

EM-ACE Event

Report

The EM-ACE project (www.em-ace.eu), was a European Commission funded project coordinated by Sapienza University of Rome, which aims the increasing of European students' to participate in the Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ programme.

Polytechnic Institute (www.ipc.pt) organized an EM-ACE promotional event on 21st of January of 2015.

The IPC recognizes the importance of internationalization in order to achieve its goals, and aims to increase cooperation with internationally recognized and prestigious institutions both at the teaching and at the R&D level. Encourage bi-lateral teacher mobility between the IPC and its international partners; Encourage student mobility, increasing the number of IPC students who goes to study abroad and in particular, seek to significantly increase the attraction and capacity of the IPC in order to appeal to foreign students; Encourage IPC students to undertake internships in foreign companies; Encourage foreign students to enroll in the IPC.; Create the necessary conditions for the linguistic preparation of Erasmus students and teachers who would study at foreign institutions. Aim to deliver some post-graduate courses in English; Instigate greater IPC participation in internationally funded R&D projects in collaboration with national and foreign businesses and institutions; Instigate the introduction of UNESCO experts in the training of IPC teachers; Implement the Erasmus Mundus.

IPC has several bilateral agreements with almost 100 European universities and polytechnic institutes, entailing students (around 100 each year) and teachers' mobility. The first agreement established under the scope of Socrates/Erasmus was signed in 1989. Participation in thematic networks, development of Curricula Projects and intensive programs and European modules are several of the activities developed by IPC in this ambit. Although in Erasmus Mundos we are still taking the first steps our main goal with this event was to raise the awareness for the different publics (teachers, students and administrative) for the importance of an Erasmus Mundos project, as well as to understand the "quality of the knowledge" that this publics had already regarding this subject.

The project was very well conducted by the Coordinator team at Sapienza but due to several delays from IPC (namely regarding the date of the event itself), it wasn't possible to proceed with the event at 2014 as it was scheduled, so we made it of January 2015.



The surveys were displayed to all the IPC community and the responses were, more or less, satisfactory, although we are aware that still lots of people are reluctant in participate in this sort of enquiries.

For the event we've had open registrations, just to know how many participants we would have – the list of registrations is in attach – (annex 1) .

The session was well participated and all the interventions were useful, interesting and relevant.

In attach:

- Pictures of the event
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- News at the local press
<https://www.facebook.com/PolitecnicodeCoimbra/photos/a.412238258899392.1073741829.411734075616477/674041702719045/?type=3&theater>

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