

In Havana, on June 29th and 30th, 2017, the "Round Table on the Socialization of Experiences and Learning in the Internationalization Process" was held with the participation of Cuban and Panamanian universities. The fifth task in the framework of Package 1 of the FORINT Project was carried out. This activity culminated with the situation and needs analysis of this process for each university beneficiary of the project. Under the leadership of the European expert PhD Fiona Hunter from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy, this work package involved several activities in Europe and Cuba.

MSc. María Victoria Villavicencio Plasencia (Director of International Relations of the Ministry of Higher Education in Cuba) and PhD Adianez Taboada Zamora (Rector of the Agrarian University of Havana, Coordinator Institution of the project in Cuba), they welcomed the 18 participants (14 Cubans and 4 Panamanians) and the members of the European Direction of the FORINT Project. PhD. Fiona Hunter organized and conducted this activity. Work sessions for a day and a half were developed. EFMD presented the work packages and their objectives. PhD Fiona Hunter presented the results of work package 1, as well as the institutional learning and the next steps to achieve a strategic plan for internationalization, contextualized to each Latin American university.

Each beneficiary institution made a presentation focusing on the outcomes of the internationalization learning process, about their institutional capacity, the identification of the next steps and the opportunities and challenges. The mentoring and recapitulation exercises allowed each university to find solutions to common challenges thanks to the group providing suggestions based on exchanges of experiences.

The working sessions culminated with the European expert's advice on the model of the strategic internationalization plan. It will include the support of European mentors from ESADE, UCSC and UNL.

This work package culminated successfully with the acknowledgment of all participants of the benefits and the advice given by Fiona Hunter in the development of this activity. The methodological conception employed facilitated the exchange and the projection of joint actions between Cuban and Panamanian universities. In the culmination of this activity, UDELAS proposed the presentation of the FORINT project by Cuba in the framework of the sessions of the Central American Superior Council of Universities (CSUCA), in November in Nicaragua. In addition, it was agreed to prepare a book with all the case studies and the lessons learned as a product of the project, to share with the institutions of the region and to contribute to a new look at the conception of this important process for the increase of quality of higher education.

Mr. Jean Baptiste Maillard (Manager of the project, EFMD), MSc. María Victoria Villavicencio Plasencia (Director of International Relations, MES) and PhD Mabelin Armenteros Amaya (Cuban director of the FORINT Project and Internationalization Director of the Agrarian University of Havana) presented the results of this work package as a success factor for the continuity of the project. Hence, they emphasized in the shared learning process and its clear methodological conception.