SUMMARY OF LISBON ACTIVITIES

At our meetings and workshop held in Lisbon (30th – 1st November 2017), we addressed objectives 2, 3 and 4 of our Memorandum of Understanding (Download the MoU here: http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/ca/CA15221)

Objectives 3 & 4 of our MoU
3. Identify existing centralised models which aim to support teaching, learning, research and writing in higher education with particular regard to their place institutionally and their existing interconnectedness/interoperability

4. Co-ordinate the mapping of the purposes, processes, knowledge/scholarship basis, skills development and values of the centralised model (output databased).

Workshop   Mapping existing centralized models

We drew on our own institutions to identify the existing models.

Prior to the meeting, colleagues were asked to complete an online questionnaire in answer to existing models. That information was collated (within the survey tool) and brought to the meeting. Volunteer colleagues presented on what the model looks like in their institution.

Participants worked in groups to analyse current models which exist in partner institutions, e.g. through thematic analysis, in order to extract required information under the headings of purposes, processes, knowledge, skills, and values of centralised models;

The World Café format was utilised for this purpose (see http://www.theworldcafe.com/key-concepts-resources/world-cafe-method/).

In small groups, each group examined a section of the collated survey information in order to try to extract from it what purposes, processes, knowledge/scholarship basis, skills development and values exist. We repeated this exercise, again in small groups, where each group examined another section of the collated information in order to try to extract from it what purposes, processes, knowledge/scholarship basis, skills development and values exist. We shared our findings together as a large group.

Objective 2 of our MoU

2. Develop a common understanding of the desirable functions of HE centralised supports for teaching, learning, research and writing internationally (agreed published matrix mapping desirable functions of centralised supports).

Working Group Meeting   Mapping existing centralized models

In order to fulfil this objective we asked colleagues to answer survey questions, prior to the meeting, and to free write their responses. The data from that survey was collated into a pdf document.

At the meeting, the three Working Groups carried out a review of mapped desirable functions of centralised systems based on submissions to the survey.

This included:
- Discussion of initial thematic analysis of desirable functions pdf from Working Group perspective and noting of key points from group participants' analysis
- Reporting back of initial analysis by each group and a discussion about the next steps of data analysis.

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