Inter-university Framework Program for Equity and Social Cohesion Policies in Higher Education



(Reports

National Institutional

Books

This report, conducted by the University of Barcelona, makes an analysis of equity and equal opportunities, whether from a redistributive perspective, recognition, or skills, and admits that the issue of gender is an essential basis for over-coming poverty, erradicate the social exclusion and promote a whole social development.





The visibility of the developed work by researchers from several participating institutions in Raipe's 3 Project, is possible through several publications (books and articles) that intend- to give a public expression of the education policies developed, and to build fairer and more equitable and solidary societies.



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Riaipe3 Team

#### Overview

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The Inter-university Framework Program for Equity and Social Cohesion Policies in Higher Education in Latin America, called RIAIPE3, is a project that will be developed by a consortium led by Professor António Teodoro, Director of the Center for Research and Intervention in Education and Training (CeiEF) of the Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias, under the ALFA III program, an European Commission program for cooperation abroad. It is a project to develop over the next three years and includes funding for 80% of total costs, around 2.8 million Euros.

# A Cooperative Network

This project involves a large cooperation network from the Europe and Latin America, composed of Universities from 14 Latin American countries (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay) and 6 EU countries (Portugal, Spain, France, Holland, Italy and UK), having also as associates the University of Bologna (Italy), University Federal of Paraíba (Brazil) and the Organization of Iberoamerican States (OEI).

The Interuniversity Framework Program for Equity and Social Cohesion Policies in Higher Education is developed by thirty (30) team members and three (3) associated teams (23 from Latin America, 9 from Europe and OEI).

Coordination

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### A Network of Education, Research and Innovation

currently based on a strategic triangle: education, research and innovation. This strategic triangle is related to a fourth dimension which must underpin all public policies: sustainable development and reducing social inequality. Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) play a de-

rience in equity research in education through previous projects, this network has currently as the disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of regional integration and social cohesion. and to the poorest countries in the region.

There is some consensus (UNESCO, 2005) to The RIAIPE3 network focuses around the isconsider that building a knowledge society is sue of equity and social relevance of higher education institutions (HEIs) in a context of profound inequality and major expectations in the construction of a Higher Education Space consistent with the approach of knowledge societies and based on social cohesion. The complexity of the task must cisive role in the four dimensions mentioned. now contemplate with relevance, clarity and social responsibility issues of exclusion, Taking as its starting point the renowned expeacess and retention in the system, as well as several regional and territorial realities.

its main objective the reformation and modernization of higher education systems and and decisive role of the institutions (HEIs) and institutions in the participating countries from their empowerment through the coordina-Latin America, paying special attention to tion of policies and practices in the process The main issues for which the project accounts are the following:

- Access to Higher Education in various regions of Latin America;
- Dropping out rates in Higher Education institutions in Latin America:
- Latin American students' and researchers' mobility;
- Current developments in Higher Education in Latin America;
- Integration of the dialogue between different cultures and epistemologies in university study plans and education practices;
- The centrality and proactivity of Latin American Higher Education institutions in the formulation of public policies aimed at the development of the Knowledge Society and the Education Common Space in Latin America;
- The territorial logics aimed to overcome inequality and focused both on poltics and on policies;
- The located territorial logic either in policy or practice to overcome ineaualities:
- The relationship between Latin American Higher Education institutions and social issues:
- The cooperation between various Higher Education institutions as key to sustainable development and to the construction of societies that are fairer and more democratic.



### With Conditions for sustainability

Agency to be undertaken within the scope of the Riaipe3 network responds to the ALFA III Programme main goal: reformation and modernization of Higher Education systems and institutions in the participant countries, with special attention to most vulnerable groups and the poorest countries in the region. The project's aim is to add substantively to the improvement of equity and social relevance of HEI in Latin America. RIAIPE 3 network puts universities in the very centre of change in Higher Education systems, which are understood as privileged actors in the process of sustainable development as well as the locus of the struggle for cognitive justice. The logics of our actions resides in strenghtening and empowering member teams, which are considered as important drivers of social change.

This project's sustainability will be supported by the implementation of a RIAIPE3 Lab, a virtual collaborative tool aimed at the coordination, dissemination and thematic dialogue, at the local, regional and national levels. It also aims to provide for tools and means for the development of dynamic information systems, long distance teaching and support to research exchange. This Lab is also assumed to play an active and permanent

role that promotes the reconstruction of social and political projects that aim to involve decision-makers, intervenors and beneficiairies in the struggle for more aware, equitous, fair and solidarious societies' sustainability.



#### Participant Teams

Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e

Centro de Estudos Sociais - U. Coimbra

Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero Universidad de Buenos Aires

Universidad Nacional de San Martín

Universidade 9 de Julho

Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina

Universidade Federal da Bahia

Universidad UCINF

Universidad de la Habana Universidad de Barcelona

Universidad de Valencia

Associated Teams

Università di Bologna

Universidade Federal da Paraíba

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico Universidad de Guadalajara

Centro Universitario de Occidente/Universidad de San Carlos

Organización de Estados IberoAmericanos

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Hon-

Universidad Loyola de Bolivia University of Brighton

Universidad de Costa Rica

Universidad Nacional Agraria la Molina

Universidad de Nariño

Universidad del Rosário

Universiteit Voor Humanistiek

Université Lumière Lvon 2

Universidad Nacional de Asunción

Universidad Autónoma de Asunción

Universidad Nacional de La Plata/Instituto

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Università degli Studi della Tuscia Universidad de El Salvador Universidad de la Republica

- National/Sub-regional meetings
- Institutional and National reports on **Higher Education Policies**

Activities and deliverables

- for the use of inclusive language
- Action Plans
- virtual platform Lab Riaipe3
- International Seminars
- Organization and attendance at scientific meetings and papers presenta-
- Surveys and inquiries
- Institutional agreements of collaboration between Riaipe3 Network partner
- Glossary of concepts and keywords
- Virtual Thematic Library on Comparative Education and Higher Education **Policies**
- Visibility and Diffusion: blog (http://riaipe3.blogspot.com/)

# Activities and deliverables planned

- Intervention among vulnerable population
- Assessment Report Phase I, II and III
- Drafting reports on equity in higher education, the relevance in higher education and university programs
- Dissemination of results and good practices
- Virtual Seminars
- Interuniversity (ies) meeting
- Latin America Meeting on Equity and **Higher Education**
- Publications (Books & Articles)
- Master and PhD Dissertations