



23RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NICE NETWORK

PROGRAMME AND AGENDA

16-18 JUNE 2013, LEÓN - SPAIN

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PROGRAMME AND AGENDA

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SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2013

9:30	Departure from Hotel San Marcos to Astorga
10:50 – 13:00	Guided Walking Tour of the bi-millenary city of Astorga
13:30	Lunch in Castrillo de los Polvazares
18:00	Return to León

MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013

VENUE: BIBLIOTECA GENERAL "SAN ISIDORO" CAMPUS DE

VEGAZANA, S/N 24071 LEÓN

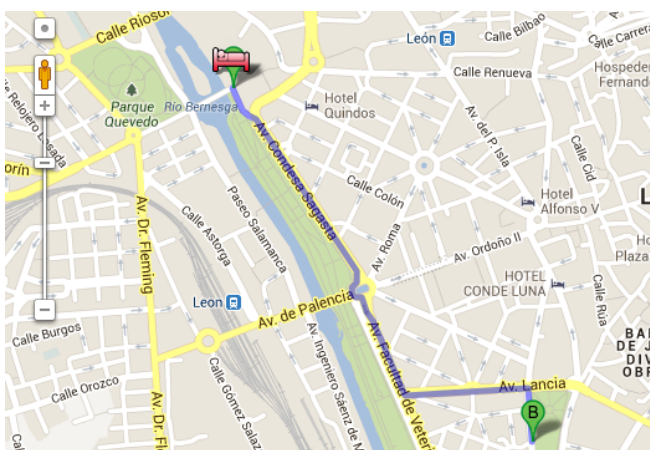
08:30	Taxis to Universidad de León (Campus)
09:00	Registration
09:15 – 09:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary 1 .1 “Opening Session” - Welcome

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the Conference Agenda - Presentation of Universidad de León
09:45 – 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary 1 .2: <p>“Opening Session”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Short introduction of old members - Introduction of new members
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee and Tea Break
11:00 – 11:57	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop session 1 <p>Workshop 1.1: International Weeks (staff, teaching, project, ...)</p> <p>Workshop 1.2: Strategy: Bottlenecks of Internationalization</p>
12:02 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop session 2 <p>Workshop 2.1: Co-operation HEI-Enterprises: placements</p> <p>Workshop 2.2: Co-operation HEI-Enterprises: other types of co- operation</p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary 2 <p>“ERASMUS for all” and the Nice Network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Challenges and Opportunities

	- Nice Network – quo vadis ?
15:00 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus Groups <p>“The future of the Nice Network”</p>
16:30– 17:00	Coffee and Tea break
17:00 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary 3 <p>Workshop reports 1.1. to 2.2</p>
18:10	Return to San Marcos Hotel
21:00	Dinner

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013

VENUE: CENTRO DE IDIOMAS DE LA ULE, JARDÍN DE SAN FRANCISCO S/N 24004 LEÓN



8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk from hotel to the venue
09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop session 3 <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Workshop 3.1: European Qualification Framework</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Workshop 3.2: Cultural Integration</p>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenary 4 <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Workshop reports 3.1 and 3.2</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Results of the Focus groups</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Venues and dates for Network Conferences in 2014 and 2015</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Presentation of the next Conference Venue</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Composition of the Steering Committee</p>
13:00	Lunch
16:00 – 18:00	Guided Walking Tour to León city center

WORKSHOPS AND PLENARIES OVERVIEW

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1.1 INTERNATIONAL WEEKS (STAFF, TEACHING, PROJECT, ...)

Content: The concept of International Project Weeks (IPW) has been promoted in the Nice Network as a tool of Internationalisation at Home as well as a way to organise Teaching Staff exchange (STA) in a more efficient way. Since 2007, also the exchange of non-academic staff is an integral part of ERASMUS (STT). Some institutions within the Nice Network organize International Staff Weeks (ISW) in order to create synergies between staff of different partner institutions. In this workshop, the role of International Weeks for Internationalization at Home and Human Resources Development should be discussed. A focus will be on the motivation and preparation of staff members taking part in these activities.

Facilitator: *Ines Hammermüller-Sweeny*

Input: *Thomas Hoffmann (IPW), Andrea Meyenburg (IST)*

1.2 STRATEGY: BOTTLENECKS OF INTERNATIONALISATION

Content: Internationalization of the higher education institutions varies and may be at different levels. As the Nice Network members we can learn from each other's experiences. There are internal and external factors that may hinder internationalization at higher education institutions. In this workshop we aim to discuss these bottlenecks, namely policy and vision of the university and country, budget constraints, staff, culture and understanding of the internationalization at the institution and probable ways of coping with them.

Facilitator: *Isinsu Atalay, Dokuz Eylül University (TR)*

2.1 CO-OPERATION HEI-ENTERPRISES: PLACEMENTS

Content: Cooperation for placements within Erasmus and other institutional frameworks - cooperation with local economy and chamber of commerce and industry, HEI-business relations ("Jobbörse"), language preparation (Business Spanish, Communication and Presentation Skills)- structured cooperation (example incoming success stories at HS E/L)- problems/obstacles/ stepping stones- for discussion: exchanging best practices among the participants, forms of HEI-business cooperation for placements at NICE partner institutions.

Facilitator: *Janine Wehrstedt.*

2.2 CO-OPERATION HEI-ENTERPRISES: OTHER TYPES OF CO-OPERATION

Content: Opportunities, challenges of such cooperation and potential value addition to both parties will be discussed in detail. In this workshop the focus will be all types of cooperation including SME cooperation, projects, funding programmes.

Facilitator: *Serdar Ozkan and Pirkko Varis*

3.1 EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK

Content: We will try to answer the following questions about the European Qualification Framework at the workshop. How does it work on the national level? Is it obligatory in our Nice Network members' countries? Conditions of introducing, problems.

Facilitator: *Danuta Marciniak-Neider and Eva Oziewicz*

3.2 CULTURAL INTEGRATION

Content: Cultural and administrative integration of incoming students using HTW Dresden as an example. Exchange of ideas.

Facilitator: *Kate Urban-Greatorex*

PLENARIES

PLENARY 1.1: OPENING SESSION

Welcome speech

Presentation of Conference agenda

Presentation of Universidad de León

Chair: *Rafael de Paz*

PLENARY 1.2: OPENING SESSION

Short introduction of old members (only name and institution)

Introduction of new members

Chair: *Rafael de Paz*

PLENARY 2: “ERASMUS FOR ALL” AND THE NICE NETWORK

- New Challenges and Opportunities

- Nice Network – quo vadis ?

By June 2013, all European HEIs should be aware of the new ERASMUS programme generation. As the Nice Network and most of its activities are in close relation to this EU programme, a short overview of opportunities and challenges within the new programme generation will be given and ideas for the further development of the Nice Network still be presented. This plenary

will be followed by “focus groups” which will give enough time for discussion of these topics.

Chair: *Banu Durukan or Thomas Hoffmann*

Input: *Rafael de Paz, Margarete Seidenspinner*

FOCUS GROUPS

The Nice Network now exists more than 20 years and nobody knows the secret of its success. In which direction should the Nice Network develop in the coming years? There are many aspects members have mentioned informally during meals and excursions; the steering committee has discussed these questions regularly. The 2012 conference survey shows that there is a huge interest among the Network members to contribute actively to the further development of the network. That is why the conference participants will split up into six groups and will discuss the future of the Network by following a list of guideline questions. The input of Plenary 2 should be taken in consideration. Each group will be chaired by one steering committee member. The results of the Focus Groups will be presented by the steering committee on Tuesday morning.

Guideline Questions: *Eddie Scully*

Group facilitators: *All steering committee members*

