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Context



Higher Education is a competence of the Member States not of the EU, however:

- the Erasmus programme
- the Cooperation policy 2010 (since 2000)
- the Bologna process (since 1999)

have contributed to create a habit of cooperation

Review of existing European networks

EUA - European University Association

Coimbra Group

Grupo de Santander

Grupo Capital

ACA – Academic Cooperation Association

EUCEN - European Association for University Lifelong Learning

EADTU - European Association of Distance Teaching Universities

EDEN - European Distance and E-Learning Network

EAIE - European Association of International Education

TUNING - Educational Structures in Europe

EFQUEL – European Foundation for Quality in E-learning

ESA - European Student Union

EuroPACE

Analysis of synergies and sustainability



- There is a level of cooperation and synergy among networks
- Coordination can be improved
- All reached financial subsistence (fees and public funding)
- Main networks do participate in the definition of EU policy objectives

Links with Latin America



All European networks are active, to a certain extent, in LA

❑ Networks with articulations in LA and institutional relations history:

- Coimbra Group
- Tuning

❑ Specialised networks:

On distance education

- ICDE – International Council for Distance Education

On ICT research and information society

- MENON Network

Vertebralcue's role in this context



- Another network among networks to:
 - offer a lift towards the Alcue space
 - create a hub

- Not replacing existing networks but allowing convergence with them and better coordination and cooperation

- Mutual knowledge among networks to lead to a better understanding of how to profit of the existing ALCUE vertebrae and how to structure their interlinking, that is the spine which connect them together

- Reaching a shared systemic vision, thus a more efficient cooperation system

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