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| **General aims** | **General aims:**  
- Strengthen Europe’s innovation capacity by fostering innovation in higher education;  
- Facilitate the exchange, flow and co-creation of knowledge;  
- Improve the quality and relevance of higher education;  
- Improve governance of higher education institutions;  
- Promote the use of ICT as a driver for systemic change to increase the relevance and quality of education.  

**Specific aims:**  
- To define or re-define structure and content of international cooperation strategies of participating higher education institutions (HEIs) – basing on desk research, comparison of good practices and design thinking approach;  
- To establish and describe a sphere of common interest together with methods and procedures of achieving common goals;  
- To provide HEI with a framework for defining international cooperation strategy;  
- To provide HEI with a synthetic online platform for partner search and cooperation in various fields (research; education; mobilities; etc.) |
| **Possible activities** | **Research cooperation:**  
- Gathering data on different international cooperation management practices at HEI throughout one’s home country;  
- Assessing the success factor of the above mentioned methods to identify good practices;  
- Drafting a framework for defining international cooperation strategy for HEIs;  
- Defining common interest and methods/procedures to achieve it;  
- Developing online platform for partner search and cooperation in various fields (research; education; mobilities; etc.)  

**Within your HEI:**  
- Public discussion on the main aspects of international cooperation strategy;  
- Ongoing consultations of international cooperation strategy with staff, students and local community. |
| **Polish leader** | Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland (UMCS) is the largest university in eastern Poland, with a seventy-year long tradition. From its beginnings it was identified and ranked as a leading academic and research centre in the education market, maintaining the highest educational standards. Almost 216 thousands students have already graduated from our University. We are now training almost twenty-two thousand students enrolled in 60 study programmes (200 specializations) offered by twelve Faculties. We offer postgraduate courses in many different fields trying to reach local community with an aim of promoting lifelong education. The concept of education based on scientific research conducted by eminent specialists and geared towards teaching practical skills to students takes into account the global directions of the development of science and the needs of the diversified job market. Our efforts to align the education to the requirements of modern economy proved to be successful and found recognition expressed by multiple awards and honours. UMCS has a wide experience in implementing EU-financed projects in various fields and within various programmes, including LLP, Horizon2020 and Erasmus+. |
| **Partners** | Higher Education Institutions with Business Management Programmes and researchers expert in the field. |
| **Duration** | 24-36 months |
| **Application deadline** | 26th February 2016  
*(deadline for sending cooperation proposals is: 22nd January 2016)* |
| **Application – formal issues on the part of foreign partner** | Foreign partner signs a mandate – UMCS sends it to foreign partner via email, foreign partner signs it and sends it back via traditional post (and a scan by e-mail). Polish organisation adds the mandate to the application form submitted to the financing institution. |