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"Cooperation in Research and Teaching across Borders – the Chance of Regional Development for European Neighbours"

1. General information

1.1 Applicant border / cross-border region:

Upper Rhine Region

1.2 Title of the cross-border cooperation measure* [project(s), programme(s)]:

EUCOR: European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities

1.3 Period:

Since 1989

1.4 Project initiator:

Jacques SPARFEL, secretary general

1.5 Partners:

France:

Université de Strasbourg (2009)

- Université Louis Pasteur (Strasbourg I)
- Université Marc Bloch (Strasbourg II)
- Université Robert Schuman (Strasbourg III)

Université de Haute-Alsace (Mulhouse/Colmar)

Germany:

Universität Freiburg (Freiburg am Breisgau)

Universität Karlsruhe (TH)

Switzerland:

Universität Basel

1.6. Financing of the cross-border cooperation measure (e.g. INTERREG):

The permanent office, which coordinates all activities of the confederation, as well as the majority of projects are financed by capital resources of the member universities.

Some of the projects are also financed by Interreg, by the German French University (offers binational and trinational courses of study) or by contributions of the national, regional and local authorities in Germany, France and Switzerland.

1.7 Links to other projects, measures and/or programmes (only if applicable):

2. Contents

2.1 Objectives of the cross-border cooperation measure:

The seven universities of the Upper Rhine Region, of Strasbourg, Mulhouse, Basel, Freiburg and Karlsruhe joined together in 1989 to form a cross-border federation under the name European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities (EUCOR). The aim of the partner universities has been, since the very beginning, to develop cross-border cooperation in

the fields of education and research in order to pool together their competencies and their knowledge, and thus enlarge the offer for students, teachers and researchers.

EUCOR for students

Each student from the Upper Rhine Universities may participate in courses offered by one of the partner institutions in Switzerland, Germany and France without paying additional fees.

The common university space is a reality since the creation of EUCOR in 1989.

EUCOR for teachers and researchers

Since the very beginning, all partner universities expressed their joint will to set-up cross-border cooperation in research and education in order to enlarge and to enrich the offer for students, teachers and researchers.

This cooperation is put into practice by student, teacher and researcher exchanges, by reciprocal recognition of study attainments, as well as by setting up of joint courses of study and common scientific projects.

2.2 Organisational structure and activities to implement the objectives (e.g. joint secretariat, contract etc.):

The chairmanship is the central institution of the Confederation. It is composed of presidents and rectors of the EUCOR-universities. The presidency is exerted by rotation.

Since 2000, EUCOR disposes of one central institution: the permanent office. The permanent office is attached to the chairmanship and coordinates all common activities of EUCOR. The official languages are German and French.

Each partner university appoints one agent who is the contact for all questions concerning his home university.

EUCOR promotes the setting-up of cross-border cooperation on the basis of the convention between the EUCOR universities. (See attachments)

2.3 How far has the cooperation measure been implemented?

Since 1989, a high number of cross-border projects has been realised between the EUCOR universities in the fields of science, education and administration:

Examples of research networks with European and internal partners:

- Neurosciences (Neurex)
- Geosciences (URGENT)
- Life Sciences
- Nanosciences
- Archaeology (Beate Rhenanus)

Examples of task forces

Education and research

Environmental Sciences

Scandinavian studies

English studies

Mathematics

Chemistry

Philology

Etc.

Services

Libraries

International Relations

Office of academic affairs

Communication

Examples of joint courses of study

Biotechnologies ("Ecole supérieure de Biotechnologie de Strasbourg)

Neurosciences within the framework of Neurex-network

Pharmaceutical medicine (continued education proposed by the medical faculty and the regional chemical industries)

Chemistry

Mathematics

Law

Philology (Latin and classical Greek)

Archaeology

German/Language and literature

Etc.

Within the framework of an Interreg-project (2005-2006), the partner universities have determined the official framework for the cross-border mobility within all universities of the Confederation (students, teachers, researchers). One of the aims was it to better coordinate the EUCOR-courses of study and to participate in an active way to the construction of an European Higher Education Area in accordance to the Bologna Process.

EUCOR is also an important part of the university-strategy for the period of 2008-2013. Therefore, the partner universities pursue the promotion of the Bologna Process as well as the development and the enlargement of joint centres of excellence in research and education.

3. Contribution of the measure (added value) to the development of the border/cross-border region:

(Please tick where applicable and explain shortly)

- 3.1 institutional
- 3.2 economic
- 3.3 socio-cultural
- 3.4 political/concerning educational policy

The partner universities of EUCOR issue of three significant scientific European nations and are deep seated in two main cultural and linguistic spaces in Europe. Students and teachers both, make concrete international and multicultural experiences on those borders.

EUCOR-universities sustain their position by the high number of courses of study that make them to top universities on the international scene. More than 100 000 students and 11 000 researches benefit from the high range of offers and thus give evidence of the strong international recognition of EUCOR-universities.

EUCOR is one of the milestone projects of the Upper Rhine Region. By the promotion of scientific cooperation, EUCOR gives essential impacts to the regional economy and strengthens the corporate feeling of the Upper Rhine Region.

4. Further annexes yes no

Which ones?

- a) Convention between the EUCOR universities (in French and German)
- b) Presentation of EUCOR, published by the Région Alsace on the occasion of the 11th Tripartite Congress (d, f, e)
- c) Brief description (d, f, e)

Date, *Baut, 15/8/08*

Signature

(if submitted by e-mail please also insert your name and contact details!)

* A cross-border cooperation measure is given, when partners from both sides of the border participate as regards contents, organisation, staff and finances.

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Depuis sa fondation en 1989, Eucor, la Confédération des Universités du Rhin Supérieur, associe sept universités de l'espace du Rhin Supérieur (Strasbourg I, II, III, Université de Haute-Alsace, Basel, Freiburg et Karlsruhe).

Ses objectifs principaux sont la promotion de la coopération dans tous les domaines de l'enseignement supérieur, de la recherche et de l'administration; la mobilité et l'échange d'enseignants et d'étudiants et le lancement de programmes transfrontaliers communs de recherche et de formation.

Elle a déjà à son actif de nombreuses réalisations bi- et tri-nationales:

- Coursus de formation et projets communs de recherche
- Groupes de travail et de recherche permanents
- Un portail Internet permettant à terme de regrouper l'offre commune d'enseignement et de recherche ainsi que les informations utiles à leur élargissement et à leur développement.
- Coopérations culturelles et sportives

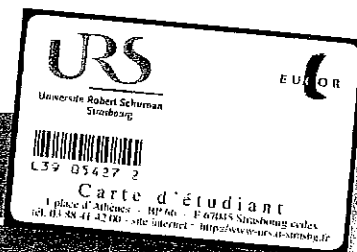
Im Jahre 1989 haben sich sieben Universitäten des Oberrheins zur Europäischen Konföderation der Universitäten am Oberrhein EUCOR zusammengeschlossen (Straßburg I, II, III, Université de Haute Alsace, Basel, Freiburg und Karlsruhe).

Die Hauptziele von EUCOR sind die Förderung der Zusammenarbeit in allen Bereichen von Forschung, Lehre und Verwaltung, die Mobilität und der Austausch von Lehrenden und Studierenden und die Durchführung gemeinsamer grenzüberschreitender Forschungs- und Studienprogramme.

Zahlreiche bi- und trinationale Projekte konnten bereits umgesetzt werden:

- Gemeinsame Studiengänge und Forschungsprojekte
- Ständige Arbeits- und Forschungsgruppen
- Internet-Portal für das gemeinsame Studien- und Forschungsangebot mit Informationen über dessen Ausweitung und Weiterentwicklung
- Kultur- und Sportveranstaltungen

CARTE D'ÉTUDIANT EUCOR / EUCOR-STUDIERENDENAUSWEIS



Les détenteurs de la carte d'étudiant EUCOR bénéficient dans les sept universités membres de l'accès aux enseignements et des droits et avantages que chacune garantit à ses propres étudiants.

Inhaber eines EUCOR-Studierendenausweises haben Zugang zum Studienangebot und zu den Vergünstigungen aller Mitgliedsuniversitäten.

Presentation of EUCOR, published by the Région Alsace on the occasion of the 11th Tripartite Congress

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The main objective of EUCOR is the promotion of cross-border cooperation in all fields of activity: from research, education and administration, to mobility, student, teacher and researcher exchanges as well as joint courses of study and common scientific projects.

Numerous binational and trinational projects have been realised:

- setting-up of joint courses of study and common scientific projects
- permanent task and research groups
- web site with information about the offer of courses and research as well as important information concerning its enlargement and its development
- common sport and cultural events

EUCOR - Student identity card

The owner of a EUCOR student identity card benefit from a daily cross-border mobility offer within all the universities of the Confederation.

Seven universities, three countries, one student ID card

EUCOR - European Confederation of Upper Rhine Universities

Students

- Enrich their curricula by attending courses offered at the seven participating universities in three different countries
- Develop their language skills
- Gain multicultural competencies for cross-border careers in European or International structures

Through EUCOR, students can benefit from a daily cross-border mobility offer within all the universities of the Confederation.

Teachers

- Benefit from the knowledge, competencies and means of seven universities
- Enlarge their own training offer as well as those of their German and Swiss counterparts
- Enable their students to gain from an international dimension in their curricula

EUCOR promotes the setting-up of cross-border cooperation on the basis of the convention between the EUCOR universities and specific agreements reached by teachers and institutes.

Researchers

- Take part in networks of competencies that are recognised at European and International level or set up new ones with EUCOR members
- Benefit from high-quality infrastructures
- Take advantage of the mobility offer of the EUCOR universities

Through EUCOR, young researchers can benefit from an international research education, particularly within joint PhDs in a large range of disciplines.