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# LEAD2 project

## MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORT



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## I. Progress overview in nutshell (Five main achievements)

- ✓ Three series of workshops and one joined event (network meeting on EU-China HE) have been implemented accompanied by the training and workshops materials
- ✓ The LEAD2 MOOC has been optimized and available online for general public. Three editions have been run during Jan.2019-July2020. Currently, the third edition of the LEAD2 MOOC (January-July 2020) edition attracted more than 1000 international participants.
- ✓ LEAD2 journal has been launched. The journal aims at publishing original and significant contributions on university governance and academic leadership, in its widest sense, from Chinese and European universities. It seeks to cover all aspects of university governance and academic leadership. The first two issues of LEAD2 journal have been successfully published in February and April 2020. The third issue will be ready for publishing in July/August2020.



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- ✓ Online Knowledge Base (OKB) is available for users. Chat rooms for (potential) academic leaders and staff, as part of OKB, are also available
- ✓ Comparative studies research teams identified. Accordingly, five thematic groups were formed including (a) terminology and definition; (b) governance and finance; (c) internationalization, (d) transformation, strategies and changes; (e) diversity

4 special issues have been planned for publication in international journals with contribution from all partners and all research teams. All research articles in progress.

### 1 change:

- ✓ Conference & workshops in Guilin and Shanghai postponed.



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## II. Implemented activities (under 5 work packages)

- ❖ **WP1 (project preparation):** project preparation, gap analysis, comparative study plan, the stakeholders' consultation, and the optimized work plan have been implemented.
- ❖ **WP2 (project development):** three series of workshops have been implemented and completed. In conjunction with the workshops, LEAD2 seminars, conferences and networking event have been implemented.
- ❖ **WP3 (quality assurance):** three internal evaluation reports have been completed based on the evaluation surveys done at the LEAD2 workshops and events. For the LEAD2 MOOC, four internal reports have been completed based on welcome surveys and user experience surveys in the first two editions of the MOOCs.





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- ❖ **WP4 (project dissemination):** all project partners are actively engaged in the project dissemination in terms of project event, workshops and activities. The dissemination channels include project website, partner websites, brochures, posters, meeting presentations, dissemination videos, social media and partner networks.
- ❖ **WP5 (project management):** four consortiums meetings and regular project partner meetings have been held during the first half-term of the project. In addition, each partner has organized periodic internal project meetings to discuss and manage the project activities.



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### III. Involvement of partners and stakeholders

- The project involved academic leader training activities through workshops, seminars and round tables
- The main target groups of the project included academic leaders from various levels and university administrators
- After three series of LEAD2 workshops organized, in total, 28 non-partner institutions took part in the events
- The external stakeholders included leaders, academic and administrators from non-partners, university associations, European Commission, ministry of education, delegations, embassies, research foundations, members from public authorities and stakeholders from other agencies or institutions



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## IV. Sustainability and exploitation of the project results

- The use of the LEAD2 MOOCs within the partner institutions and beyond
- The adoption of results and recommendations from the LEAD2 MOOC at different levels. Through the project dissemination and exploitation strategies, the consortium ensures its maximum visibility and impact among the stakeholders
- The use of the OKB as a referencing tool and network for all related stakeholders in the long run.



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