

# **Workshop on co-operation in the Santander Group Network In the field of work placements/internships/stages**

## **New Developments and Possibilities in ERASMUS Placement Mobility for HEI**

Date	<b>March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in Brussels, Belgium</b>
Venue	<b>Santander Group Secretariat - Stassart Street, 119, B-1050 Brussels</b>
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We have pleasure to invite the Santander Group members to participate in a workshop on the co-operation in the in the field of work placements, internships and stages.

Universities nowadays are concerned about quality issues in higher education in order to meet the requirements of modern economy and job markets. The quality of education is reflected in students' competences resulting from a combination of the academic theory and practical skills acquired in the course of the placements or internships in the business world.

The European Union offers a great opportunity for undergraduates and graduates alike to prepare optimally for their entry into the working world. However, a successful operation of the programme falls under responsibilities of individual universities. Given the fact that the professional mobility of students often goes beyond national borders, the Santander Group with its 36 member universities from 17 European countries is in a good position to promote the concepts of professional mobility and multicultural working environment.

The proposed workshop will present general developments within ERASMUS Placement mobility and possibilities for networking. In the course of interactive roundtable discussions, the seminar will also aim to explore possibilities of the Santander Group's new schemes or activities in co-operation with our member institutions in areas such as quality issues, good practices in management and recognition of the placement programmes within the framework of the Erasmus Placement mobility scheme.

## Workshop Programme

<b>09.30 – 16.00</b>	
09.30 – 09.40	<p><b>Welcome</b>  <b>Wioletta Wegorowska</b>, Executive Secretary SG</p>
<b>09.40 – 10.00</b>	<p><b>Introduction to Seminar</b>            General developments within ERASMUS Placement mobility and possibilities for networking  <b>Bruno Woeran</b>, DANUBE; LEO-NET Executive Board</p>
<b>10.00 – 10.25</b>	<p><b>Workshop objectives</b>            Introduction of participants and LEO-NET network for academic mobility  <b>Marjo van der Valk</b>, Regional LEONARDO Bureau, Technical University Eindhoven; LEO-NET Board Member</p>
<b>10.25 – 11.15</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion</b> focused on opportunities for SG members within the ERASMUS Placement mobility scheme  <b>Keywords:</b>            students and graduates; <u>QUALITY</u> issues; project management; contractual agreements; administrative, financial and reporting issues; mentoring and monitoring; enterprise cooperation, university dept/institutes/int'l offices relations; Regional Networks/consortia; dissemination</p>
11.15 – 11.30	Break for coffee/tea
<b>11.30 – 13.15</b>	<p><b>Revolving tables</b> focusing on details within each of the topics and subjects at hand            Issues of interest for SG members to co-operate in ERASMUS Placement mobility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>From application to final report</b></li> <li>• <b>What is needed for each single applicant mobility? Each a mini project!</b></li> <li>• <b>Quality issues and good practice – better management and handling of quality, standards and recognition</b></li> <li>• <b>Parties involved: Networking within and outside the organisation/region</b></li> </ul>
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch
<b>14.30 – 15.40</b>	<b>Outcome</b> of revolving tables and discussion, <b>wrap up</b> and agreement on next steps to be Undertaken
<b>15.40 – 16.00</b>	Closure seminar and Network drink