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**European Union Erasmus+ CBHE**  
**Harmony Project Review meeting and Conference on**  
**“INTERNATIONALISATION IN**  
**HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**AND BORDERLESS COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN**  
**AND ASIAN UNIVERSITIES”**  
**12-13 April 2023**  
**Programme Schedule**

**Venue: Main Board Room**

**12 April 2023, Wednesday**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme</b>
09.00 – 09.30	<b>Registration for Project Partners and University Representatives.</b>
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Introduction and Overview of HARMONY project</b> <b>Dr. Rafael de Miguel González,</b> HARMONY Project Grant Coordinator Associate Dean for International Relations, Faculty of Education University of Zaragoza, Spain
10.00 – 10.20	<b>Lecture Topic: Digital Storytelling in HARMONY: Lessons Learned and the Way Ahead</b> <b>Ms.Christina Armutlieva,</b> Director of International Cooperation , Varna University of Management, Bulgaria
10.20 – 10.45	<b>Refreshments</b> <b>and</b> <b>Networking</b>
10.45 – 11.05	<b>Lecture Topic: Internationalization of Higher Education:</b> <b>Prof.Aparna Rayaprol</b> Professor and Former Head, Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India
11.05- 11.25	<b>Lecture Topic: UoH HARMONY Project at UoH : An Overview-</b> <b>Prof.Siva Kumar</b> Department of Biochemistry, School of Life Sciences <b>Dr.Shaji Sadasivan</b> , Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, India

11.25 – 11.45	<p><b>Lecture Topic: Progress Report of Erasmus+ CBHE Harmony Project at DIU 2022-23</b></p> <p><b>Dr.Syed Raihan-UI-Islam</b>, Senior Assistant Director of International Affairs, Daffodil International University, Dhaka Bangladesh</p>
11.45-12.05	<p><b>Lecture Topic: Sustainable internationalization policies and practices at Mykolas Romeris University</b></p> <p><b>Dr.Audra Dargytė Burokienė</b>, Director International, Mykolas Romeris University Vilnius Lithuania</p>
12.05.12.25	<p><b>Lecture Topic: International challenges faced by local Universities: Case study of Quang Binh University</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Nguyen Dinh Hung</b>, Head of Science Technology and International Affairs Quangbin University, Vietnam</p>
12.25.12.40	<p><b>Lecture Topic: Overview of the Harmony Project at NMIMS –Building Global Citizens</b></p> <p><b>Dr Meena Saxena</b> Director - International Linkages, NMIMS, Mumbai</p>
12.45	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b> – at School of Hotel &amp; Tourism Management (HOT)</p>
	<p><b>Afternoon Session- Main Board Room,</b></p>
14.30-15.00	<p><b>Panel Discussion 1</b></p> <p><b>Topic: FRIENDS Teahouses implementation: Concept and implementation</b></p> <p><b>Chairman: Dr. Juan Antonio Vallés</b>, <b>Vice Dean for International Relations</b>, Faculty of Sciences University of Zaragoza, Spain</p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms.Christina Armutlieva</b>, <b>Director of International Cooperation at Varna University of Management, Bulgaria</b></p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Prof. Todor Radev, President of Varna University of Management, Bulgaria</li> <li>2.Dr.Olesea Sirbu, Founder &amp; President, EPDRI, Slovenia &amp; Vice-rector for International Relations and European Projects Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova</li> <li>3. Dr Jennifer Hossain, Director IR , University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh</li> <li>4.Dr Jude William R. Genilo, Pro VC, University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh</li> </ol>
15.00-15.30	<p><b>Panel Discussion 2</b></p> <p><b>Topic: International Projects and Linkages: Reflections from Experiences</b></p>

	<p><b>Chairman: Prof. Todor Radev, President of Varna University of Management, Bulgaria</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr. C.Vijayakumar Director IR VIT</b></p> <p><b>Participants:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Dr. Rafael de Miguel González, University of Zaragoza, Spain</li> <li>2.Dr Meena Chintamaneni, Pro Vice Chancellor NMIMS, India</li> <li>3.Prof. Siva Prasad , Dept of Anthropology , University of Hyderabad, India</li> <li>4.Prof.Prabhakar Rao, Director, India Centre for Excellence in Information Ethics (ICEIE),University of Hyderabad, India</li> <li>5.Dr.R.Seenivasan- Dy. Director IR &amp; EU Project Coordinator</li> </ol>
15.30-15.45	<b>Refreshments</b>
16.00-17.15	<b>MOU Signing Ceremony with Partners</b>
	<p>Welcome Address- <b>Dr.C.Vijayakumar, Director IR</b></p> <p>Felicitations: <b>Dr Partha Sharathi Mallick Pro Vice Chancellor</b></p> <p>Felicitations <b>Dr.Rambabu Kodali Vice - Chancellor</b></p> <p>Address by the Guest of Honour: <b>Dr. Rafael de Miguel González,</b> HARMONY Project Grant Coordinator, Asso.Dean International University of Zaragoza, Spain</p> <p>Address by the Guest of Honour: <b>Dr.Olesea Sirbu, ,</b> Founder &amp; President , European Policy Development and Research Institute, Slovenia &amp; Vice-rector for International Relations and European Projects Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova</p> <p><b>In the August presence of:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr.Sankar Viswanathan, Vice President</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Dr.Sekar Viswanathan, Vice President</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mr.G.V.Selvam, Vice President</b></p> <p><b>Presidential Address: Dr.G.Viswanathan, Founder &amp; Chancellor</b></p> <p>MOU signing with the following Project partner institutions from Europe and Asia.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. University of Zaragoza, Spain</li> <li>2. European Policy Development and Research Institute, Slovenia</li> <li>3. Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova</li> <li>4.Varna University of Management, Varna, Bulgaria</li> <li>5.Quang Binh University, Vietnam</li> <li>6.University of Liberal Arts, Bangladesh</li> </ol>

	<p>Vote of Thanks: <b>Dr.R Seenivasan,</b>  <b>Dy. Director IR &amp; Erasmus+ CBHE EU Project Coordinator</b>  <b>Presentation of Memento to the participants&amp; Group photo at Main Portico</b></p>
17.15	<b>End of session &amp; Vellore City Tour Programme</b>
<b>Day 2- 13 April 2023-Thursday</b>	
	<b>Forenoon Session – Smart Class Room 210</b>
09.30-11.30	<p><b>Harmony Project Review meeting- for project partners</b></p> <p><b>Chaired by :</b>  <b>Dr. Rafael de Miguel González,</b>  HARMONY Project Grant Coordinator  Associate Dean for International Relations,  Faculty of Education University of Zaragoza, Spain</p> <p><b>Dr.Olesea Sirbu</b>  Founder &amp; President  EPDRI- European Policy Development and Research Institute (Slovenia)  &amp;  Vice-rector for International Relations and European Projects  Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova</p>
11.30	<b>Refreshments</b>
11.45-12.00	<p><b>Award of Certificates to the participants</b>  <b>Valedictory Ceremony</b></p>
12.00	<b>VIT Campus Tour</b>
12.45	<b>Networking Lunch – at School of Hotel &amp; Tourism Management (HOT)</b>
14.00	<b>Departure of Guests</b>

### **About EU Erasmus+ CBHE Harmony Project**

The HARMONY project aims to support the **modernisation, accessibility, and internationalisation of the higher education** institutions in India, Bangladesh and Vietnam and to contribute to the **cooperation between the European universities and Asian universities**.

The HARMONY project aims to have an impact and **trigger reform processes at institutional level** in Asian Universities. Top managers of Higher Education Institutions will receive support for evidence-based strategy development and better regulation to move towards the modernisation of the framework conditions for Higher Education in their respective countries.

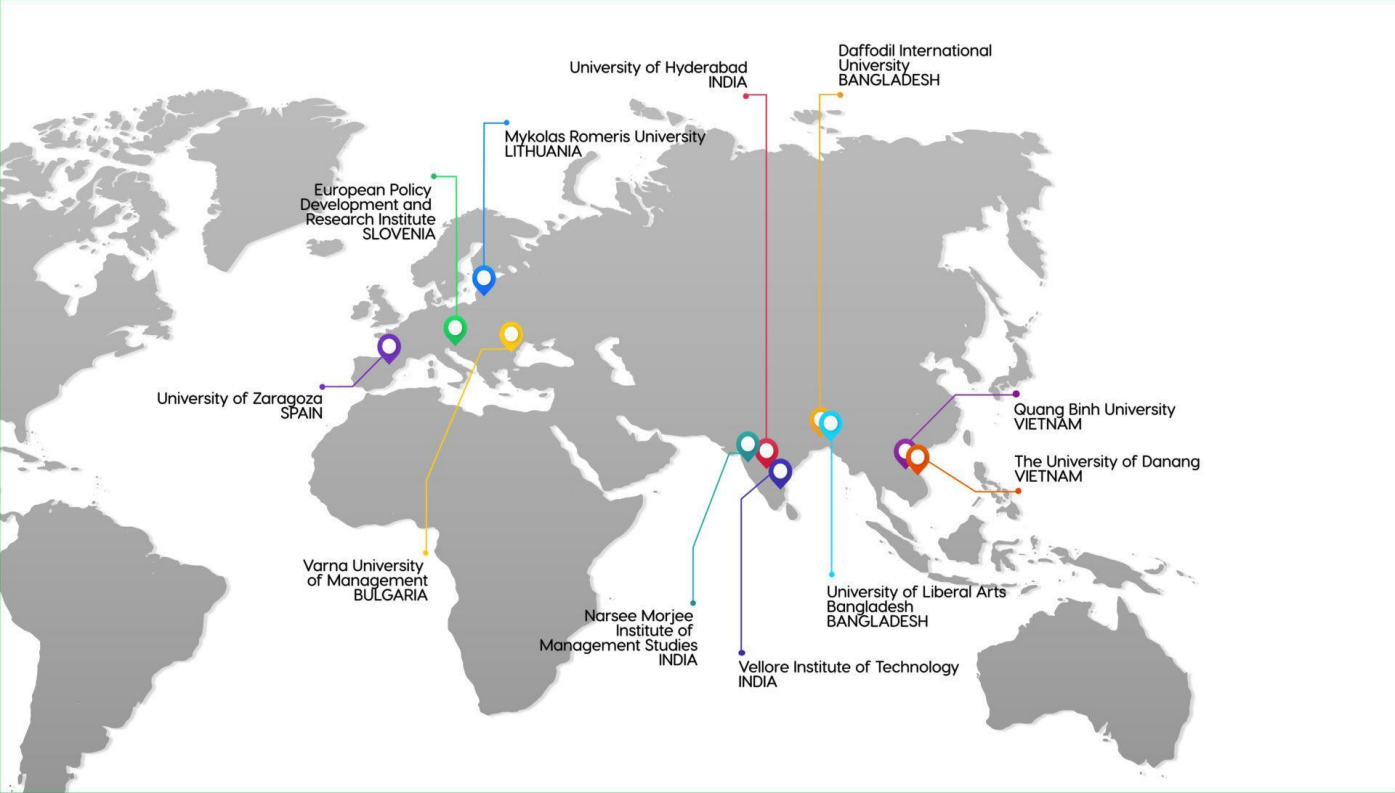
The HARMONY project addresses the process of internationalisation of higher Education, focusing on **Internationalisation at Home**, in Asian countries as the one that requires immediate institutional response and actions. Enabling Higher Education Institutions to **strategically manage internationalisation in the provision of education, research, mobility, and services** are regarded to be the project's overall objective and the main underpinning of Partner countries' accountable and complementary role in EU-Asia cooperation development. The HARMONY will contribute to this cooperation by the signature of the MoUs.

To achieve this, the European HEIs from Spain, Slovenia, Bulgaria, and Lithuania and the 7 Asian PC HEIs will engage in a series of activities that contribute to the following three project specific objectives:

1. To outline PC HEIs' internationalisation landscapes and to identify levels of **integration of international and intercultural dimensions into PC HEIs' formal and informal curriculum**.
2. To improve PC HEIs' **capabilities for internationalisation through staff trainings** and by translating general awareness of the IaH concept into streamlined institutional strategies and Action Plans.
3. To build students' **intercultural knowledge and sensitivity to cultural diversity** by transforming PC HEIs' International Relations Offices (IROs) into vibrant multicultural focal points.

The project primary **target groups** are academics, researchers, students, and administrators who are participating or wish to participate in international collaboration. The qualitative leap in the process of internationalisation they will benefit from, stems from the project's main outcomes.

## EU Erasmus+ CBHE Harmony Project Partners





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