

# HEEFS Briefings



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## Announcement of Spring Programme

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EU Support for HE collaborative partnerships	Tuesday, 22 March 2011	Monday, 14 March 2011
HE Community Engagement	Wednesday, 23 March 2011	Tuesday, 15 March 2011
Collaboration beyond Europe	Tuesday, 5 April 2011	Wednesday, 30 March 2011
EU Support for collaboration in Humanities & Social Science Subjects	Wednesday, 6 April 2011	Wednesday, 13 April 2011
EU Support for collaboration in Arts & Cultural Activities	Tuesday, 10 May 2011	Thursday, 14 April 2011

HEEFS is the UK HE Sector's shared service providing information, advice and support to Institutions seeking financial resources from EU Programmes offering opportunities for transnational collaboration. Many of you will be aware of our monthly Bulletins and some of you may have attended either our launch events in 2009 or one of the information events we held in 2010.

The information events we held at the offices of Universities UK in London in 2010 were oversubscribed and some colleagues were disappointed at not being able to attend. To avoid this happening again we have decided to mount a series of briefings that will be held in both London and Liverpool during Spring 2011.

Information about the content of each of the Briefings is provided below, we have also tried to indicate the target audience, but of course all HE colleagues are welcome to attend. The Briefings will be half day events beginning at 9.30am and ending at 1.00pm. There will be a charge of £100 per delegate.

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## Background

We have identified more than 20 EU Programmes that offer grants to support transnational collaboration; all are open to participation by HEIs. We recently analysed some European Commission data on the funds allocated in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Overall HEIs across Europe have been awarded almost €700m to deliver projects under these Programmes. Only 6.9% of that €700m came to UK HEIs, putting us way behind our main EU competitors (Spain 13.3%; France 12.6%; Italy 11.7%; Germany 10.4% Belgium 9.6% and Netherlands 7.3%). We have been charged with raising awareness of the opportunities available under these Programmes amongst UK HEIs. Over the last two years we have built up a body of knowledge and experience, we have identified opportunities and assisted a number of HEIs to develop appropriate project proposals for a number of these Programmes. We have learned, however, from our visits to Institutions that awareness of these opportunities varies greatly across the sector. Our briefings and the support we offer through our web resources and Bulletins seek to overcome this. The Briefings will cover the following:-

### **EU Support for HE collaborative partnerships – an introduction to the opportunities**

The EU aims to become a world quality reference for HE, supporting the Bologna Process and the development of the European Higher Education Area. Collaboration between HEIs is central to these objectives, as HEIs pool resources and expertise to develop quality provision to be globally competitive. A range of EU Programmes offer support to HEIs to work together to:- modernise; develop curriculum; deliver joint programmes; exchange knowledge; network and research. UK HEIs are more used to competing than collaborating and are in danger of being left behind by HEIs in other parts of Europe where collaboration is more common. This briefing will explore opportunities; identify ways in which these funding streams can be used to support internationalisation strategies; and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** Senior managers and academics in HEIs with responsibility for, and interest in internationalisation strategies and collaborative partnerships

**London      Tuesday 22 March 2011**

**Liverpool      Monday 14 March 2011**

### **HE Community Engagement – sources of EU support**

Community engagement is a key component of the EU's vision for a modernised HE system in Europe. It is a central objective of the Lifelong Learning Programme, which offers support for collaboration between HEIs, and between HEIs and other providers. Community engagement is important in other Programmes such as Culture; Youth in Action; Europe for Citizens; Life+ and Health, all of which are open to HE applicants. This briefing will explore how UK HEIs can access these programmes; provide case studies; give an overview of Programme requirements and timetables; and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** Staff in HEIs with responsibility for, and interest in community engagement, and those with responsibility for attracting external funding

**London      Wednesday 23 March 2011**

**Liverpool      Tuesday 15 March 2011**

### **Collaboration beyond Europe - EU Programmes supporting international collaboration**

EU Programmes are often overlooked by colleagues aiming to develop international networks and relationships. Yet the EU is keen to build its standing in the global market for HE and there are a number of EU Programmes that support collaboration with HEIs located outside Europe. The TEMPUS Programme supports work with countries neighbouring the EU; Erasmus Mundus supports partnerships with HEIs worldwide; other Programmes support work with specific countries or regions, such as, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the Republic of Korea. Elements of other Programmes support capacity building and offer opportunities for UK HEIs to work with partners in Africa, the Caribbean and Pacific regions and Latin America. This briefing will provide an introduction to the Programmes; provide case studies; give an overview of Programme requirements and timetables and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** Staff in HEIs interested in developing international partnerships and attracting external funding

**London      Tuesday 5 April 2011**

**Liverpool      Wednesday 30 March 2011**

### **EU Support for collaboration in Humanities and Social Science Subjects**

Although, perhaps not as well known as the EU Framework Programmes, there are a number of EU funding streams that offer support for collaborative activities in the field of humanities and social sciences. Programmes such as the Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme; DAPHNE; Progress; and the Civil and Criminal Justice Programmes offer support for collaborative research, whilst the Lifelong Learning Programme offers support for curriculum and pedagogical development. This briefing will explore EU support for Humanities and Social Science subject areas: provide case studies; give an overview of the Programme requirements and timetables and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** academics and researchers active in subject areas connected with law; social studies and social policy; languages; education and lifelong learning and those responsible for attracting external funding for these subject areas.

**London      Wednesday 6 April 2011**

**Liverpool      Wednesday 13 April 2011**

### **EU Support for collaboration in Arts and Cultural Activities**

UK HEIs offer a rich mix of arts and cultural education and deliver programmes of events such as festivals and exhibitions. Some are aimed at the student body, others are designed to support community engagement and develop links with other providers. It would seem, however, that few Institutions are aware that there are a number of EU Programmes offering support for transnational collaboration in these areas. This briefing will explore how EU Programmes such as the Lifelong Learning Programme and the Culture and Media Programmes support HEIs to:- develop and deliver formal and informal education; work with schools; undertake staff and student exchanges; mount events such as festivals, exhibitions, summer schools and to provide for adult education and CPD. It will provide case studies; an overview of Programme requirements and timetables and explain the support offered by HEEFS.

**Who should attend:-** academics and researchers active in subject areas related to arts and culture and those with responsibility for attracting external funding to these areas.

**London      Tuesday 10 May 2011**

**Liverpool      Thursday 14 April 2011**

## **Venues**

### **London**

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