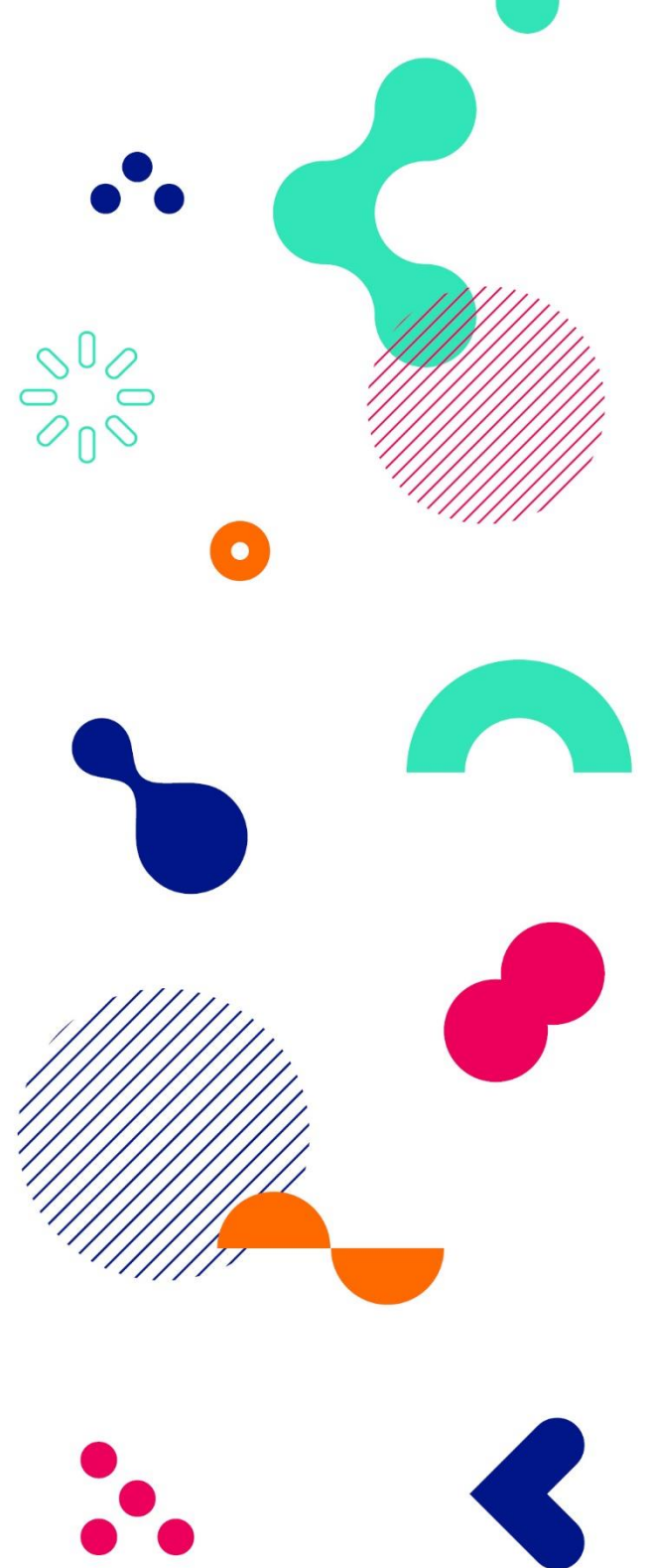




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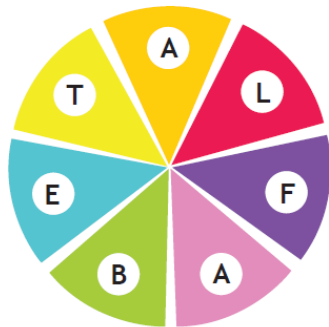
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Background

ERASMUS MUNDUS



ALFABET

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Basic Information



Support of International Platform Merging Labour and Education

Link between Universities and Professional Sector in the Area of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Aims:

- ✓ Encouragement of cooperation of Academic sector (HEIs) with Professional sector
- ✓ Enhanced employability of Asian partner universities' alumni



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Basic Information



Duration: Oct. 15, 2016 till Oct. 14, 2019 = in total 36 months

European partners

- ✓ **Austria: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna**
- ✓ **Belgium: Ghent University**
- ✓ **Czech Republic: Czech University of Life Sciences Prague**

Asian partners

- ✓ **Cambodia: Royal University of Agriculture & University of Battambang**
- ✓ **Indonesia: Bogor Agricultural University & Tadulako University**
- ✓ **Thailand: Prince of Songkla University & Kasetsart University**



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Basic Information



✓ **Agrinatura**

European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development



✓ **FORS**

Czech Forum for Development and Cooperation



✓ **EMA**

Erasmus Mundus Students and Alumni Association



✓ **ESAA**

Erasmus + Student and Alumni Association



✓ **SEARCA**

Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study Research in Agriculture



✓ **YPARD**

Young Professionals for Agricultural Development



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Main Activities



**Alumni
Centres (AC)**

**Platforms for
Cooperation with
Professional
Sector (PC-PS)**

Internships

**Career days
(CD)**

**Trainings &
communication**

Strategy



New Students

- Study hard and get good grades
- Involve themselves in the campus community
- Community service
- Participate to career services activities



Graduating Student

- Participate in recent graduates surveys
- Update graduates email addresses and employment information
- Share experience and insights with younger students



Recent graduate

- Participate in local events
- Attend 5, 10, 15... year reunions
- Begin making small donations
- Keep registration data up-to-date



Mid-career graduate

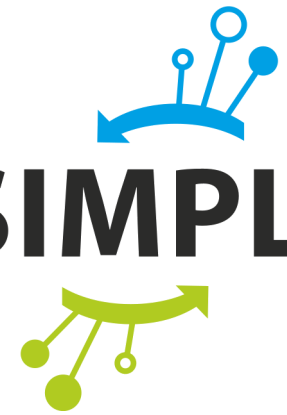
- Larger donations to annual fund- charity programme
- Mentoring younger graduates on professionalism
- Guest-lecturing
- Offering research opportunities



Late-career /Career

- More time to give as volunteers
- Consider leadership
- Career networking- offer internships and mentorship
- Help in recruiting new students

Alumni & Career Centres **SIMPLE**



Cambodia

**Royal
University of
Agriculture**

**University of
Battambang**

Indonesia

**Tadulako
University**

**Bogor
Agricultural
University**

Thailand

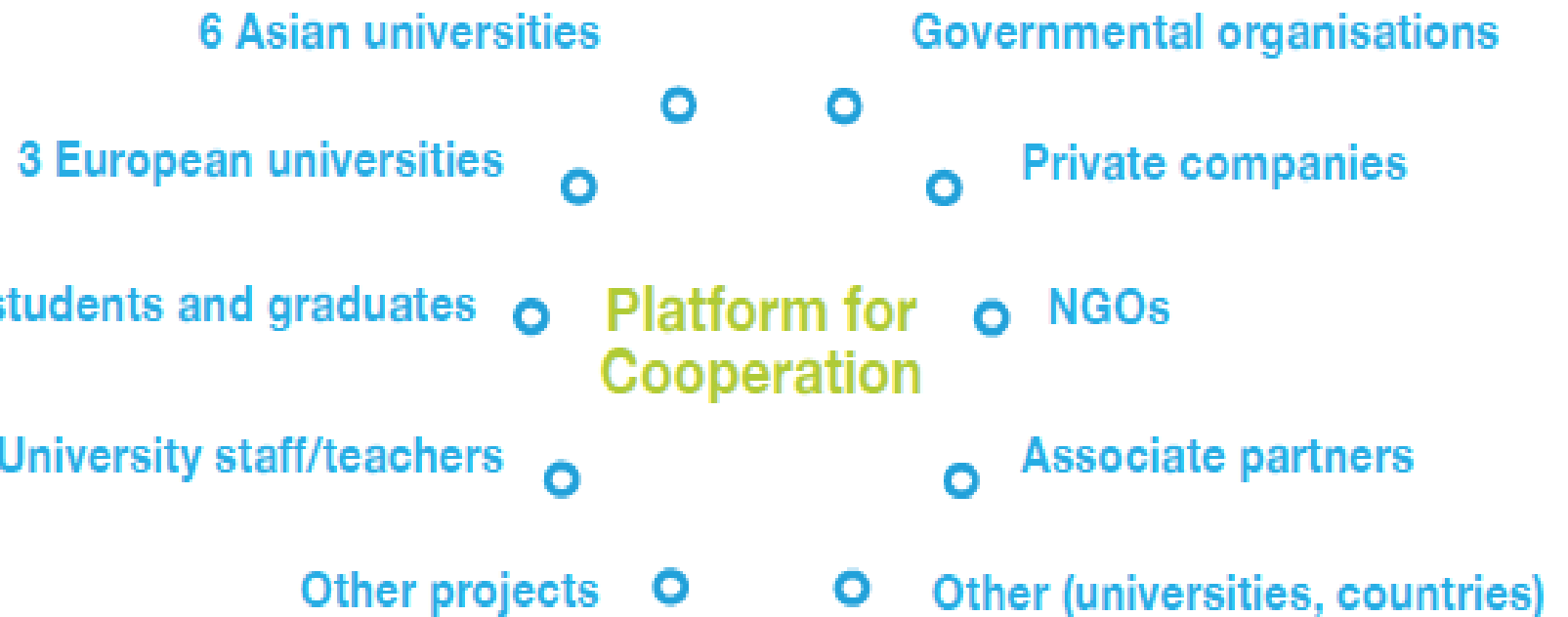
**Kasetsart
University**

**Prince of
Songkla
University**

Platform for Cooperation with Professional Sector



**> 10,000
Stakeholders**



**> 500
Contacts with
Professional
Sector**



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Events



15 Career Days



> 50 Soft skills trainings



> 60 Guest lectures



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Trainings



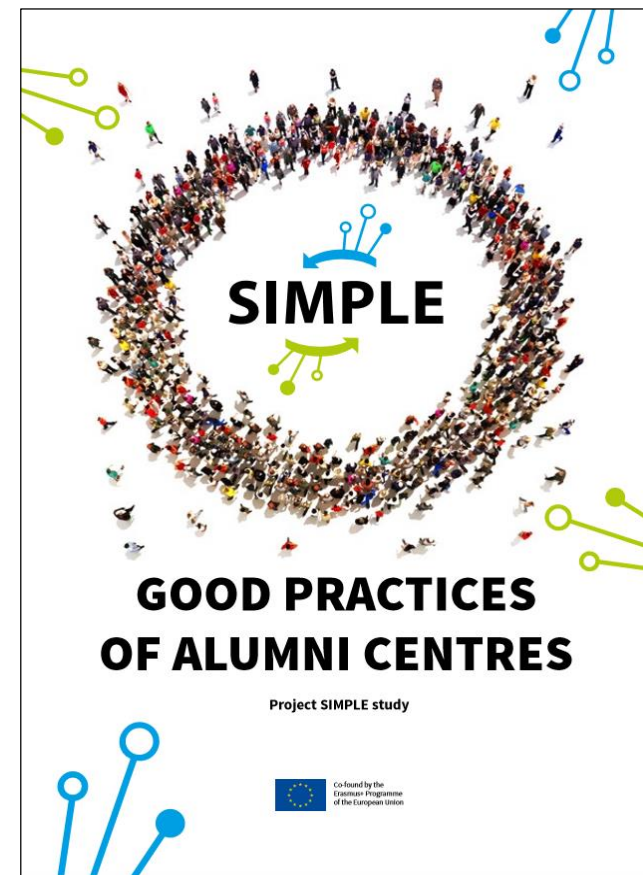
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Publications

- 1) Good Practises of Alumni Centres
- 2) Action Plan for Co-operation between Alumni Centres and the Non-academic Sector
- 3) Guidelines of best practice examples for Alumni Centres
- 4) Internship report
- 5) Feasibility study of Alumni and Career Centres & Platforms for Cooperation with teh Porfessional Sector



Dissemination & Exploitation



Cambodia



Indonesia



Thailand

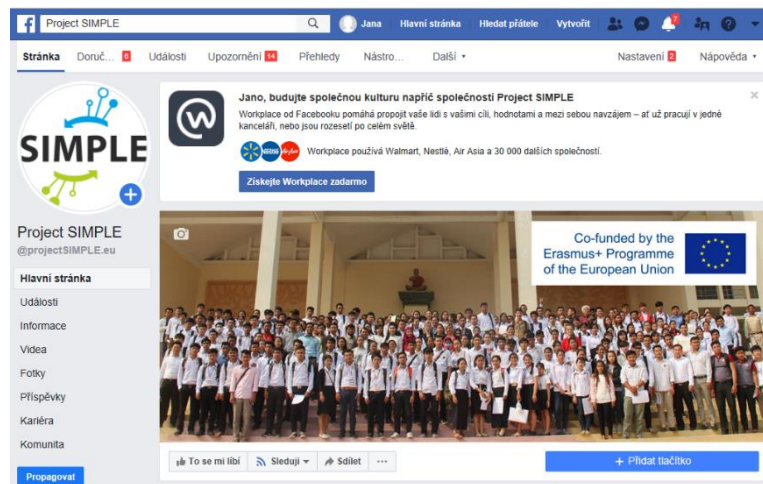


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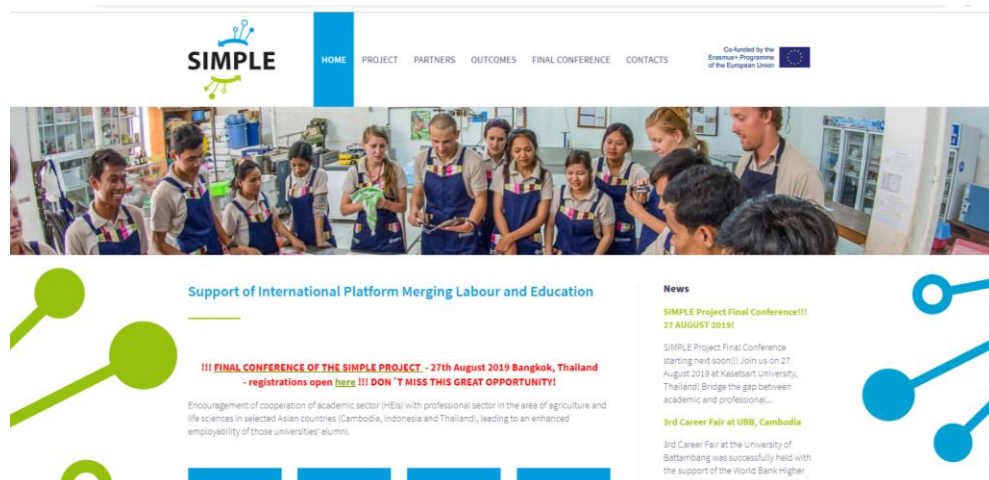
Communication



> 10,000
Answered emails



> 2,000 Messages
on Social Media



> 50 Meetings

Almost 40 Skype
calls



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Internships



Students' experiences with internships (Internship Buddy)

Video done by students during Final project conference

Guidelines for universities how to manage & evaluate internships

What we learnt?



- ✓ **Career development** is an important part of university's mission
- ✓ **Internships** are appreciated by all stakeholders: universities + students + employers
- ✓ **Soft-skills trainings**: cheap and easy to sustain
- ✓ **Alumni Centres** should keep contact with alumni (e.g. guest lectures)

What we learnt?



- ✓ **Building network** with professional sectors (use Alumni contacts)
- ✓ Improved **networking and communications** with private sector that is important benefit to students directly, as well as for university promotion
- ✓ There is a need to manage the **Alumni & Career centres** professionally.

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Preparation – tips & tricks

- ✓ Start prepare it **on time** (3 months in advance, since November)
- ✓ Advantage: to have **pre-identified general topic** from previous discussions from partners (what they expect and need)
- ✓ Firstly **prepare general strategy** (2 pages of main objective and outputs)
- ✓ Share it with **potential partners**
- ✓ Select **good partners** (good strategy is to know at least half of them, maximum half of new ones, only responsible ones!)

Preparation – tips & tricks

- ✓ If they agree, send them **requested documents** for submission (it takes long time to get it back e.g. signatures of Mandates)
- ✓ Organize **skype call** and discuss it with them – plan details of the project, who is responsible for what, select leaders of workpackages, timetable with deadlines
- ✓ Count that as a **leader** you have to prepare majority of the texts
- ✓ **Divide the work** among partners – what they do and cut it in the sessions (if it is too much, they will not do it)
- ✓ **Reserve enough time for writing** the final version (intensively 2 weeks every day, nights...skype call up to 2 o'clock in the morning).

Preparation – tips & tricks

- ✓ Plan time for **English corrections** by native speaker
- ✓ Submit it **one day before** the deadline (problems with connections etc.)
- ✓ **Plan holidays** after submission😊 and cleaning the office
- ✓ Great that the results are known in August...you will forget the stress😊
- ✓ **Advantage:** if the proposal is well prepared, it is easier for management!

Wow – you got it!

Congratulations!



Management – tips & tricks

- ✓ Prepare the **websites and leaflets**
- ✓ Participate the **coordinators meeting** in Brussels
- ✓ Organize the **Kick off meeting** and explain everything in details to all partners (2-3 days, create common spirit)
- ✓ Write **minutes** from each meeting, skype call and share it among all the partners
- ✓ **Promote** what you do/did at web and FB

Management – tips & tricks

- ✓ **Financial management** – nightmare for everyone!
- ✓ **Documents for EACEA versus for home university**
- ✓ **Plan enough time** for each task – count that everyone is busy, many delays in answering
- ✓ **Communicate** with partners also individually regarding their specific needs
- ✓ **Final report – 2 hours video with instructions**

Recommendations

- ✓ „**Be realistic**“ sustainability in all activities for future to think in advance
- ✓ „**Be active**“ promote & invest to communication
- ✓ “**Get feedback**” from participants & external evaluators – listen to them

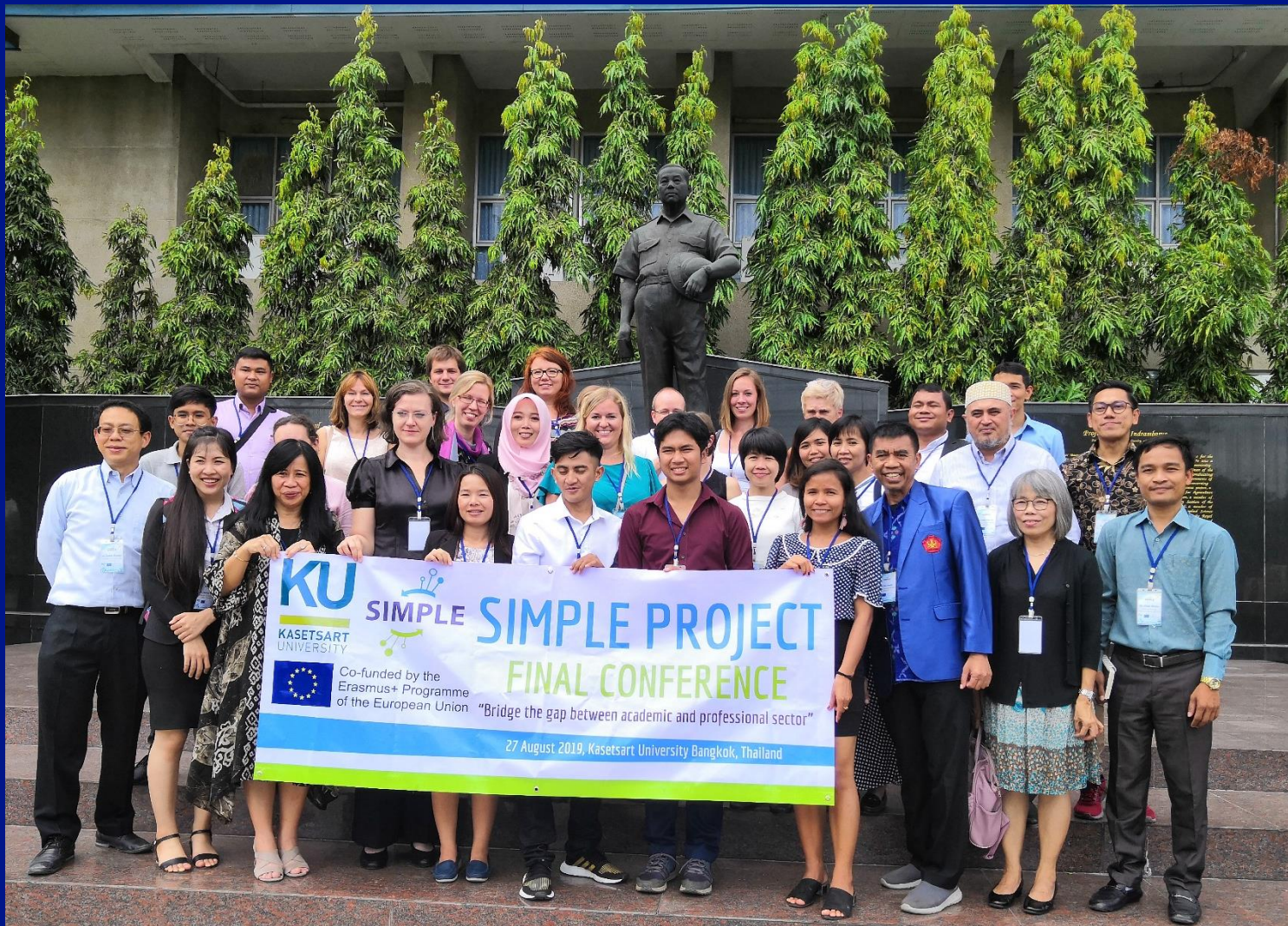
Remember that...

- ✓ Every university face **similar problems** (reach students, promotion, ...)
- ✓ **Learn from experiences** of the other project partners (“Try & Error”)
- ✓ **Personal connection** is very important!

Why to do the project?

1. You must love it!
2. Find head, right & left hand...
3. Be patient 😊

Thank you for your attention



Activity task

1. Create teams 4-5 persons

2. Discuss one of the topic:

A) SUSTAINABILITY

B) DISSEMINATION

3. Share with us your ideas 😊