

SANTANDER GROUP

European Universities' Network



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- The Santander Group is a dynamic platform for modern, internationally orientated universities with the aim of **expanding collaboration opportunities in education and research** through the **transfer of knowledge and development of strategic alliances**
- 34 universities from 16 European countries
- International non-profit association under Spanish law established i





What we do

- Privileged contacts to university associations and HEIs worldwide
- Providing international visibility

I. Internationalisation strategy

- Building consortia for EU-funded projects
- Reinforcing research collaboration
- Strengthening social mission of universities

II. Academic collaboration

- Administrative
- Academic
- Research
- Student mobility

IV. Academic mobility

III. Transfer of knowledge

- Identification and promotion of individual and institutional expertise
- Specialised workshops and seminars



Selected Projects and Activities

Regional Collaboration & Mobility

- Berkley Exchange Programme – USA
- Alfa Puentes – Latin America
- ICon – Intercontinental Academic Mobility Programme
- STEP Programme – Placements for students

Transfer of Knowledge

- Summer schools for Doctoral Students
- Specialised workshops and seminars
- United Nations Academic Impact Project

Strategic Alliances

- Collaboration with university associations and HEIs with Latin America (AUGM, FAUBAI, ASCUN, OUI)
- Erasmus Mundus iDEA Project

Strengthening Research Capacities

- Networking for EU funded projects
- Assistance with internationalisation of Science and Technology
- Specialised courses and workshops



EU-LA Higher Education Community

The **EU-LA Higher Education Community** is integrated in the **Alfa Puentes project's website**.

An online tool that facilitates dialogue between experts in Higher Education from EU and LA to ensure the project's sustainability.





The Community is open to both members and non-members of the consortium.

The project's **expertise areas** are the following:

- academic mobility
- internationalisation of Higher Education
- EU-LA collaboration in higher education
- teaching and learning
- recognition of studies
- quality assurance
- qualifications framework
- joint/double/multiple degrees
- credit/grading systems





The registered members of the Community can:

- Register as members of interest groups and interact with other experts
- Apply to register as experts
- Request the uploading of documents in the “Documents Repository” section
- Attend selected Alfa Puentes meetings
- Seek synergies between projects
- Receive News Flashes





Why join?

- Explore Higher Education trends in both regions
- Exchange good practices
- Create partnerships between university associations - Networking
- Increase participant's visibility
- Provide individual contribution to shape the EU-LA HEA
- Guarantee the project's sustainability and its impact

How to join?

<http://alfapuentes.org/community/user/register>





The ICon Programme

Intercontinental Academic Exchange Programme

An international mobility initiative between higher education institutions belonging to the Santander Group - European Universities' Association (SG Network) and institutions from overseas.

The Programme aims to foster exchanges of knowledge and experience between regions by promoting mobility at different levels





The ICon Programme intends to facilitate mobility between the participating regions and institutions at different levels:

- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Doctoral sandwich programmes
- Academics

The programme seeks to:

- enhance better understanding between partners
- identify challenges in intercontinental mobility schemes
- Identify mutually agreed solutions for common challenges





The Santander Group grants access to its member higher education institution and its partners outside Europe.

The students/staff members/researchers will have to seek **external funding** to sustain their stay abroad.

An updated list of funding sources will be available on the ICon portal.

The **ICon portal** was offered to the SG members by the University of Porto that jointly with the SG Secretariat will adapt it for the Network's needs.





In addition to the **ICT state of the art tools** the ICon portal will make available **templates** for partnership and learning agreements that we hope will foster also bilateral collaboration with overseas universities.

The portal will be launched in its pilot phase with 28 Latin American universities, members of the Montevideo Group in **July this year**.





Thank you!

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