
European Universities Networking Day

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Joint Degrees & European Degree
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1. Welcome and a brief round of introductions: name, home institution and alliance
Expectations?
2. Takeaways from recent conferences
European Degree Forum: Virpi Laukkanen
FOREU4ALL workshop on European Degree & Joint Programmes:
Marjaana Mäkelä
3. Discussion (in two groups?)
Insights from Esko Koponen to get started
Focus on solutions and best practices rather than on challenges


A pause in between

4. Comments from Heta Koski
5. Wrapping up and compilation of key findings on Padlet
6. **“Prepare one sentence summarizing your main result to share it with other groups”**



- What does it take to design and implement a successful joint European degree/programme?
- What will be the role of the European degree in the future?"



- **Practically all alliances are co-creating joint programmes (Bachelor, Master, PhD)**
 - Diverging objectives and maturity levels of programmes; relatively few accredited with EA
 - Definition of partner roles and contribution!
 - Prepare for changes
 - The EA process provides a helpful structure to the programme co-creation and EMDM funding can be used to cover the costs of the agency
 - **European Degree (Label)**
 - Criteria defined, interpretations and indicators to be developed
 - Accreditation with the European Approach is a prerequisite, and another level of scrutiny is likely to be conducted by an EQAR agency
 - Importance of two key documents: Cooperation Agreement and Accreditation report
 - Emphasis e.g. on student engagement, European values, employability, and graduate tracking alongside trustworthy QA
 - **Funding opportunities; info coming up in December for HEI to prepare for the EDL and EMJM**
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Experiences from Ulysseus: Best Practices in Development of European Joint Programmes

Commitment:

Co-creation of eight new European Joint Programmes connected to the eight Innovation Hubs of alliance partners

1. Building on contribution of pioneering partners : agreement templates, European Approach process, curriculum development, securing finances.

2. Ulysseus Committee for Joint Programmes: Sharing experiences about Curriculum Development and QA. Alignment with the European Degree Label criteria.

3. Finding the right people for co-creation: commitment, time management, expertise, interest.

4. Endorsement from all partner institutions.

5. Support from the alliance structure: Committee for Joint Programmes and expert groups for Student Administration, Pedagogical Development, Language Policy and the Innovation Hubs.

6. Continuous communication and online co-creation of documents (e.g. Self-Evaluation Report).

7. Resilience and trust amidst inevitable changes!