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Bridging Asia/Pacific and Europe through Higher Education Cooperation Projects

First regional seminar of the Erasmus Mundus Support Initiative 5-6 March 2024 in Tokyo, Japan

Hosted by:



Keio University Tokyo, Japan

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1. Background of the Seminar

Regional seminars will focus on topics of interest to a selected subset of Erasmus Mundus (EM) consortia, either in terms of geographical scope or related to a specific theme. The majority of EM consortia that involve universities in the Asia/Pacific region are cooperating with Japan. Therefore, the first regional seminar will take place in Tokyo, but participation from the Asia/Pacific region will be encouraged. The seminar will be organised in a hybrid format.

The seminar aims at

- Exploring policy practices that encourage institutional engagement in international cooperation projects.
- Understanding the recurrent cooperation challenges between European and Asian/Pacific institutions.
- Developing solutions that would contribute to increasing Asia/Pacific participation in the Erasmus+/Erasmus Mundus programme.

Through a State of Play report and targeted consultations with university consortia as well as stakeholders from the region, the thematic focus will be further elaborated.

The target audience consists of appr. 60 participants (of which half participate on-site, half online), which mainly comprise Asian/Pacific university partners in EM consortia, coordinators from EM consortia partnering with universities in Asia/Pacific, selected university partners from the region, representatives from “Capacity Building in Higher Education projects”, National Agency representatives supporting EM consortia as well as alumni.

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Draft Conference Programme

Tuesday, 5 March 2024 - 09:30-18:00h

Time	Session
09:30 > 10:00	Onsite registration with welcome coffee & online check-in
10:00 > 10:30	Welcome & introductory remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yukihiro Ikeda, Vice-President, Keio University Yosuke Kobayashi, Director, International Affairs Division, Higher Education Bureau, MEXT Haitze Siemers, Minister and Deputy Head of Delegation, Delegation of the EU to Japan <p>Moderator: Giorgio Guazzugli Marini, Deputy Head of Unit, International Cooperation, DG EAC</p>
10:30 > 10:40	Group photo
10:40 > 11:00	Icebreaker / Getting to know the participants
11:00 > 12:30	Session 1: Policy practices that encourage institutional engagement in international cooperation projects. Representatives from ministries in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kuniko Takeda, Deputy Director, International Affairs Division, Higher Education Bureau, MEXT, Japan Hyesoo Kim, Team Head, European & African Affairs, Directorate for International Affairs, National Research Foundation of Korea (online) Liz Campbell-Dorning, Director, South Asia International Engagement Branch, International Division, Australian Government Department of Education (online) Marc Cheng, Executive Director of EU Centre in Taiwan (EUTW) and Coordinator of Erasmus+ National Focal Point (ENFP), Taiwan Kevin Leonard Michael Marbun, Team Leader of Quality Assurance, Directorate General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education & Culture, Indonesia (online) <p>Moderator: Michael Hörig, Director Brussels Office, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)</p>
12:30 > 13:30	Lunch
13:30 > 14:15	Session 2: Hybrid discussion (on-site / online) on mapping solutions to recurrent cooperation challenges (including feedback in plenary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deborah Arnold, NTT DATA – Introduction to the State of Play Report
14:15 > 15:00	From practice to policy: Examples from cooperation projects (Part I)
15:00 > 16:00	Session 3: Current developments in European Higher Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giorgio Guazzugli Marini, Deputy Head of Unit, International Cooperation, DG EAC Tilman Dörr, Head of Division Education, German Rectors' Conference (online) <p>Moderator: Jacques Kemp, Head of Sector, EACEA, European Commission</p>
16:00 > 16:15	Coffee break

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Time	Session
16:15 > 17:45	From practice to policy: Examples from cooperation projects (Part 2)
17:45 > 18:00	Wrap-up of Day 1 and presentation of assignment for participants on site
18:00	Dinner and Networking in a local restaurant

Wednesday, 6 March 2024 – 10:00-16:00

Time	Session
08:30 > 9:30	Working breakfast at the hotel (assignment for the parallel working groups)
10:00 > 11:00	Session 4: Keynote address Prof. Norihisa Miki, Project leader, JEMARO Erasmus Mundus Master, Keio University
11:00 > 12:00	Parallel working groups (on-site/on-line) on solutions for increasing participation in Erasmus+/Erasmus Mundus (including feedback in plenary)
12:00 > 12:15	Coffee break
12:15 > 13:30	Session 5: Reflections from different stakeholders and closing remarks Student testimonials from JEMARO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana Rebeca Hernandez Maldonado (from Mexico) Jann Warnecke (from Germany) Followed by a panel discussion with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Giorgio Guazzugli Marini and Jacques Kemp, European Commission Yoko Kitaguchi, Erasmus Mundus Alumna Prof. Markku Hauta-Kasari, Project Leader and Programme Director IMLEX Erasmus Mundus Master Kuniko Takeda, MEXT
13:30 > 14:30	Lunch
14:30 > 16:00	Campus Tour (optional)

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