

Item 3.i Steering Committee & Task Force Chairs Joint Meeting – 25th February 2019

## 1 January 18 – 31 March 19 Task Force Report - Internationalisation of Curricula (IoC) TF

### Members of the Task Force

Francesco Girotti, Alma Mater Studiorum, Università di Bologna (Italy) – Chair since November 2018

Anne Vorpapel, Universität Leipzig (Germany) – Chair until October 2018

Ülle Tensing, Tartu Ülikool (Estonia)

### Meetings 1 Apr 18 – 31 March 19

Planned meetings according to work plan 2018:

- September 2018 – London, UK (in the framework of the ATIAH final conference)
- December 2018 – location n.n.

Actual meetings of the TF:

No physical meetings have been organised in the period April 2018 – February 2019.

One individual travel has been carried out by Anne Vorpapel to attend the ATIAH project Final Conference on September 6<sup>th</sup> in Bolzano. Since this conference was originally announced to take place on a different date (late September) and in a different location (London), only the TF chair had in the end the chance to participate.

One informal meeting took place at the EAIE in Geneva on September 13<sup>th</sup> (Anne Vorpapel and Francesco Girotti only).

2 virtual meetings took place with the whole TF attending:

- January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 and on
- February 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

### Narrative report of activity

The activities planned by the TF for 2018-2019 were all around the “phase 2 and phase 3” of the multiannual plan of the Task Force, namely “Knowledge Consolidation Phase” and Knowledge Exploitation Phase”.

The Knowledge Consolidation Phase foresaw the continuation of the knowledge base building through the link “suggest a resource”. This activity did not generate results since no one from the UN members had actually contributed. In addition, this phase foresaw the conduction of a series of interviews to academic staff who successfully implemented IoC at our institutions. This activity has not been accomplished.

The Knowledge Exploitation Phase included the extraction of recommendations for IoC support services and the participation and sharing of results in the Final Conference of the ATIAH<sup>1</sup>/Approaches and Tools for Internationalisation at Home Project. The second activity

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.staff.ncl.ac.uk/atiah>

has been accomplished and the material from the final conference has been published on the Intranet section of the UN web site.

Reasons for the delays in the accomplishment of the planned activities.

In the last 2 years, and in particular in the last year, the TF has faced a continuous turn-over and/or withdrawals of its members. The meeting held in June 2017 in Bologna was apparently the start of a new phase for the TF, when the initial composition of 4 members (Anne Vorpapel - ULeipzig, Francesco Girotti - UBologna, Femke van der Geest - UUtrecht, Marina Succur - ULjubljana) was enlarged Ulle Tensing – Utartu - and to a sixth member Teija Isolato - UHelsinki. During the year 2018, for different reasons (maternity leave, change of workplace and withdrawal from the Utrecht Network) the TF “lost” three members and half of its “force”. In September 2018, the TF received the manifestation of interest from the University of Graz. However, the TF also considered revising its work plan and focus to embrace the topic of “European Universities” within its work plan. This potential shift led to “freeze” the interest expressed by Graz, since the potential TF Member is not involved in the European Universities call.

The TF has asked the SC’s opinion on the inclusion of the European Universities topic within the TF work plan (November 2018). After a positive response, the TF discussed its plans including the potential dissolution during a virtual meeting in January 2019.

The virtual meeting led to the following considerations and decisions:

- The TF encountered a series of challenges during 2018, however the work carried out in the development of the IoC knowledge base and in the quality support to the ATIAH project is tangible and valuable
- The TF is interested in including the topic European Universities in its work plan, considering that this Action is the synthesis of the new concept of internationalisation promoted by the European Commission. However, the activities to be carried out in this framework need a further discussion within the SC and the AGM and, probably, a different timing (at least after the first call results in June 2019).
- The possibility to exploit the activities of the IoC TF (knowledge exploitation) and to link them up to “European Universities” are still open and the TF is willing to invest in this activity in 2019

#### Financial report

7.000€ requested. No expenditures incurred. The participation of Anne Vorpapel in the ATIAH final Conference has been reimbursed by the project coordinator. No physical meetings took place.

**Total Expenditure: 0€**

## 1 Jan 18– 31 March 19 activities mapped against the Strategic Plan

<b>Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)</b>	<b>Task Force Activities/Achievements 1 Jan 18 – 31 March 19</b>
Foster internationalisation of education	Shared results of the project: “ATIAH: Approaches and Tools for Internationalisation at Home project with all members”
Open up to new forms of cooperation	
Respond actively to European HE policies	Including European Universities into the work plan 2019, to be discussed with the SC and AGM
Collaborate effectively within the Network	
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	

## 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020 Task Force Workplan – Internationalisation of Curricula (IoC) TF

### Planned meetings

1. June 2019 location to be confirmed
2. December 2019 location to be confirmed
3. February 2020 virtual meeting

In case of approval of the UNICORN project, TF meetings will be re-scheduled in this way:

1. June 2019 location to be confirmed
2. September 2019 in Bologna
3. January 2020 virtual meeting
4. March 2020 in Antwerp

### Planned activities

The objectives of the TF for 2019 are:

1. Exploit the knowledge on IoC created and consolidated in the past 2 years
2. Investigate how the UN members responded to the “European Universities” action
3. Investigate how the new trends of Internationalisation of HE are included in the proposal for the new Erasmus 2021-2027 Programme

The first activity will be the definition of a plan for an event on the broad topic of internationalisation of curricula, which will embrace discussions and presentations on examples of

internationalised curricula but which will/could also devote a space to wider topics such as European Universities and the new Erasmus 2021-2027 programme. This activity will be organised with the help of additional members who will show their interest in contributing and potentially in being member of the TF.

The TF has discussed the timing, the target and the potential topics of the event. The discussion included the following dilemmas:

- IoC target group is represented by international or policy officers and above all by academics. In the last year events organised on this topic by DAAD and EAIE have been cancelled for lack of interest from the target group
- European Universities have a potential wide range of targets, mainly from decision makers and management staff of EU Universities, including IROs. However, the TF still has some doubts on the availability of involved HEIs in sharing their “secrets”
- Erasmus 2021-2027 is a topic of wide interest within the UN community, however we are not certain on the availability of detailed information in Autumn 2019

Nevertheless, the TF has analysed the following potentialities:

1. The interest from the Tartu University to establish a dialogue with UN partners on Internationalisation of Curriculum, and a preliminary availability of Tartu University to host the event
2. The interest for the UN to further discuss European Universities and how this hot topic could influence the existence of the Network
3. The interest and the contribution that all the TF members and more generally the UN community could bring to a technical discussion on the future Erasmus+ programme

Considering the above dilemmas and motivations, the TF offers to investigate the possibility to organise either a comprehensive event (IoC, European Universities and Erasmus 2021) in a place to be decided, or an academic event on IoC in Tartu, or an event devoted to IROs and or TF members focused on European Universities and Erasmus 2021. This event could be hosted by Bologna. Approximate time frame of the event would be autumn, October-November 2019.

The TF also decided to support the UNICORN Project, an Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships coordinated by the University of Bologna and involving HEIs only coming from the UN (Bologna, Leipzig, Cork, Antwerp and Madrid). The project aims to create “international Service-Learning projects”, linking mobility of students with service to the local communities. This represents a new concept of “engaged mobility” as well as an important step towards internationalisation of the curriculum, in particular in its capacity to foster the global citizenship education through mobility and civic engagement. If the project will be selected the TF on behalf of the UN will be associated partner and will cover the role of the “critical friend” for the project. In that role, we will focus on the support to the project in defining how project results will be scalable within the UN. A letter of support will be required.

[Budget requested for 1 April 19 – 31 March 20](#)

7000€

1 April 19 – 31 March 20 planned activities mapped against the Strategic Plan

<b>Goals from the Strategic Plan (FORCES)</b>	<b>Task Force Planned Activities</b>
Foster internationalisation of education	Organisation of a Staff training Event and workshop on the wide topic of Internationalisation of Curricula, including specific sections on how to internationalise study programmes as well as more general sessions on hot topics such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Universities</li> <li>- Erasmus 2021 - 2027</li> </ul>
Open up to new forms of cooperation	
Respond actively to European HE policies	Organisation of a Staff training Event and workshop on the wide topic of Internationalisation of Curricula, including specific sections on how to internationalise study programmes as well as more general sessions on hot topics such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Universities</li> <li>- Erasmus 2021 - 2027</li> </ul>
Collaborate effectively within the Network	
Enhance internationalisation processes in member institutions	Organisation of a Staff training Event and workshop on the wide topic of Internationalisation of Curricula, including specific sections on how to internationalise study programmes as well as more general sessions on hot topics such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Universities</li> <li>- Erasmus 2021 – 2027</li> </ul> Supporting the UNICORN project (KA2: Strategic Partnerships project on “International Service – Learning: linking service-learning to international mobility”, being associate partner with the role
Strengthen the profile and global outlook of the Network	