

ExpandO Management

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**Expanding Opportunities in
European Higher Education
through peer learning**



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"The student body entering and graduating from higher education institutions should reflect the diversity of Europe's populations. We will step up our efforts towards underrepresented groups to develop the social dimension of higher education, reduce inequalities and provide adequate student support services, counselling and guidance, flexible learning paths and alternative access routes, including recognition of prior learning. We encourage the use of peer learning on the social dimension and aim to monitor progress in this area."

Bucharest Communiqué 2012

Expanding Opportunities - ExpandO

In line with the Bucharest Communiqué, the Expanding Opportunities Project promotes the implementation of Lifelong Learning Strategies in the field of widening access through peer learning. As a pilot project of peer learning on the social dimension, the ExpandO project brings Bologna experts from a sample of LLP countries: **Flanders (Belgium), Lithuania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United Kingdom** together with experts in higher education policy management, European project management and widening access.

Through the organisation of national and international events, supporting the writing of national and regional action plans and the exchange of best practices, the ExpandO project aims at developing recommendation and guidelines for the participating LLP countries and the whole European Higher Education Area.

Activities

EXPANDO NATIONAL/REGIONAL EVENTS

In each participating country, national/regional events around expanding opportunities will be organised. These events will bring stakeholders together to exchange ideas and work around national action plans on expanding opportunities.

EXPANDO WORKSHOP

On **21 and 22 November 2012** an international workshop is being held in Ghent. During this workshop a series of topics within the scope of the ExpandO project will be discussed in small groups. The participants will be selected based on their experience in the field of widening access.

EXPANDO CONFERENCE

In **November 2013** a conference will be held to present the results of the ExpandO project and bring together the stakeholders. The national action plans will be presented and the Open Impact Networks will be launched. The conference is open to all registered participants.

Check out the website for more information:

Aims and Objectives

The ExpandO project has the following aims:

- carry out a focused survey on 'widening access'
- develop a series of national/regional action plans
- formulate a series of practical guidelines and recommendations
- boost the dialogue on the subject among stakeholders
- build a community of experts

Stakeholder participation

One of the key elements of the ExpandO project, is participation by the stakeholders. Both on national/regional and international level, the stakeholders are invited to participate to meetings, events and discussions in order to exchange knowledge and work together towards expanding opportunities in European higher education.

Interested in participating? Contact the project management!




Open Impact Networks

The network created during the ExpandO project will not cease to exist after the funding period. The ExpandO network will form the base for Open Impact Networks, formed at national, regional or local level and working around expanding opportunities in higher education. In this way, a lasting impact and involvement by all partners is guaranteed.

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