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NEWSLETTER #2



WHAT'S NEW:

- **THE INTERNATIONALIZATION ACTIVITY REPORT PUBLISHED AFTER CPUT MEETING**
- **PHD PORTAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **TRAINING SESSION 1 IN BLOEMFONTEIN (CUT)**
- **UPCOMING MID-TERM MEETING IN BERLIN (TUB)**

Welcome Back!

We are glad to issue the second newsletter of the project YEBO!

The YEBO project aims to strengthen the internationalization of doctoral studies in South Africa and in Europe.

Over the past 25 years, the international dimension of higher education has become crucial for governments and higher education institutions. Internationalization is perceived to be a key factor for modern knowledge-based societies; and has steadily increased in importance and scope.

The first phase of the project ended last June with the publication and dissemination of the "State of the Art of the PhD international Activity" report. This report has been based on the results of the questionnaire and discussion during the April meeting.

The next phase is starting with the organisation of the first training session that will take place at the end of October 2018. This training will be evaluated by the participants in order to adjust, if needed, the methodology for the next training sessions. In this framework, YEBO! project will provide us an excellent platform for collaboration and an opportunity to develop innovative tools for internationalization.

Wishing you a pleasant reading,

The Project Management Team

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MAPPING OF THE INTERNATIONALIZATION ACTIVITY MEETING - CAPE TOWN (CPUT)

12 - 13 APRIL 2018



The Third Meeting of the project took place in Cape Peninsula University of Technology. Fourteen partners attended the two days' meeting.

During this meeting were presented the results of the internationalization rate questionnaire. The discussion that followed helped define the challenges faced by the partners' universities: mapping and data collection, funding for research and mobility, attracting international PhD candidates and institutional capacity.

Concerning the equipment purchases it has been decided that by the mid-term meeting the concerned partners should already have a finalized list of equipment that they need.

The consortium agreed to conduct 4 training sessions with the following themes:

- **Training 1:** Intercultural competencies hosted by CUT, 23-26 October 2018;
- **Training 2:** Doctoral School Capacity hosted by TUT and UP on March 2019;
- **Training 3:** International Supervision hosted by Stellenbosch and UCT on June 2019;
- **Training 4:** Research Capacity hosted by UWC and CPUT on October 2019;

The PhD portal of the project was also discussed and a Platform Committee was established.

The Platform Committee has been convened in the following months and it has agreed on the structure of the future YEBO Portal with the following main dimensions: "Communication of Research", "Useful Resources", "Mapping Tools", "Funding Opportunities" and "Profile of partner institutions".

**YEBO REPORT ON THE
STATE OF THE ART
OF THE PHD
INTERNATIONALISATION
ACTIVITY IS
AVAILABLE ONLINE!!**

[HTTP://YEBO.EDU.UMONTPELLIER.FR/FILES/2018/08/YEBO-REPORT-STATE-OF-THE-ART-OF-THE-PHD-INTERNATIONALIZATION-ACTIVITY.PDF](http://yebo.edu.umontpellier.fr/files/2018/08/yebo-report-state-of-the-art-of-the-phd-internationalization-activity.pdf)

PhD Portal Development December 2018

The YEBO Platform with dedicated services for PhD students will be presented at the mid-term meeting in Berlin and it will be available online by the end of 2018.





-COMING UP THIS AUTUMN -

First Training Session on "Intercultural Competencies" - Bloemfontein (CUT)

23-26 October 2018

The training will be hosted by CUT in Bloemfontein and it will address the topic of "Intercultural Competencies", identified as a need by the partners during CPUT meeting in April 2018.

Three trainers are confirmed to be there:

Liesel Frick from Stellenbosch University during the first training day will introduce the participants to the topic and present her experience on this matter.

Fanny Poujol from University of Montpellier will facilitate a workshop on managing multicultural research groups.

Then, Stephanie Giljohann from Technical University of Berlin will facilitate a workshop on intercultural communication.

European universities will send three participants to the training and South African universities will send five participants.

Participants are from diverse backgrounds : academics, supervisors, staff members involved in international affairs, postgraduate education and training, staff development, marketing and communication....

An opening ceremony will take place on the afternoon of the October 23rd, allowing for the participants to do some networking. Then on the October 24th and 25th there will be a full day training with activities and workshops. During the last day will take place an open discussion on the workshops and on how to implement at home the newly acquired competencies.

Mid-Term Consortium Meeting - Berlin (TUB)

29-30 November 2018

The Mid-Term meeting will take place in Berlin hosted by TUB.

During this meeting, the communication strategy for the duration of the project will be presented and agreed by the whole consortium.

The structure of the PhD platform will be presented. In addition, the partners will decide how to proceed on the possibility to purchase a dedicated service to integrate within YEBO Platform for searching funding opportunities for PhD students.

Following the proposals arising during the last meeting, a revised detailed workplan and new budget proposal for the project activities (trainings, conferences, platform organisation and equipment purchase) will be presented to all the partners.

Feedbacks and results from the first training session will be analysed and the partners will decide how to organize the next ones accordingly.

Finally, the last important thing to be done will be the organization of the conferences, as themes and timeline were suggested in previous meetings but not clearly defined.



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