



# Introduction

**TRANS-DOC Seminar**

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# Background

The BALANCE Project (2006-2009) concentrated on information on the development of a European Higher Education Area and the opportunities open to partners in North American universities.

- An Information Campaign
- Four training seminars at the universities of Barcelona, Cambridge, Graz and Turku
- Two evaluation conference-type meetings in North America.



# Background

## Outcomes:

- Spread of knowledge and raised awareness of and interest in the EHEA
- Established links with universities on both sides of the Atlantic
- Trust among partners



# TRANS-DOC (2010-12)

## **TRANS-Atlantic and TRANSferability aspect of DOCTORal training**

- Used the BALANCE network
- Concentrated on transversal skills of PhD students as common area of interest
- Partners from target area play major role
- Partners developed increased ownership of the project



# Main Objectives

- Facilitate collaboration at doctoral level
- Enhance employability prospects for PhD students
- Enhance global citizenship and social responsibility through increased quality and multi-disciplinarity of research
- Provide universities with their own in-house trainers, through the train the trainers component included in the project
- Stimulate networking between universities



# Main activities

- Survey on PhD structure and administration at European and North American universities
- Participation in the evaluation of LEADER training programme at Aarhus University (August 2011)
- 3 Train-the-Trainers courses (March 2012)
- Generic Template for a Transferable Skills Course
- Buffalo SUNY pilot course on Transferable Skills for PhD students (July-August 2012)
- Seminar on Trans-Atlantic Cooperation in Doctoral Training



# Future plans

- ⇒ continue collaboration
- ⇒ establish new project framework
- ⇒ evaluate the use of the template
- ⇒ develop train-the-trainer courses
- ⇒ revise the survey
- ⇒ build on trust and mutual interests
- ⇒ basically: Keep in touch.