

Title of Partnership

MSc EF - Global Partnership Global Partnership for Master of Science in European Forestry

Masters Course running the Partnership

Master of Science in European Forestry

Duration : 3 years

Summary description

Objective, duration and partners

The objective of the forestry partnership programme is to 1) facilitate the real global dimension of master program and to provide students with wide perspective in international forestry and related questions 2) strengthen the global network of forestry universities in education and research 3) develop practices of recognition of studies and degrees awarded to smoothen the way to studies in Europe 4) participate in developing master programmes and courses in third country partner universities towards comparable study structure 5) to familiarize the students and university staff of third countries with the European master programme, universities and teachers 6) to create human networks in forestry. The third country partner universities represent different levels of co-operation with the MSc EF consortium. All regions represented are important and relevant within areas of international forestry sector activities. The consortium has seen these partners to have the most potential when considering the future co-operation, they represent expertise in such areas as tropical forestry, plantation forestry, forest ethics and tourism that can complement the MSc EF programme. But are also areas which can be increasingly attracted by offering European expertise in forestry education in the fields such as multiple goal forest planning, inventory, wood bioenergy and environmental protection. The third country partner universities are also in a process to restructure or develop the post graduate studies, and are dynamic leading universities in their region to develop forestry education.

The duration of the partnership is three years, which will ensure the sound establishment of a partnership and reliable relationships to send students to Europe and out of Europe.

The third country partners are the University of KwaZulu Natal in South Africa, The Federal University of Paraná in Brazil and the North West A& University in PR China (the Asia Window).

Activities and role of the third country partners

The third country partners are providing suitable post graduate (master in science level) courses and research based assignment tasks complementing the MSc EF education (e.g. tropical forestry, plantation forestry, business culture etc. aspects) for European students they will host. They also provide student services and certificate of studies carried out at their university. Furthermore the third country universities will together with the European partners develop forestry curricula, practices to recognise the studies, test new teaching methods and start cooperation in forestry research that can also facilitate teaching of master thesis level students.

Mobility scheme

The partnership programme provides the MSc EF students in European partner universities an opportunity to participate study courses or carry out part of their research or applied period assignment in one of the third country partner university. All together 48 students will participate in education outside EU for 2 to 3 months period. These studies are fully recognized as part of their MSc study programme. Three teachers will participate each year (all together 9 staff members) in the mobility scheme by teaching, joint educational development (curricula development, new teaching methods including the use of ICT) and research activities in third country partner universities.

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European Partners

- 1) Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SE)
- 2) University of Lleida (ES)
- 3) Wageningen University (NL)
- 4) BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (AT)
- 5) Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg (DE)

Third-Country Partner Institutions

- 1) Universidade Federal do Paraná (Brazil)
- 2) University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)
- 3) Northwest A&F University (Northwest Sci-Tech University of Agriculture and Forestry) (China)

Grant

237.400 € (45.000 € partnership + 192.400 € scholarships)