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Erasmus+ Possibilities for Finnish-Russian cooperation



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Finnish Institutions of Higher Education**

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Experiences from previous application rounds

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Show the way.
Never follow.



Lappeenranta University of Technology (LUT)

- an international university which brings together technology and business
- 200 university partners and over 67 nationalities among students and staff
- LUT emphasizes cooperation with Russia in its strategy.
- M.Sc. double degree cooperation with over 20 Russian partner universities - complementary areas of expertise
- *FIRST Finnish-Russian Student and Teacher Exchange Programme* – an essential instrument for financing mobility to and from northwest Russia
- Development of doctoral education collaboration with Russian partners.

International Credit Mobility, Erasmus+ Global Mobility

- replaces former Erasmus Mundus, Action 2 programme
- opens up new opportunities to develop cooperation with non-EU countries
- first call 2015: LUT focused on doctoral students and staff
- gives a new instrument for development of Finnish-Russian cooperation (wide geographical coverage)
- generous grants for both incoming and outgoing students/staff
- excellent instrument for deepening cooperation e.g. co-authored articles, research projects
- practical challenges with the first call; structure of the exchange, taxation issues
- follows regular Erasmus+ procedures to a great extent
- joint supervision of doctoral dissertations - joint supervision with Southern Federal, South Ural State University, Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University and ITMO

KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices

Capacity Building in Higher Education

Open Innovation Platform for University–Enterprise Collaboration: new product, business and human capital development -- OIPEC

Coordinator: Politecnico di Milano, 6 partners (including LUT and 2 Russian universities)

- To add modern form of partnership between universities and enterprises

Joint Programs and Framework for Doctoral Education in Software Engineering -- Pws@PhD

LUT as coordinator, 10 partners from Germany, UK, Denmark, Jordan, Russia

- Next step from master level cooperation – intensified cooperation at PhD level
- Pws@PhD project develops a network, a program and a framework for education in Software engineering

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Lessons learned

Pros:

- Each partner brings its' best input to the project
- Excellent tool for strengthening networks
- Opportunity to get to know your partners and their research infrastructure better
- Easier to start research cooperation
- Advancement of PhD education
- Giving common grounds for further funding applications

Cons:

- Administrative workload is considerable compared to the amount of funding
- Resource allocation both in application and in execution stage
- Study carefully which costs can be covered
- Be prepared to invest extra funding to achieve targets



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