Network of Opportunities
for Universities from Europe and beyond

3rd Workshop for Research Alumni
Coordinators

Bayreuth, 16th May 2017
The SGroup European Universities’ Network (SGroup) is a non-for-profit organisation founded in 1989 composed of over 30 higher education institutions from 15 European countries.

The SGroup is a dynamic platform for modern, internationally orientated universities with the aim of expanding collaboration opportunities in education and research through the transfer of knowledge and development of strategic alliances.
The SGroup mission is based on four core areas of co-operation:

- internationalisation strategy,
- academic collaboration,
- academic mobility,
- and transfer of knowledge.

The SGroup is a network with 28 years of experience in university collaboration within Europe and beyond.
The SGroup has been involved in most European Union’s mobility programmes such as ERASMUS, ALBAN, LEONARDO DA VINCI, LINGUA, TEMPUS, LLP, ALFA, and other. These exchanges have involved about 3000 students.

SGroup has developed relations with a number of other regions of the world including the USA (e.g. Agreement with the University of California at Berkeley), Latin America, Africa and China.
• Privileged contacts to university associations and HEIs worldwide
• Collaboration with USA, Latin America, China, and Eastern Partnership
• Representing members at international events

Internationalization strategy

• Setting up consortia for EU-funded projects in joint programmes, research, and mobility
• Reinforcing collaboration in research and innovation
• Strengthening of social mission of universities

Academic collaboration

Intra-European and Inter-Continental mobility programmes for:
• Students
• Doctoral candidates
• Postdocs
• Administrative staff

Academic mobility

• Identification and promotion of individual and institutional expertise
• Specialised workshops and seminars
• Thematic interest group and task forces

Transfer of knowledge
## SELECTED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

| Regional Collaboration & Mobility | Collaboration with USA, Latin America, Eastern Partnership, Africa e.g.:  
|                                | - **Berkley Exchange Programme** – University of California, Berkeley, USA  
|                                | - **ICon** – Intercontinental Academic Mobility Programme  
|                                | - **STEP Programme** – Placements for students  
| Transfer of Knowledge           | - Summer schools  
|                                | - Specialised workshops and seminars  
|                                | - Think Tanks and Task Forces  
| Strategic Alliances             | - **Collaboration with university associations** from Europe and beyond e.g. with Latin America (FAUBAI)  
|                                | - **Collaboration with EU-funded project consortia** (ERASMUS+)  
| Strengthening Research Capacities | - Networking for EU funded projects  
|                                | - Assistance with internationalisation administrative and academic staff  
|                                | - Fostering research capacities  

AlBan Programme Results
2002-2010
Selected applications versus awarded grants
over 5 calls

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AlBan objective: 3900 years
AlBan Programme Results
2002-2010

Distribution of grantees per LA country

AR 43 311
BO 48 249
BR 58 462
CL 58 1077
CO 23 134
CR 18 13
CU 23 48
EC 23 593
GT 13 29
HN 22 126
MX 12
NI 32
PA
PE
PY
SV
UY
VE
AIBan Programme Results
2002-2010

Distribution of grantees by host EU country
AlBan Programme Results
2002-2010

Distribution of grantees per field of study

01- Agricultural Sciences
02- Architecture, Urban and Reg. Planning
03- Art and Design
04- Business and Management Sciences
05- Education, Teacher Training
06- Engineering, Technology
07- Geographie, Geology
08- Humanities
09- Languages and Philological Sciences
10- Law
11- Mathematics, Informatics
12- Medical Sciences
13- Natural Sciences
14- Social Sciences
15- Communication & Information Sciences
16- Other Areas of Study
The ICon Programme is an international mobility initiative between higher education institutions belonging to the SGroup European Universities’ Network (SGroup) and their partner institutions overseas (from Latin America, Eastern Partnership, and China to SGroup members and reverse).

The Programme aims at the exchange of knowledge and experience between regions through mobility schemes at academic and administrative level supported with funding from the SGroup Network.
BENEFITS FROM ICON PROGRAMME

- **Privileged access to** a wide range of reliable and recognised institutions;
- **Structured information about diverse study offers available** in Europe and LA for students, academic and administrative staff;
- **Visibility and promotion** of partner institutions in both regions;
- **Recognition of study** and quality assurance mechanisms;
- **Possibility of networking** for new funding programmes;
- **Facilitation of bilateral collaboration** between universities as well as the associations of universities from both regions.
The ICon Programme

facilitate mobility between participating regions and institutions

www.iconmobility.eu
HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH SGROUP?

**Full membership**
- Universities from across Europe which have signed the SGroup Charter
- Entry to this class of membership will be reserved to universities offering PhD or equivalent degree courses and endorsement by the General Assembly

**Associate membership**
- Universities from non-European countries
- Entry to this class of membership will be by invitation of the Executive Committee and endorsement by the General Assembly
HOW TO COLLABORATE WITH SGROUP?

SGroup enables its members:

- to network for EU-funded projects in education and research
- to access first-hand information about educational and research policies in Europe
- to exchange good practices and experiences
- to participate in specialised work groups, seminar and training courses
- to promote expertise and to increase visibility of its members
- to identify opportunities for academic collaboration

More information about SGroup and the membership conditions available online at www.sgroup.be
Thank you for your attention!

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