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This is a bilateral education collaboration project between the College of Pharmacy in Kaohsiung Medical University, Taiwan, and the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Helsinki. The aim of this project is to deepen the cooperation of the two partner institutions with a long-term goal of establishing dual degree structure in both master and doctoral education. Within this project, we will take action to readily implement this in doctoral level education. In master level education, this project represents a preparative phase to align the curricula, set up a cross-studying agreement and build a joint online study module to complement our existing course portfolios. The mobility actions included in the project include a nine-month stay of a doctoral student and a five-month stay of a master student from University of Helsinki to Kaohsiung Medical University. Respectively a doctoral student from Taiwan will spend nine months in Finland and a master student from the Taiwanese partner institute will have a one-term (5 months) exchange period in Helsinki. Short-term visits by the teaching staff are carried out to both directions to facilitate the common teaching activities. By the end of the funding period, we expect to have reached bilateral practical experience which will enable joint online teaching anddeeper understanding of the each other's teaching methods and curricula. Student exchange is one of the mechanisms which will be used in to reach this goal. To this end, we will also construct a long-term funding plan to support the extension of mobility activities. In doctoral education, the concrete outcome of this project will be a dual degree agreement between the partner institutes, which will have significant long-term implications. Making the dual degrees available will extend the impact of this project far beyond the students receiving scholarships via this project and demonstrates the commitment of both partners in the described project. In the master level education, the concrete outcome of the project will be a cross-study agreement to enable the access to selected online courses for a defined number of undergraduate students from both partner institutes. Another concrete outcome will be a joint online course to be constructed based on shared topic-specific needs analysis and prioritization. Also in this respect, the project contributes to the internationalization of students beyond those participating to the physical mobility actions and allows also the teachers and other faculty members to benchmark their pedagogical and technological solutions and to set up new contacts.



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