

Action required – for information

Progress to date against Strategic Plan

JP TF – Joint Programmes Task Force
RM TF – Researchers Mobility Task Force
SC – Steering Committee
SM TF – Student Mobility Task Force
SS TF – Summer School Task Force

	2015 Activities/Achievements	2016 Work Plan
Foster internationalisation	<p>Broadened the thematic scope to “Internationalisation of Curricula”. (JP TF)</p> <p>Organised the ‘Facilitating Researcher Mobility’ training event in Tartu (RM TF)</p> <p>Promoted the Young Researchers’ grant for masters students, linking education with research. (SM TF)</p> <p>Short term programmes per se add to curricula of universities. (SS TF)</p> <p>Task Force reporting was discussed with the Task Force Chairs at the Joint meeting and a new template has been implemented. (SC)</p>	<p>Research will be carried out on the topic of ‘Internationalising of curricula’ with the aim of creating jointly a knowledge base of resources/examples to be shared within the Network. (JP TF)</p> <p>Research into barriers and challenges of researcher mobility and possible solutions to the aforementioned (RM TF)</p> <p>Suggestions on best ways to support and promote researcher mobility, especially between UN members (incl. list of best practices and electronic brochure) (RM TF)</p> <p>Cooperation with proposed Research Management Task Force (RM TF)</p>

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	<p>Discussions have taken place with regard to reviewing Task Force activity and the development of a proposal for a new Task Force has been supported. (SC)</p> <p>The format of the AGM continues to be reviewed and changes made where appropriate. In 2015 a 'New Faces' session was introduced as were dynamic working groups. (SC)</p>	<p>Will promote the Young Researchers' grant for masters students, linking education with research. (SM TF)</p> <p>Short term programmes per se add to curricula of universities. (SS TF)</p> <p>Evaluate the newly implemented Task Force reporting against the Strategic Plan. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to review the effectiveness of Task Force activity. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to evaluate the format of the AGM. (SC)</p>
Open up new forms of cooperation	<p>Organised the 'Facilitating Researcher Mobility' training event in Tartu (RM TF)</p> <p>Evaluated the Young Researchers' grant according to Erasmus+ guidelines. (SM TF)</p> <p>Promoted open and semi-open agreements. (SM TF)</p> <p>Continuation of the new format offering short term programmes also for young academics and doctoral students. (SS TF)</p> <p>The development of a working group to look at developing links in South America and South Africa was supported. (SC)</p>	<p>Cooperation with proposed Research Management Task Force (RM TF)</p> <p>Peer network (incl. possible LinkedIn group, networking meetings) (RM TF)</p> <p>List of best practices (RM TF)</p> <p>Job shadowing pilot (RM TF)</p> <p>Continuation of the new format offering short term programmes also for young academics and doctoral students. (SS TF)</p> <p>Foster links with non EU partner networks. (SC)</p>

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Respond actively to European HE policies	<p>Submitted an Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership Project Application (JP TF)</p> <p>Links with the EC have been developed, and ways of feeding back info (including the collection of information regarding Erasmus+, Key Action 1, have been looked at (SC)</p>	<p>Research into barriers and challenges of researcher mobility and possible solutions to the aforementioned (RM TF)</p> <p>Suggestions on best ways to support and promote researcher mobility (incl. list of best practices and electronic brochure) (RM TF)</p> <p>Facilitate the active participation in European projects - IMPALA, CALOHEE and the EMJMD Advanced Spectroscopy in Chemistry Master Course project and continue to investigate further opportunities for European funding. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to actively develop links with the EC with the aim that the EC continues to see the Utrecht Network in a consultative role. (SC)</p>

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Collaborate effectively within the Network	<p>Organised the 'Facilitating Researcher Mobility' training event in Tartu (RM TF)</p> <p>Collected statistics on student mobility from the entire network and adapted them according to decisions made at the AGM. (SM TF)</p> <p>Defined ways of promoting outgoing students mobility through the annual promotion tour at non TF universities. (SM TF)</p> <p>Students and teaching as well administrative staff of member institutions who took part, taught at and organised the two schools developed a team spirit which could serve as a basis for further collaboration. (SS TF)</p> <p>The Steering Committee continues to monitor any gaps in provision in the Strategic Plan. This has been assisted by the new Task Force reports. (SC)</p> <p>Members have been encouraged to share best practice within the Network eg. through presentations and dynamic working groups at the AGM. (SC)</p> <p>The internal section of the website continues to be under development. (SC)</p> <p>2 editions of the Newsletter were produced during 2015. (SC)</p>	<p>Cooperation with proposed Research Management Task Force (RM TF)</p> <p>Data gathering on support services and best practices (RM TF)</p> <p>Peer network (RM TF)</p> <p>Job shadowing pilot (RM TF)</p> <p>Collect statistics on student mobility from the entire network and adapt them according to decisions made at the AGM. (SM TF)</p> <p>Define ways of promoting outgoing students mobility through offering the promotion tour to non TF member universities only on demand. (SM TF)</p> <p>Students and teaching as well administrative staff of member institutions who take part, teach at and organise the two schools develop a team spirit which could serve as a basis for further collaboration. (SS TF)</p> <p>Identify gaps in provision in the Strategic Plan. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to encourage the sharing of best practice at the AGM (in particular dynamic working groups) and workshops. (SC)</p>

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	<p>Ways of encouraging members to become more active continue to be developed. (SC)</p> <p>The AGM structure has been developed with dynamic working groups and a new faces session. (SC)</p> <p>An induction programme has been developed for new members. (SC)</p> <p>The Network's calendar has been reviewed and the timing of the financial year will change from April 2017. (SC)</p> <p>Communication between Task Forces is encouraged through the Joint TF Chairs/Steering Committee meetings. (SC)</p>	<p>Encourage members to use the internal section of the new website to allow members to share good practice. (SC)</p> <p>Develop pilot statistics on members' activeness. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to refresh the AGM structure. (SC)</p> <p>Further develop the session for new representatives at the AGM. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to ensure that internal communication flow within the Network is effective (e.g availability of SC and TF minutes and communication of issues). (SC)</p> <p>Continue to encourage cooperation between the TFs. (SC)</p> <p>Support and encourage members to develop activities eg workshops (SC)</p>

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<p>Enhance the quality of internationalisation processes in member institutions</p>	<p>Organised the ‘Facilitating Researcher Mobility’ training event in Tartu (RM TF)</p> <p>Disseminated accurate statistics to provide member institutions with an overview of mobilities between Network members. (SM TF)</p> <p>The improvement of the English proficiency among newly hired staff and doctoral candidates will result in the improvement of quality in education in English at the member institutions. (SS TF)</p> <p>Sharing of best practice continues to be encouraged ie. through the dynamic working groups at the AGM. (SC)</p>	<p>Research into barriers and challenges of researcher mobility and possible solutions to the aforementioned (RM TF)</p> <p>Suggestions on best ways to support and promote researcher mobility between UN members (incl. list of best practices and electronic brochure) (RM TF)</p> <p>Peer network (RM TF)</p> <p>Job shadowing pilot (RM TF)</p> <p>Disseminate accurate statistics to provide member institutions with an overview of mobilities between Network members. (SM TF)</p> <p>The improvement of the English proficiency among newly hired staff and doctoral candidates will result in the improvement of quality in education in English at the member institutions. (SS TF)</p> <p>Support and encourage the development of Staff Training initiatives. (SC)</p> <p>To encourage the sharing of best practice at the AGM. (SC)</p>

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Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	<p>Organised the 'Facilitating Researcher Mobility' training event in Tartu (RM TF)</p> <p>Joint meeting in Graz with the MAUI delegation and the new UN MAUI contact person. Discussed better ways of promoting the exchange scheme. (SM TF)</p> <p>Promotion tour to Hull. (SM TF)</p> <p>External participation of partner networks and other universities improve the visibility of the UN as an agent for innovation. (SS TF)</p> <p>The Network has appointed a second Spanish member. (SC)</p> <p>The format of the MAUI/AEN presentations have been looked at and changes were made by the representatives. (SC)</p> <p>The Network brand has been further developed, in particular through the new website, and the continuation of the Network newsletter. (SC)</p>	<p>Suggestions on best ways to support and promote researcher mobility, especially between UN members, incl. brochure of mobility services and list of best practices (RM TF)</p> <p>Peer network (RM TF)</p> <p>Job shadowing pilot (RM TF)</p> <p>External participation of partner networks and other universities improve the visibility of the UN as an agent for innovation. (SS TF)</p> <p>Foster links with non EU partner networks. (SC)</p> <p>Update the AEN agreement and to continue to encourage active involvement of members with AEN and MAUI (eg UN dinner at EAIE, site visits at NAFSA). (SC)</p> <p>To continue to develop the brand through the UN website, newsletter and production of new publicity materials. (SC)</p> <p>Continue to produce two editions of the newsletter per year. (SC)</p> <p>Promote the new Utrecht Network website. (SC)</p>