Movidis and virtual mobility: launch of the second cohort

The MoVIDIS project is welcoming its new students who are part of the second virtual mobility cohort of the project. They are from the universities of Seville (US), Madrid (UCM), Béziers (PMM) and Grenoble and NICE (UCA) who are participating in this second international experience. They will have the opportunity to virtually participate in economics and language courses chosen from the partner universities’ offer. Marketing, financial analysis of markets or global economics are part of this offer, as well as Spanish, French or Italian.

They will be closely followed by their tutors who will help them to overcome the possible difficulties they will encounter during the semester. In this way, the students will be accompanied in their virtual international journey.

We wish them the best of luck in this new challenge!

To learn more about the MoVIDIS project, we invite you to visit the project website: www.movidis.eu

Publication of two Open Science reports in the context of OPTIMA project

The main goal of the project OPTIMA (Open Practices, Transparency and Integrity for Modern Academia) is improving the quality of higher education in Ukraine by increasing the level of academic integrity, modernization and internationalization of Ukrainian HEI.

The project has three specific objectives:

1. Introducing a new quality assurance and transparency mechanism.
2. Promoting the cooperation between EU and Ukraine, as well as the internationalization of Ukrainian HEIs.
3. Raising awareness on academic integrity and Open Science.

For the consortium implementing Open Science practices in Ukraine, it is an essential step to improve the quality of national higher education. In this context, our partnership led by Technische Universität Graz has developed and published two interesting reports (below) that can be reviewed on the Optima website.

- Conditions for a quality assurance mechanism.

- Conditions for the implementation of an Open Science strategy.

These reports summarize the findings and knowhow of EU experts from our consortium, including Université Côte d’Azur, which conducted an online training workshop in June 2021. OPTIMA is a 5-year project (2021-2024) funded by the Erasmus+ programme, through the scheme of Capacity Building for HE institutions.

Actions of the European Commission to support the dissemination and exploitation of funded projects

- Publication of a Policy Review (2020): "Valuation channels and tools — Boosting the transformation of knowledge into new sustainable solutions." In 2018, the Council of the European Union called on the European Commission to develop a strategy to accelerate the potential use of research and innovation (R&I) results and data. This 2020 study is the first step in such a knowledge enhancement strategy. By identifying and analyzing the main channels for valuing knowledge, it provides a toolbox to promote the use of R&I results and data. It includes joint university-industry research and mobility, the creation of researcher-driven spinoffs and start-ups, interdisciplinary and knowledge support for transfer professionals, engagement of citizens and local communities, intellectual property management and standardization and knowledge dissemination and policy adoption. In order to improve the dissemination of excellent national, regional and organizational initiatives, it also includes references to European and international best practices.

- Launch of the Horizon Results Booster (2017), a new set of specialized services aimed at maximizing the impact of public investments in R&I and further amplifying the added value of framework programs (FP7). It helps bring a continuous flow of innovation to the market and beyond and accelerates the journey towards creating impact. Benefit from tailored "la carte" services designed to strengthen your capacity to disseminate your research results, benefit from support, increase the potential for exploring the results of your project and improve your access to markets. Services are provided to PP, H2020, HE projects free of charge and fully supported by the European Commission.

- Launch of a Survey for mapping Knowledge Valorisation activities (2021). The Horizon Results Booster consortium is currently working on a study aimed at informing the future development of European knowledge transfer policy through a mapping of initiatives, policies and programs in EU Member States and associated countries. The study, which runs from May 2021 to October 2021, covers 1/ Industry / University relations, in particular support programs at national and regional levels which enable researchers, universities and research organizations to connect to business, especially SMEs, 2/ Research engagement, especially regarding cities, local communities, public institutions (hospitals, schools, science parks / museums and cultural centers) and end-users in knowledge assimilation activities. 

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