

Thematic Network **ISEKI_Mundus**

The thematic network **ISEKI_MUNDUS** - Integrating **S**afety and **E**nvironment **K**nowledge **I**n World Food Studies (ref. 136263-EM-1-2007-1-PT-ERA MUNDUS-EM4EATN) was recently approved and will run from 1st November 2007 till 30 September 2008.

The main objective of the ISEKI_MUNDUS project is to foster the internationalization and enhance the quality of the European higher education Food Studies, by extending the work undergoing through the Erasmus Thematic Network ISEKI_Food 2 (ref. 226032-CP-1-2005-1-PT-ERASMUS-TN; <http://www.esb.ucp.pt/iseki/>) to other countries, and developing new activities towards the promotion of good communication and understanding between European countries and the rest of the world.

More specific objectives are:

- 1) Development of a Student Platform for promoting international mobility in the field of higher education Food Studies;
- 2) Creation of an international Virtual Community of experts in food studies, with emphasis on safety and environment topics;
- 3) Improvement of international quality assurance systems in Food Studies;
- 4) International Tuning of curricula in Food Studies,
- 5) Development of teaching materials in the field of Food Studies.

Further to these objectives, several horizontal activities are also planned:

- i) Work towards the sustainability of the extended international network;
- ii) Stimulate the development of further related projects;
- iii) Involvement of all partners on the activities undergoing in the ISEKI_Food 2 TN.

The achievements of this project are mainly directed to the academic world.

This project is coordinated by the ISEKI_Food 2 TN (with 113 partners, from 28 European countries) and includes a total of 35 institutions, from 23 third countries, coming from 5 different continents.

The main expected outputs of this project are: web platforms, web databases, critical analysis reports, guides, teaching materials, a virtual community, and a final conclusion congress, related to the working subjects above described.

For further information, please visit: www.esb.ucp.pt/iseki_mundus .

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