

## **2014 Steering Committee Work Programme**

### **Planned activities**

#### **To develop the Strategic Plan 2014-2017**

The Strategic Plan will be finalised at the Joint Task Force Chairs/Steering Committee meeting in January. The draft Plan will then be circulated to members for comment, before its presentation at the 2014 AGM for comment. This will help ensure an open and transparent process.

The Steering Committee will begin to map current activities against the objectives in the Plan to ensure that there are no gaps in provision. In particular the Steering Committee will try to ensure that the work of the Task Forces meets the objectives of the Network. Where there are gaps in provision, the Steering Committee will recommend to the AGM ways in which these gaps can be addressed (e.g. by the establishment of new Task Forces).

#### **To encourage active participation by members**

The Steering Committee will continue to look at means of encouraging the active participation of all Network member institutions. In particular, means of successfully integrating new members into the Network will be examined.

#### **To facilitate the introduction of a second Spanish member institution**

In light of the decision at the 2013 AGM for the Network to start looking actively for a second Spanish partner, the Steering Committee will continue to facilitate this process. It is anticipated that a second Spanish partner will be appointed during 2014.

#### **To ensure the effectiveness of the Task Forces**

In light of the new Strategic Plan the Steering Committee will standardise the reporting, planning, implementation and evaluation of Task Force activities and new initiatives.

#### **To explore Erasmus+ and opportunities for the Utrecht Network**

The Steering Committee will continue to keep members informed regarding Erasmus+. The Steering Committee will also explore opportunities for the Network which may arise under the new programme, in particular key action 1 (mobility) and key action (strategic partnerships).

#### **To support the Network's participation in the 'Impact of Erasmus mobility and Intensive Programmes on skills development, employability, institutional development and the internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions' project**

The Network will continue to be represented on the Advisory Committee by Patricia De Clopper who will provide regular feedback to the Steering Committee/AGM.

#### **To investigate developing links with non-European Networks**

The Steering Committee will continue to look at developing links and partnerships with non-European Networks.