

FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA INTERNACIONALIZACIÓN LAS UNIVERSIDADES EUROPEAS Y LATIIONAMERICANAS

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During the months of November and December of 2018 the members of the consortium have carried out different activities as consequence of the execution of the FORINT Program. The activities themselves has been varied: International Days (Universidad de Camagüey or Universidad de Panama), Dissemination Workshops (Universidad de Holguin), Internationalization of Higher Education (Universidad de Oriente), visits to Regional Centers in the Interior of the country (Universidad de Panama), meetings between university`s directors (Universidad de la Habana) and finally the Consultation of the Strategic Internationalization Plan (Central University of Las Villas, Universidad de Panamá...).

The main results of the activities are:

- Increased awareness of the university community regarding the internationalization process and its necessary transformations. The university authorities show more interest in relation to the Directorate of International Cooperation and Technical Assistance or the Department of International Relations of the universities
- Changes in the current structure of some of the directions of international relations. Some of them with the new Strategic Plans will be directly subordinated to the rectors and some of them will also be renamed.
- Consultations with leaders from all academic areas to enrich the different proposals for strategic plans and action plans.
- Increase the visibility of internationalization.
- Strengthening of international relations.
- Importance of staff training in relation to internationality.

- Advice to scientific leaders involved in international projects and to managers in matters of strategic planning and alignment of processes, taking into account the crosswise of Internationalization.

We have to keep in mind that all Cuban and Panamanian universities during those two months have been working on the strategic plans and most of them have already been presented to their competent authorities for their approval or modification. These strategic plans should be sent to the project mentors during the month of January for their review and all universities will receive the feedback of them in order to continue working on them.

During the execution of all these actions, there was any problem or incident, quite the contrary. Institutional support for the FORINT Program is being demonstrated on a continuous basis by all the authorities of the universities involved.