in the community. The project aims at supporting HEIs to show how well-performing they are. Furthermore, it provides means for improvement for HEIs. The goal is to increase the overall performance of European HEIs in internationalisation.

The milestones of the project will be a toolbox for HEIs to profile their internationalisation, as well as a number of dissemination instruments (workshops, symposium, website) which will bring together stakeholders from different levels to discuss the results and start implementation. A two-step benchmarking initiative will ensure that the practicability of the suggestions will be tested. In the first benchmarking round the group of associate partners will test the usefulness of the toolbox whereas in the second round other HEI's will be invited to join a benchmarking initiative to ensure the testing in two very sets of institutions. Like the first round, the second round will comprise of 3 workshops (1st workshop: validation of indicators and toolbox; 2nd workshop: formation of benchmarking groups and agreement on indicators used; 3rd workshop: discussion of concrete benchmarking results as well as the experience with the toolbox).

The project will lead to a considerable improvement in these areas and through new tools an improvement process on internationality will finally help to enhance the competitiveness of European HEIs.

Information is also available under:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/eve/alfresco/n/browse/workspace/SpacesStore/1c9737e6-d45e-11de-b89b-09f36ec598be

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What is the value for an HEI to participate in the second round of the IMPI project?

An HEI being invited to join the second round of the IMPI project will benefit in various ways. On the one hand, it has the option to look at its own internationalisation from (as a maximum) three perspectives: purely within the own HEI comparing different units or departments (individual approach) or in a small group of 4-5 HEIs to compare with perceived “peers” (homogeneous approach) or in a large group of if possible more than 10 to compare on a broad scale (heterogeneous approach). Moreover, it has the opportunity to actively shape a toolbox which will in all likelihood become a major instrument of internationalisation in the upcoming years.

If the HEI is interested, a more detailed analysis of the Institution’s internationalisation data can be done at a small extra fee.

What are the conditions for participation?

An HEI that wishes to participate has to:

- officially contact the project coordinator Uwe Brandenburg (address below) declaring its interest;
- be willing to actively participate in all three workshops (with one staff member per group in which the HEI participates) and present its case in the final symposium;
- contribute to the project by investing staff time and cover accommodation and travel expenses for the person(s) involved;
- contribute financially:
 - o participation in one of the three strands (individual, homogeneous, heterogeneous) compares to a flat fee of 1.500 €;
 - o if an HEI participates in more than one strand, the cost for participation in each supplementary strand is reduced to 1.000 €;

- if an additional in-depth data analysis is wished for this should be made clear in the cover letter to the IMPI group; for this a small extra fee of 500 € will be charged;
- payment has to be made within four weeks after receiving the acceptance letter by the IMPI group to the account mentioned in the letter.

Time line for the second round:

The second round is supposed to start in spring 2011 running until early 2012.

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