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Subject: Approval of the second progress report
Grant Agreement: 2008-1775
Project Title: TUA

Dear Mr. Ivano Dionigi,

The Agency has received your second progress report concerning the above-mentioned Grant Agreement on the December 10, 2010. Now the analysis of your report has been finalised and the Agency has approved it. We will proceed with the payment of the further pre-financing of 45.000 €.

Please, find annexed some feedback and recommendations that we would like you to pay attention to during the second half of your project work.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us: EACEA-EU-US @ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Klaus HAURT
Head of Unit

Annex:
Feedback and recommendations
Overall comments

The following report should contain more explanation on
✓ The evaluation results of the analysis of the exchanges (procedures/organisational framework/ dissemination of information to students etc.)

✓ The creation of a European based website content regularly updated with hyperlinks to the other partner universities websites, information packages for students, application forms etc., that would be very useful in order to disseminate better the curriculum and to enhance the number of mobile students. The EU funding should be made visible – The new logo of the Bilateral Cooperation with Industrialised countries should be used on the Project website. The logo is available on: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/about/eacea_logos_en.php

✓ The faculty mobility planning

On the financial aspect, please note that there should not be any variations of monthly amount paid to students: they should all receive the same monthly / pro rata allowance (max 1000€ per month).

Furthermore, the study abroad period should include at least 30 ECTS credits.

Weak Points

✓ Despite the signing of the MoU (in the first year) – apparently some problems of credit recognition for a few cases' appeared owing to rigid interpretations of the curricula at home institution mainly at department level. Credit recognition problems should be tackled and solved as soon as possible and definitely before summer 2011.

✓ Lack of faculty mobility

✓ No clear information on the foreseen assessment of the language program / student feedback, problems.

✓ Minutes of meetings should be attached to the next report. Clear divisions of responsibilities among partners in Europe should also be explained.

Strong Points

Regular updating, improvement of the curriculum developed during the first year

Please note also

1. that the transfer of 2 mobilities from Nottingham to Bologna is accepted as this represents a minor change in the workplan and is accepted by all partners.

2. That following the guidelines, travel of administrative personnel should be taken from the "Flat rates for EU consortia institutions " as mobility grants for members of the academic staff is related "to scholarly work and teaching at the partner U.S. institutions with a minimum of one week and a maximum of four weeks". "Mobility of administrators is welcome but will be funded from the flat rate in the EU budget and the faculty mobility section in the U.S. budget. "P20 (Guidelines)