

ELLS IRO-GROUP

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JOINT M.Sc. ENVEURO

WHEN THEORY MEETS REALITY

The *very* first experiences

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Manual on Joint
M.Sc. Programmes

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The Manual for Planning and Implementing Joint M.Sc. Programmes describes the diversity within the ELLS Universities.

It creates awareness but it cannot change basic conditions, legal frameworks... not to mention longlasting traditions and the selfunderstanding especially of university administrations.

(....but maybe the latter is typical German).

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IROs & the Implementation of the EnvEuro

Operational Agreement: special thanks to Sanne

Information and counselling

Support of applicants, of academic and
administrative staff

*Special thanks to the SA-Environmental Science for
their commitment*

Very first experiences.....

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Programme starts end of August with the intro-course

Academic compromise with regard to the various lecture periods at the ELLS universities

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Administrative challenge with regard to admission and registration for Boku and UHOH especially when dealing with students coming from outside of the EU, as the semester starts only in October

Students that have not been enrolled in a Bachelor programme at one of the ELLS partners will not be insured (accident and liability) for the intro-course if they are future ENVEURO students at Boku and UHOH

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RESSOURCES

In a programme that does not fit into the structure of an academic year even a handful of applicants requires more administrative resources than a “normal” programme

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SUGGESTION

Active involvement of the non-academic staff besides the IROs

e.g registrars offices, examinations offices, students services (housing)

If we want their support, we need their commitment

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LESSON LEARNT

*It's too early for a conclusion, as the conditions for Starting the programme were quite unique:
Nearly no time for information and advertisement.*

However we have to deal with challenges that cannot be regulated in Manuals and Agreements, but require commitment, pragmatism, time...

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Recommendations for future joint M.Sc. programmes

Ensure the financial plan before you plan the programme details

Involve the IROs and other administrators from the very first beginning

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Tasks for the near future:

Marketing for summer schools based on the outcome of the evaluations made by the Quality Assurance

Support of upcoming new joint programmes

Work on the promotion of ELLS-teaching staff mobility

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