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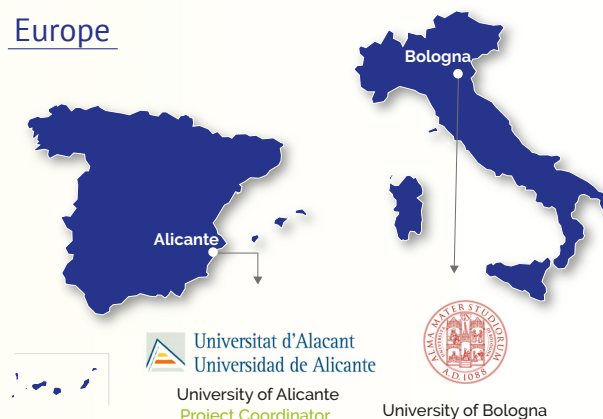
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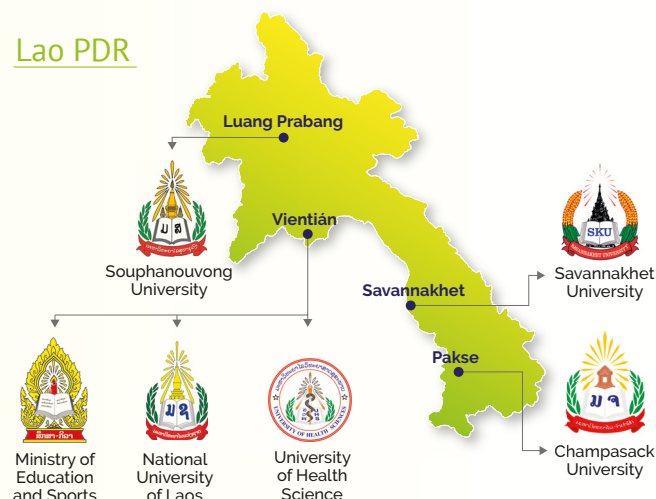
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Lao PDR



OPEN-ing Laos Higher Education System to internationalisation strategies



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Why OPEN?

In today globalised world Higher Education is considered as a public good that has a potential to contribute to the country development agenda and promote an economic growth through upgrading skills and boosting research. In this regard, Ministry of Education and Sport (MoES) of Lao PDR recognizes as one of its priority to boost the Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Laos by increasing “internal and external cooperation” with the objective to improve teaching and learning outcomes and enable higher education to work for society.



OPEN's **general objective** is therefore to **increase the academic quality and research activities** of Universities in Laos through the **development of internationalisation capacities**.

Specifically, OPEN aims to:

1

Consolidate Internationalisation structure, & build human capacities of HEIs by means of targeted training programmes in 5 HEIs;

2

Accompany the governance reforms of MoES and **enhance international networking** through strategic actions in key areas of the Laos higher education system.

How will OPEN achieve this?

The OPEN project will achieve the above-mentioned general and specific objectives by producing the concrete following outputs:

1

Increased inter-institutional cooperation and sharing of good practices via the needs analysis and Institutional Building.

2

Strengthening of Internationalisation of higher education system through the promotion of HEIs governance reforms. Internationalisation Strategic Plans for HEIs in Laos and a “Policy Roadmap for the implementation of strategies on the Internationalisation”.

3

Enhancement of managerial and administrative staff capacities in dealing with internationalisation issues via comprehensive training workshops conducted.

4

Establishment of a National Network and promoting the participation of the OPEN Network in higher education international events.

5

Increased public awareness and understanding of Internationalisation within higher education institutions.

Who benefits from OPEN?

- ▶ **MoES & Higher Education Institutions** benefit from strengthening of Internationalization of Higher Education system in Laos.
- ▶ **Top-level management staff and university leaders** from participating institutions benefit from increased awareness of different international strategies and models & cooperation at a national level on international matters.
- ▶ **IRO staff** benefits from increased awareness of different International practices and managerial skills, capacity built via workshops.
- ▶ **Teaching, Administrative Staff and Students** benefit from increasing number of international activities of Laos HEIs as well as of new services from the IROs.

Key Events

- ▶ **Site visits** to EU partner institutions for Laotian Top and Managerial staff.
- ▶ **2 National Round tables** with authorities and stakeholders to foster discussion on the importance of Internationalisation activities.
- ▶ **6 training modules & 10 replication workshops** conducted and ready to be implemented by non-partners HEIs in Laos.
- ▶ **2 Internationalisation of Higher Education Conferences** in Laos to boost the visibility of the Network at the national level, disseminate information on the project results and promote the IROs created.
- ▶ Participation in **3 international events** to promote the Network at international level and boost cooperation of EU & international HEIs with Universities in Laos.