

To: Nordforum

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Letter of endorsement

NUAS has received the project proposal for “EMREX - Field trial on the impact of enabling easy mobility on recognition of external studies” initiated by Nordforum (the network for the higher education institutions in the Nordic countries). We are glad to confirm our support to the project, its academic objective and its relevance for the European higher education institutions.

The aim of the Nordic Association of University Administrators (NUAS) is to enhance contacts and to establish networks between the Nordic universities at all administrative levels. The project objective for the Nordic cooperation within EMREX is entirely in line with NUAS’ long term plans for the strategic focus area of digitalization of the higher education in the Nordic countries. This particular area develops quickly and its impact on education in the Nordic countries is extremely important.

The enclosed proposal is a result of the Nordforum-cooperation over the past few years and includes significant internationally acclaimed expertise in the field of student administration and IT-systems development. The objective is long term cooperation to draw on Scandinavian and relevant experiences in the European countries on the interoperability of data and international sharing of information.

The international student mobility’s growth trajectory is significant. This is also the case for all of the Nordic countries. Information exchange between the heigher education institutions is paper-based, and the procedures for the exchange differ across the institutions. This implies higher costs of the student administration at the institutions. It is therefore necessary to process the increasing data volum and provide better solutions for the administrative processes. A support system for exchange of student mobility information will ensure procedures that are more efficient, standarized and cost-effective.

We believe the project fits particularly well to the call of EACEA/10/2014 with its international collaboration of academic partners from European countries. We endorse the application fully and hope the European Commission will be able to fund it.

Sincerely yours



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