

Subject: Open (re)call for participation - Mobility project
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This is an **open (re)call for participation** to a project about mobility in Higher Education.

The objective is to **establish a strong partnership** to develop the following proposal.

Proposal

Aim:

- Facilitate mobility – one of the main objectives of European Higher Education Area (as stated in the London Communiqué 2007, and emphasized in the Leuven Communiqué 2009)

Specific Objectives:

- Reduce administrative inefficiencies/problems in handling mobility data and procedures (intra-university)
- Streamline the communication flow among partner institutions (inter-universities)
- Interconnect universities in a international network
- Digitize mobility documents (secure, authentic, transparent, tamper-proof)
- Produce reliable and accessible mobility statistics (EC interest)

Distinctive Traits:

- The value of the project is directly proportional to the number of active participants – the “network effect”.
- Economies of scale could be triggered faster by interconnecting the consortia and established implementers first – connect one, serve many – the “Hub-and-Spoke” approach.
- Adopting “Standards” specifications for an open, accessible and efficient implementation
- Leveraging established Federated Identity Management technologies.

The proposal builds on the pilot prototype developed by 2 University Consortia – CINECA (Italy) and MUCI (Poland) - recently presented at both the RS3G Workshop and the annual EUNIS Conference held in Santiago de Compostela on June 22-26th 2009.

The presentation and paper are available here: http://www.rs3g.org/activities/future-events/20090622_eunis

So far the idea to collaborate on this project raised general consensus in the audience and explicit expression of interest by several major European University Consortia and/or Student Management Systems implementers like: CINECA (Italy), MUCI (Poland), LADOK (Sweden), HIS (Germany), Oodi (Finland), SURF/Studielink (Netherlands), OCU (Spain), SIGMA (Spain), FS (Norway), CSIESR (France), to name a few.

This is an OPEN call, again. Mobility is the “hallmark” of the European Higher Education Area, therefore any organization at stake willing to contribute is welcome to join in – the impact of the project is directly related to the number of active participants. However, due to the very nature of the project, the “preferred” profile is that of a partner with willingness and ability to execute and (some of) the following characteristics:

- installed universities (customer) base (software implementers - CINECA, MUCI...)
- means of promoting and disseminating the project (organizations – EUNIS, EAIE...)
- experience in European Funding Programs (LLP, TEMPUS, CIP...) and proven track record of successful project participation.
- lobbying channels into the European Commission (DG EAC)
- International mobility expertise (IROs)
- involvement in standardization activities (MLO, ELM, SCHAC..)

IF you want to jump on the bandwagon this is the time to do so. It is very simple, please

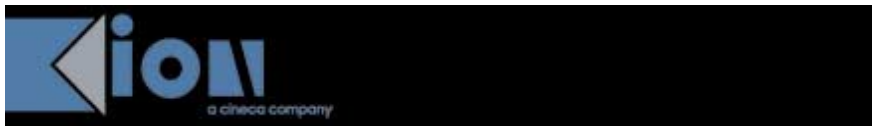
- **reply to this email by **AUGUST 31st 2009**, stating explicitly that you want to participate (no particular wording)**
- **provide the list of universities you manage and indicating whether your solutions have an integrated or 3rd party mobility module (if it applies – this is very important information to accurately assess the potential impact of the project)**

Next steps:

- collect responses and finalize extended partnership (by September)
- schedule a project (re)kick-off meeting (mid October)
- seek out funding opportunities for the project (already started)
- schedule a joint workshop between RS3G and TF-EMC2 (Spring 2010)
- present the update on the project at EUNIS 2010 in Warsaw (June 2010)

Best regards,

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