Towards an Arab-Euro Programme of International cooperation

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Two (and a half) hats!
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University of Granada perspective: prior experience

- Seat of the Euro-Arab Foundation (MECD, JA, UGR)
- Active participation in EU programmes such as Tempus, Erasmus Mundus
- Networks such as Unimed, EPUF, EMUNI
- MoUs (active!)
- Mobility at all levels, all sectors (Erasmus Mundus, UGR Mobility Programme)
- Scholarships for outstanding students from Morocco
- Strong Arabic language and translation departments
University of Granada perspective: prior experience

- Arabic language and culture Chairs
- Joint/dual degree programmes
- Joint research projects
- Cooperation projects: capacity building and institutional strengthening
- Language centres at partner universities (Morocco)
- Campus of International Excellence: cross border action with Morocco: technology parks, knowledge transfer, links with business, bespoke training for technicians
University of Granada perspective: instruments, agents, partners

Instruments

**Fundación Euro-árabe de Altos Estudios**

EU and national programmes

Own programmes

Mobility (all sectors, both directions)

Projects (research, capacity building...)

Joint training and degree programmes (including cotutelle and sandwich doctoral agreements)

Centres in partner institutions and countries
University of Granada perspective: instruments, agents, partners

Agents and partners

Institution centrally (senior management)
Staff (teaching staff, researchers, technical and admin staff)
Students
Business partners (Technology Park)
Partner universities
Administrations and diplomatic representations
Networks
Coimbra Group perspective: added value

39 European comprehensive research-intensive longstanding universities in non-capital cities, founded in 1985

- mutual exchange of experience
- development of best practice
- influencing European policy
Coimbra Group perspective: prior experience

Coordination and participation in several EU projects:
   Tempus and Erasmus Mundus: mobility, governance, internationalization

Previously, Task Force for Mediterranean
Currently, Task Force for European Neighbourhood
The way forward

Optimize experience from existing cooperation
Sharing of experience, not exporting a model (one size does not fit all)

Flexible framework/programme(s) allowing diverse initiatives

Diverse instruments: mobility, projects, joint programmes, joint centres

Bi-directional, multilateral

Intercultural, multilingual, inter-sectoral, interdisciplinary

Funding (diverse sources)
Potential issues to be addressed

Lack of mutual knowledge and trust: need to get to know each other

Birectionality and multilaterality

Language (and culture)

Common language for cooperation (mutual knowledge, systems…)

Support for researcher and student mobility at governmental level (recognition, visa policy)

Support for researcher and student mobility at university level (accommodation, guidance, welcome)
Potential issues to be addressed

Recognition (degrees, studies)
Transparent and timely information
**Professionalization** (International Offices, Project Offices…)
Ownership: Europe and Arab world; institutions and individuals
Funding for individuals and for institutions
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