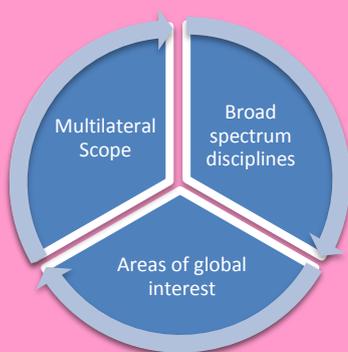# Columbus Hub Academy

Inspired by other initiatives such as COIL-SUNY and OIL-Coventry, **Columbus Hub Academy offers an added-value opportunity,** through:

- **Multilateral scope**: the projects are not limited to collaboration with ONE university, as it promotes projects between any member of Columbus and the EUA. (European University Association).

- **Broad spectrum of disciplines**, so that students can develop international and intercultural skills in any speciality, from engineering, business, and agricultural studies to language, humanities and social studies.

- **Areas of global interest**, to identify more accurately international partners and even enable a multi-disciplinary cooperation on strategic issues.

Multilateral Scope

Broad spectrum disciplines

Areas of global interest

THIS IS YOUR GATE TO TEST STUDENTS CENTERED PEDAGOGIES!

International collaboration enhances teaching and learning quality

92% of European Universities consider international collaboration in teaching and learning as "the feature that have contributed the most to its enhancement" (EUA Trends 2015). Nevertheless, the preferred activity for achieving such collaboration, has traditionally been the international academic mobility, even knowing its limitations. It is a fact that around 95% of students will never experience any opportunity to go abroad for academic purposes.

How could students and teachers live an international experience without moving abroad?

The **Columbus Hub Academy,** promotes and supports the development of *collaborative online international projects*. This innovative **active learning approach,** allows students to develop a set of new skills that teachers can't easily transmit on a traditional classroom.

The interaction with peers in other countries, *if properly organized*, allow students to develop *soft skills*, more and more valued by employers and society:

- Participating in **interdisciplinary team-work** involving networks of geographically-dispersed professionals
- Understanding and managing interactions in **diverse, complex, novel scenarios**.
- Communicating in **different languages** and gaining insight into **cultural differences.**
- Working with **digital tools,** from anywhere and everywhere, in any profession.
- Finding, analyzing, evaluating and applying information to solve a specific task.
- Organizing complex tasks in an autonomous way, including **time management.**

This image is taken from an ice-breaker activity from the project "*Cuyutlán salt in search of the European market*" developed by Universities of Aveiro in Portugal and Colima in Mexico. Portuguese teams welcomed with posters their Mexican peers.

Columbus Hub Academy

Launched just few months ago, the Hub Academy has been well valued by academics and students.

- *More than **15 projects*** at different stages: searching for partners, negotiation, ongoing proposals, finished.
- ***200 academics*** from Latin-American and European universities registered as potential partners.
- ***300 students*** taking part in the projects.

TOP 5 selected Teaching disciplines in the Hub
Business and Administration,
Social Sciences and Communication
Engineering and Technologies
Sciences of Informatics and Computing
Medical and Health Sciences

Registered countries

Argentina
Brazil
Belgium
Colombia
Chile
Ireland
Italy
Mexico
Peru
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom
Venezuela

Top areas of interest in the Columbus Hub Academy

Internet of Things

Sustainable Development

Renewable Energies

Migrations / Human Rights

Healthy Food

International Trade /Marketing

Our support

- Matching System for searching peers and partners
- Coaching, guidelines and support materials to design and build-up the collaboration
- Hub social network dedicated to the projects and videoconferencing platform.
- Dissemination of innovative practices and successful projects
- Space for sharing digital resources
- Feedback on projects results
- Certificates of participation

More information on:
Key success factors for successful projects
Ongoing Projects
Student comments on their experiences

Access is free to all Columbus and EUA members. No deadlines! Register now!
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