

Title of the project**ACTIVE ASIA: Asia – Europe Credit Transfer in Virtual and Distance Education****Duration:** 2 years**Project description**

Virtual Mobility can be used as an instrument to promote the European Higher Education in third countries. Project Net ACTIVE (2005-2007) has developed a virtual exchange model for postgraduate students between Latin American and European institutions, based on ECTS and related tools. This schema allows foreign students to make short virtual stays in European distance and blended postgraduate courses, thus making more accessible the European educational offer. Several countries in Central Asia have acquired experience in the use ECTS through the participation in TEMPUS projects, which constitutes a great advantage, in order to its diffusion in other Asian regions.

Project "ACTIVE Asia" aims to use the active tools to extend the promotion of the European Higher Education Space in this region in Central Asia and China using virtual and distance teaching methodology. Its specific aims are:

1. to share with the participant institutions the advantages, tools and procedures of virtual exchange
2. to establish a sustainable Centre of Virtual Mobility Support in the region

After appropriate research in the area, the ACTIVE outputs and methodology will be adapted in order to develop a valid virtual schema with institutions of Central Asia and China. The joint development of distance language and culture courses to help students to prepare physical mobility will be also considered.

Project ACTIVE Asia aims to facilitate the participation of Asiatic institutions and students in high quality European postgraduate courses.

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