RESEARCH & COOPERATION BETWEEN ASIA AND EUROPE

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Outline of the presentation

- The EUA Lisbon Declaration
- EU initiatives fostering research
- Some good practices of EU Asia cooperation
- Some recommendations

- Some of the key topics of the declaration
 - the European Higher Education Area
 - internationalisation
 - research and innovation

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 - **ECTS**

- LLL
 - EUA charter on LLL
 - Commitment of Universities
 - Commitment of Governments
 - research on and fields of application of LLL

- research and innovation
 - linking research and higher education (convergence of EHEA and ERA)
 - embedding high quality doctoral programmes in universities (CDE)
 - Asian observers at the CDE
 - 3rd cycle of the Bologna process
 - joint degrees double degrees

- research and innovation

 - university enterprise collaboration (responsible partnering)
 - more flexible legal and regulatory conditions
 - open access

The EACTS Project

- The EU ASEAN Credit Transfer System Network
 - University of Duisburg-Essen (de) (Coord.)
 - Universitas Indonesia, Depok (id)
 - Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia, Selangor (my)
 - University of Parma (it)
- Set up of a system leading to implementation of student mobility
- and joint award degree programs in Engineering Education.
- THE EACTS HANDBOOK

Collaboration within the FP7

- Ideas
- The ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants (applications from Asian Countries almost absent at the first call)

Supporting the independent careers of excellent researchers, whatever their nationality, located in or moving to the Member States and associated countries, who are at the stage of starting or consolidating their own independent research team or, depending on the field, establishing their independent research programme.

Other EU initiatives

- Charter and Code for researchers (PhD and post doc)
- Mobility portal for mutual exchanges (Euraxess)
 - portability of
 - Grants
 - Social security acquired positions (pension rights etc.)

A best practice: ParisTech

From the launching of the joint programme (year 2000),
 400 Chinese students were admitted at ParisTech.

Among the 150 graduated students, 70 were recruited in French companies and SME's in France or China, 20 are preparing a PhD.

ASEM – EU Initiatives already existing Thematic Networks

- TN on Peace and Conflict Studies
- TN on LLL
- TN on Human Security
- TN on Intellectual Property Management
- TN on Studies on Regionalism in the ASEM context

Some recommendations

- Mobility/portability
- Implementation of the 3° cycle of the Bologna process/collaboration with the EUA CDE
- More attention to ERC

Thank you!