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WORKING GROUPS HIGHLIGHTS

Working Groups (by pillar of primary interest)

Research	Education	Outreach
Research Support Officers	Doctoral Studies	Heritage
Social Sciences & Humanities	Education Innovation	Development Cooperation
Life Sciences	Academic Exchange and Mobility	Equality and Diversity
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)	Employability	Latin America

ACADEMIC EXCHANGE AND MOBILITY WG



Enhancing and strengthening exchange of students and PhD students within **CG Student Exchange Network**



Promoting more **sustainable mobility** of CG students and staff (CG series)



Contributing to **qualitative development of Erasmus + Programme**



Monitoring exchange with UK universities after **Brexit**



Supporting **refugee** students and scholars to continue their studies and work at partner institutions



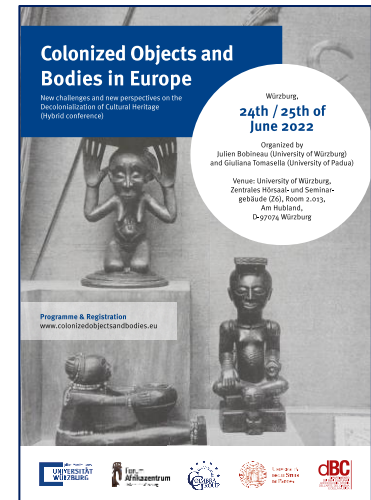
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION WG

Priorities

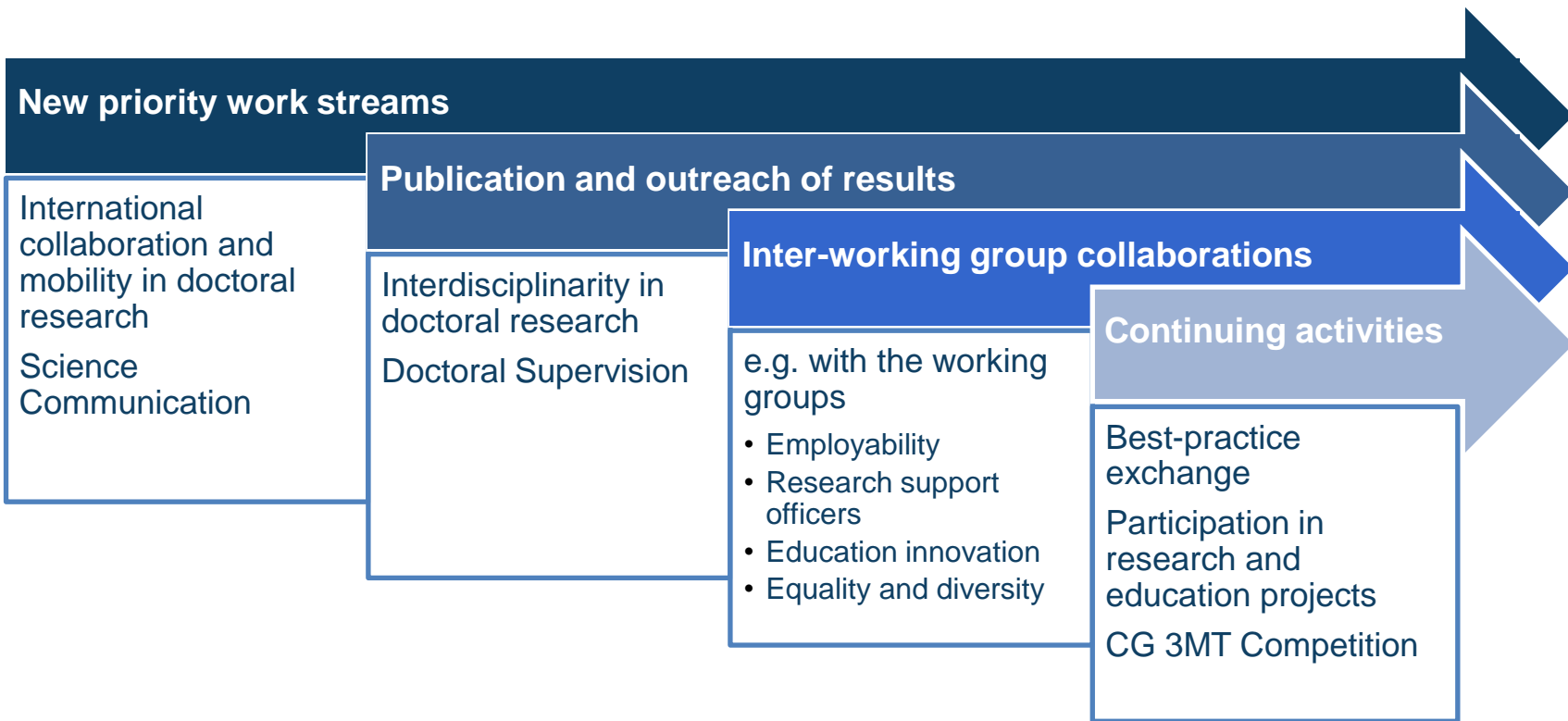
- Design of joint training courses and education programs
- Sharing knowledge and experience for development and cooperation
- Investigation on the role of universities as agents of development

Highlights

- Master program in Peace & Conflict Studies
- Workshop series on Research Management
- Joint conference project with WG Heritage:
www.colonizedobjectsandbodies.eu



DOCTORAL STUDIES WG



EDUCATION INNOVATION WG

✓ Learning spaces adapted for education innovation



University of Uppsala
Experimental Classroom



✓ Virtual exchange for internationalization at home and internationalization of the curriculum

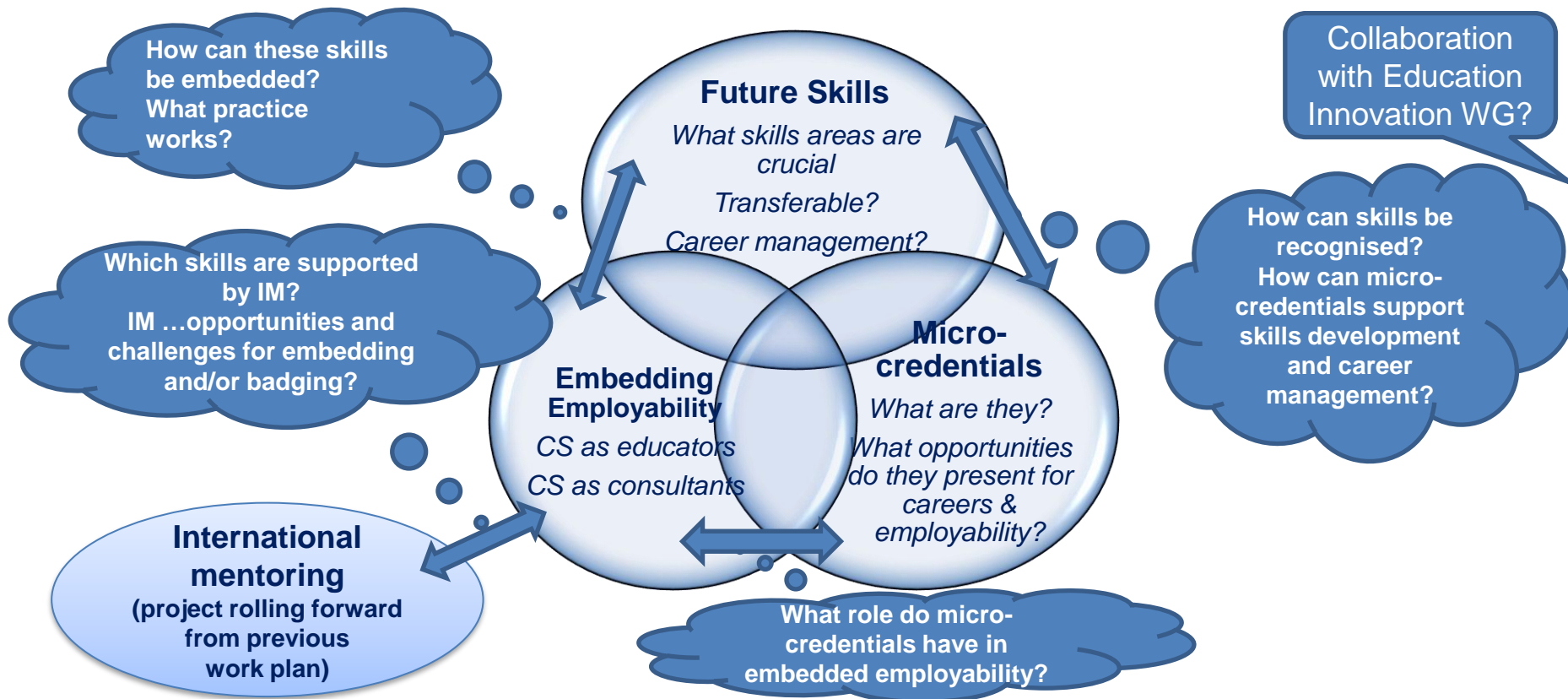
✓ Teaching, learning and staff development activities in CG universities

✓ Webinars (open to the CG Universities, focused on thematic EDU WG activities)

✓ Technology-enhanced teaching and learning (gamification, virtual learning spaces, augmented & virtual reality, learning analytics)



EMPLOYABILITY WG



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WG

- **ED WG as a ‘think tank’**
- **Gender Equality Plans** as a crucial tool of equal opportunities and EDI strategies in research and academia, particularly from an intersectional perspective.
- **Academic freedom** (in relation to the Woke movement, cancel culture, gender equality, freedom of expression of identity / opinion, ED WG as a political voice, decolonizing knowledge)
- **Post-covid academia and EDI** (questions of human and financial resources, diversity, inclusivity, care, time, violence)
- **Data reconceptualization:** EDI and the qualitative/quantitative perspective on data collection, production and use
- **Gender mainstreaming and intersectionality in research & teaching** - promoting the incorporation of diversity into pedagogical practices, collaborative research projects and institutional measures across CG

Key work formats:

- Joint webinars and workshops (for CG universities and across Alliances)
- Cooperation and collaboration with other WGs
- Consultations and cooperation across Alliances of participating ED WG universities

HERITAGE WG

Priorities 2022-2025

- **Cultural heritage seminars and publications**
 - *Colonised objects and bodies in Europe* June 2022
 - *Seminar series publication end 2022*
- **Conservation of heritage buildings**
- **Shared Collections**
 - Sharing collection information
 - Shared story telling
 - Shared exhibitions
 - Shared academic endeavour
- **Joint projects and grant opportunities**
- **Promotion and outreach**



LATIN AMERICA WG

- **Map ongoing activities and priorities for future research collaboration** with Latin America (and the Global South), in collaboration with the Development and Cooperation WG.
- Enable a **platform for exchange with AUGM** in the context of a renewed MoU with CG, in order to develop a concrete plan of action for future collaboration across the two networks (High Level meeting Dec 2022).
- **Engage with EU and Latin America-based institutions to contribute to policy development** that promotes sustainability and socio-economic inclusion in Latin America and that enables a reflection over the role of Latin America in global politics and development.
- **Explore funding opportunities across EU programmes** (ERASMUS, Horizon, etc.) **as well as Latin America-focused funding bodies** (UNESCO, World Bank, etc.), to support collaboration across research and education.



LIFE SCIENCES WG

Master Programs in Life Sciences

Coimbra Group Cancer Biology:

Project coordinated by the University of Salamanca

Partner Universities: Abo Akademi, Barcelona, Coimbra, Köln, Montpellier, Pavia, Salamanca, Tartu, Turku, Utrecht, Vilnius and Würzburg.

Online: More than 160 participating research teams and Masters Programs Informations

<https://www.coimbra-group.eu/coimbra-group-life-sciences-masters-programs-master-in-cancer-biology/>

“Erasmus Mundus Master Project” MAD4CANCER coordinated by University of Pavia

Coimbra Group Infection Biology:

Project coordinated by the University of Montpellier

Partner Universities: Göttingen, Montpellier, Uppsala and Würzburg.

Projects on Heritable Diseases and Aging

European Joint Degrees

Life Sciences Conferences

Student's Mobility

RESEARCH SUPPORT OFFICERS WG

Priority #1 Research Advocacy and **Priority #2** Research Policy

Impact, Integrity and Ethics, Open Science, SSH Integration, Brexit

University Alliances, Research Assessment Reform, Higher Education Transformation Agenda

Priority #3 Training for Research Support Officers

Influence Work Programmes, Impact Plans, Interdisciplinary Research, MSCA and ERC

Priority #4 Sharing of Best Practice

Internal Peer Review, Open Science, Integrate RSO with project lifecycle, Incoming Researchers

Highlight #1 November 2021 joint meeting with team behind the SHAPE-ID toolkit

Exchange on supporting interdisciplinary research, with the SHAPE-ID toolkit as an example

Highlight #2 March 2022 joint meeting with *EARMAimpact*

Exchange on supporting researchers with describing impact and formulation of recommendations for universities and the European Commission towards simplification.

SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES WG

The SSH WG continues to strengthen and promote the research possibilities of the member universities

Recent highlights:

- “Walls, Laws and Migrations” workshop organized as an open online workshop in May, 2021
- Virtual presentation event of the new UN Library platform in April, 2022
- Strengthening internal communication across the member universities in 2021–2022; SSH one-pager and a list of large Covid-19 research projects

Priorities for 2022–2025:

- Participating specific Horizon calls in which SSH research of the Coimbra Universities might find success
- Promoting sustainable development, in addition to the migration and digitalization and machine learning, as the third research theme in future activities

