

Title of the project**AMEU – Enhancing the attractiveness of Masters programmes at European Universities in Agriculture, the Applied Life Sciences and the Rural Environment****Duration:** 3 years**Summary description**

The project **aims** to enhance the visibility and attractiveness for students from outside Europe of Masters degree programmes at European higher education institutions in agriculture, applied life sciences and the rural environment so as to improve the flow of international students into European higher education institutions.

Main Objectives:

- to enhance the visibility of Master degree programmes delivered by higher education institutions in Europe for prospective international students and so assist international students to identify the most suitable course to meet their aspirations,
- to promote the diversity of opportunity for international students to follow Master degree programmes in our disciplines at European higher education institutions,
- to assist European higher education institutions improve the successful integration of international students within the academic and social environment of their institution,
- to develop and test a common methodological framework and quality criteria for the comparative international quality assurance of Master degree programmes in our disciplines within higher European education

Target groups:

1) potential international students; 2) the management, academic staff and administrative staff of European higher education institutions

Partners:

The project will be led by ICA, the Interuniversity Consortium for Agricultural and Related Sciences in Europe. The project partners includes European higher education institutions, European networks, NASULGC – a USA network of higher education institutions, and the IAAS, the International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences.

Main activities:

Five workpackages will be established. We will specify and develop an ICA online searchable portal of Master degree programmes, we will identify good practice in the academic and pastoral care of third country Master students through a survey and workshop, we will develop and test a framework and criteria for the comparative quality assurance of Master degree programmes, we will disseminate good practice through the publication of handbooks, we will disseminate the outcomes and share good practice at three international conferences.

Expected main outputs:

ICA online searchable portal (database) of Master degree programmes, handbook of good practice for the care of international students, a published methodology for the comparative quality assurance of Master degree programmes in agriculture the applied life sciences and the rural environment, a final project report to be widely circulated.

Beneficiary

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