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SUMMARY REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Name of the project
West Finland China higher education network

Coordinating Institution
Tampere University of Applied Sciences

Objectives of the project (as indicated in the project proposal)

The aim of this project was to increase cooperation between Finnish and Chinese higher education institutions and to further develop linkage between Higher Education Institutions and Industry. The main objectives of this project were:

- joint virtual orientation course for the students
- joint model for HEI-industry cooperation
- 2 annual seminars
- plans for joint study modules
- teacher and student exchanges

Achieved results and outcomes

The network implemented successfully planned teacher and student exchanges. The creation of joint virtual orientation course is on a process, the partners are mapping out the key qualifications this kind of course should provide and the creation of the actual course will be done after the project period.

A baseline research was made of current situation about the different models of cooperation between HEI’s and industry cooperation. Drafts of joint models of cooperation were planned and discussions about the future cooperation of were held.

Plans of joint study modules were made during the project period, the creation of the study modules will take more time and planning, but discussions about this kid of cooperation will continue between the network partners.

Activities carried out during the project

During the project period the network carried out 11 student and 15 teacher exchanges. A seminar was held about how the higher education can support business innovations in China and in Finland.
During the project period the network partners were able to deepen their cooperation in order to be able to create joint studies and virtual orientation course in the future. The cooperation within this project enabled the partner institutions to better understand their cultural differences when it comes to the HEI-industry cooperation.

Future developments

The network partners will continue their fruitful cooperation in the future and some of the aims of this project will be achieved in the near future as the plans and guidelines of the studies and cooperation models are now mapped out and the details can now be jointly agreed.

Other remarks