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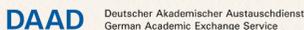
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CAMINOS

Enhancing and Promoting
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An Erasmus+ Capacity Building Project



⇒ OBJECTIVES

CAMINOS is a three year (2016-2019) Erasmus+ Capacity Building Project that contribute to the deepening of the Latin American Higher Education Space by improving the capacity of universities and university associations to work together towards common regional development priorities, including higher education, labour mobility, and socio-cultural integration.

Its specific objectives are:

- To generate more and better quality inter-university mobility of students and staff in the Latin American region, premised on exiting good practice from Europe and from other existing networks/inter-university agreements in Latin America.
- To link and enhance existing Latin American bi/multi-lateral student and staff mobility programmes by developing and promoting a common mobility management handbook.
- To generate a greater focus on the impact of mobility on regional and local Latin American development, notably through enhancing and promoting mobility in the context of regionally focused study programmes that tackle common development challenges.
- To enhance dialogue between European and Latin America universities and other stakeholders on policies, tools and frameworks to increase and improve mobility as part of the internationalisation/regionalisation of the higher education sector.

Through these objectives, the project responds to a number of needs, namely that intra-regional Latin American mobility is a growing priority and seen as a means to foster academic cooperation, regional cooperation and regional convergence of the higher education sector. It also responds to the interest to promote 'structured' mobility - mobility embedded in academic programmes - that reinforces institutional cooperation.

⇒ METHODOLOGY

CAMINOS has three phases:

- A research/mapping phase for existing Latin American mobility schemes and the actors and organisations that manage them.
- A development phase for the generation of a Handbook, to establish a common understanding regarding all phases of managing mobility, and to guide the promotion of Latin American regional mobility in its different purposes and forms. This has consisted of focus groups on key topics related to mobility and internationalisation, as well as study visits to European partner universities in Germany and Italy.
- An implementation phase, whereby elements of the Handbook are applied by the partner universities in the form of 'pilot projects', led by the international relations offices.

Why is CAMINOS unique?

- CAMINOS is the first project of its nature to promote student and staff mobility within Latin America, as a vehicle for internationalisation and regional development.
- It unites a dynamic consortium comprised of university associations and networks, universities in diverse capitals and regions and other key European actors in the higher education mobility arena.
- It promotes a 'matrix' of mobility management processes, in the form of a Handbook, which universities of different resources levels and internationalisation experiences can apply.
- It seeks synergies with other relevant projects related to university internationalisation.

