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ALFA PROJECT LER Kick-off Meeting

University of Minho
13-17 June, 2005



LERNet Partner Institutions

EUROPE (6)

- ◆ **Universidade do Minho**
- ◆ **Utrecht University**
- ◆ **U. Castilla-La-Mancha**
- ◆ **U.P.Valencia**
- ◆ **INRIA**
- ◆ **Chalmers U.Technology**

LATIN AMERICA (5)

- ◆ **UFMG**
- ◆ **UdelaRepública**
- ◆ **U.Nacional San Luís**
- ◆ **U.Católica S. Estero**
- ◆ **U. EAFIT**

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Financial Aspects/Reimbursements

- ◆ All costs financed up to 75%

- ◆ Travel

- Intercontinental 1.500 € (1125 €)
- Continental EU/EU 600 € (450 €)
- Continental LA/LA 800 € (600 €)

- ◆ Per Diem

- EU/day 135 € (101.25 €)
- LA/day 125 € (93.75 €)

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Financial Aspects/Reimbursements

- ◆ **Proof Documents Required**
 - **Travel**
 - Original Tickets (copies necessary now)
 - Original Flight Receipts
 - Boarding cards
 - From to airport – all receipts involved
 - **Per Diem**
 - Cost Statement (form provided)
 - ◆ nber days * 101.25 € - hotel in Braga / meals



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ALFA Contract

- ◆ **Several negotiations took place**
 - October 2003 - Application Submitted
 - May 2004 – Shortlisted and Alteration/Further Information Request
 - July 2004 – Approval Notification
 - March 15, 2005 – Contract Signed



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ALFA Contract

◆ Duration

- 36 months

◆ Total Cost

- 721.779,17 € (531.908 € EC contribution – 73,69%)

◆ Technical and Financial Reporting

- Auditing company
- 3 reports (end of every year)
- Network Institutional Protocol

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ALFA Contract

◆ Payment Arrangements

■ Advance (80% of 1st year activities)	178.424 €
■ 2nd Payment (1st year report)	150.146 €
■ 3rd Payment (2nd year report)	150.146 €
■ Final Payment (after final report)	53.190 €

◆ Extremely strict rules



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ALFA Contract - Project

◆ Objectives

Implementation of a **joint PhD programme on Software Design and Programming Language Engineering**, building on a significant number of existing contacts between Latin-American and European Researchers. By stimulating a **high level of interaction** between Latin-American students and the European research community, the program will contribute **to create expertise in a research area of very high strategic relevance**.

The programme will have an undeniable **impact on the national academic systems**, and also, by **training highly competent professionals in software development**, contribute to **technology transfer toward industry**.



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ALFA Contract - Project

- ◆ **Type of activity**
 - Mobility of PhD students – advanced training
 - 18-month duration (LA students)
 - 6-month duration (EU students)
 - Co-supervision
- ◆ **Area – Computer Engineering**
 - Language Engineering and Rigorous Software Dev.
 - Mathematical Methods for Program Development; Understanding and Analysis
 - Specification, Semantics and Implementation of Programming Languages



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ALFA Contract - Activities

- ◆ **Mobility of Students**
 - 27 students exchanged/27 theses
 - 5 EU-LA
 - 22 LA-EU
- ◆ **Network Meetings**
 - 1 – Kick-off Meeting – Braga (1)
 - 2 – Mid-term Work Meeting – Belo Horizonte (1)
 - 3 – Final Open Meeting/Summer School – Montevideo (2 + grantholders)
- ◆ **Web-page creation and maintenance/documentation repository/**

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ALFA Contract - Budget/Actions

◆ Mobility of Students

■ Grants

- month – 1.000 € (750 €)

■ Travel

- Intercontinental 1.500 € (1125 €)

■ Perfection of Languages – Not applicable

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ALFA Contract - Budget/Actions

◆ Preparation and Support to Mobility

- Prep. prior to mobility (linguistic pre-training, cultural sensitization, information, etc...)
 - 27 grantholders * 600 € = **16.200 € (Network contribution)**
 - Need to justify with a declaration from the home institution
- Welcome and Support to the grantholders
 - 27 grantholders * 1000€/grantholder = 27.000 €
 - 1000 € per grantholder (**750 € EC contribution + 250 € Network**)
 - Need to justify with a declaration from the host institution

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ALFA Contract - Budget/Actions

- ◆ **Coordination**
 - Staff (Coordinator + Assistance) – 4% total actions
 - No EC contribution
- ◆ **Webpage creation and maintainence**
 - 8000 € (EC contribution)
- ◆ **Administrative Costs**
 - 7% general total
- ◆ **Other Eligible Costs**
 - Auditing 9000 € (EC contribution)
 - Bank Charges - forecast



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ALFA Contract - Schedule





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ALFA Contract - Flows

- **70% LA-EU – 22 grants (82%)**
- **30% EU-LA – 5 grants (18%)**

- **Proposed flows**

Due to the long duration, the mobility periods should start as soon as possible.

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ALFA Contract - Detailed Flows

HOME INSTITUTION	COUNTRY	HOST INSTITUTION	COUNTRY
MOBILITY EU-LA (6 months)			
UM	PT	ULaRepublica	UY
UM	PT	UFMG	BR
UPV	ES	EAFIT	CO
UCLaMancha	ES	UFMG	BR
CHALMERS	SE	ULaRepublica	UY
MOBILITY LA-EU (18 months)			
ULaRepublica	UY	UM	PT
ULaRepublica	UY	CHALMERS	SE
ULaRepublica	UY	INRIA	FR
ULaRepublica	UY	UUtrecht	NL

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ALFA Contract - Detailed Flows

HOME INSTITUTION	COUNTRY	HOST INSTITUTION	COUNTRY
MOBILITY LA-EU (18 months)			
UFMG	BR	UM	PT
UFMG	BR	CHALMERS	SE
UFMG	BR	UPV	ES
UFMG	BR	Utrecht	NL
U.N.San Luís	AR	UM	PT
U.N.San Luís	AR	UCLaMancha	ES
U.N.San Luís	AR	UPV	ES
U.N.San Luís	AR	CHALMERS	SE
U.N.San Luís	AR	INRIA	FR
U.N.San Luís	AR	Utrecht	NL

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ALFA Contract - Detailed Flows

HOME INSTITUTION	COUNTRY	HOST INSTITUTION	COUNTRY
MOBILITY LA-EU (18 months)			
UCSE	AR	UM	PT
UCSE	AR	INRIA	FR
UCSE	AR	UPV	ES
UCSE	AR	Utrecht	NL
EAFIT	CO	UCLaMancha	ES
EAFIT	CO	UPV	ES
EAFIT	CO	CHALMERS	SE
EAFIT	CO	INRIA	FR



Organisation of Mobility Selection Procedure

◆ **CALL for applications**

- 1 open call
- To be immediately launched
- Format (model proposed - formality)

◆ **Means of Dissemination**

- LERNet webpage/Institution's pages
- Internal channels (to be precisely defined)



Organisation of Mobility Selection Procedure

◆ Grantholders Profile

- Master Degree (Profile A)
- Enrolled in a PhD Programme (Profile B)
- Good academic profile
- Language Knowledge (EN + ...)
- Personal profile fitting mobility



Organisation of Mobility Selection Procedure

- ◆ **Deadlines**
- ◆ **Selection Specific Criteria/Responsibility**
 - Home Institution
 - Need to specify criteria
 - Marks
 - CV analysis
 - Interview
 - Language fluency
 - Eligibility criteria (nationality, enrolled at a PhD programme at home institution)
 - ...



Organisation of Mobility

Selection Procedure

- ◆ **Grant Allocation/Selection Validation**
 - **Coordinator**
 - **Documents necessary**
 - CV
 - Copy of passport
 - Individual PhD project workplan – explicit reference to the mobility action and timeline
 - Institutional acceptance as a PhD student at the Home University
 - Letter by the LERNet local contact person
 - Letter by the co-supervisor at the host institution



Organisation of Mobility Information Sources and Forms

- ◆ **Hosting Conditions Data Form**
 - Proposed format to be discussed
 - + International Student Guide (when available)
- ◆ **FAQs**
- ◆ **LERNet web-page**
- ◆ **WHO to contact for further info**



Organisation of Mobility

Mobility Preparation

- ◆ **Forms/Documents**
 - According to the specific procedure at each host institution...
- ◆ **Formal Acceptance by Host Institution + issuing of compulsory documents**
- ◆ **Coordinator will issue a declaration certifying the grant allocation**



Organisation of Mobility

Mobility Preparation

- ◆ **Accommodation; Language Courses; Welcome/Orientation Programmes**
- ◆ **Project Discussion/Formalisation of Joint Degrees**
- ◆ **Assessment**
 - **Period**
 - Report (provided by the Network)
 - Questionnaire (provided by the Network)
 - **Project**
 - Report (assessed by the host Institution)
 - Issuing of the Transcript of Records by the host institution/supervisor

Organisation of Mobility Grant Allocation

◆ Transfers

- **1st instalment – 30% total grant + travel**
 - declarations + copy travel tickets/original receipt + boarding cards
- **2nd and 3rd instalments– 30% total grant**
 - declaration + intermediate reports
- **4th instalment – 10% total grant**
 - declaration + original tickets + boarding cards + final report + Quest.



Organisation of Mobility Grant Allocation

- ◆ **Coordinating institution responsible for payment**
- ◆ **Transfer directly to the grantholder bank account (at host or home country)**



LERNet Next Meeting

- ◆ **Location**
 - UFMG - Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- ◆ **Date**
 - June-September, 2006
- ◆ **Agenda**
 - Project Assessment/ Monitoring Results
 - Identification of Best Practices
 - Flows analysis
 - State-of-Art



LERNet Future Plans

- ◆ **Other Possible Cooperation Frameworks**
- ◆ **Complementary and extended projects and initiatives**