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## Steps before the Start !

Joint Master's Programs will start 2009.

Are we ready?

Working Groups have done a good job.

What about Rectors?

Rectors Conference of the Consortium can change the status of Member Universities.

Are there needs for any changes ?

## Participating membership status and recognized Master's degrees

Each institution of the Consortium is either a full or an associate member in one or more Master's programs:

- **F** Full member
- **A** Associate member
- — Not participating/not a member

Federally / nationally recognized Master's degree in the academic field of the program:

- **Y** Yes
- **n** No
- **a** Applied

## Master's Programs

- Social Work
- Environmental engineering
- Information technology
- Circumpolar health and wellbeing

## Social Work

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|--|-------|
| • Arkhangelsk State Technical University | -     |
| • Karelian State Pedagogical University  | A / n |
| • Murmansk State Pedagogical University  | A / n |
| • Murmansk State Technical University    | A / n |
| • Murmansk Humanities Institute          | A / n |
| • Northern State Medical University      | A / n |
| • Petrozavodsk State University          | A / n |
| • Pomor State University                 | F/ a  |
| • University of Lapland                  | F / y |
| • University of Oulu                     | A / n |

## Environmental engineering

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| • Arkhangelsk State Technical University | F / n |
| • Karelian State Pedagogical University  | -     |
| • Murmansk State Pedagogical University  | -     |
| • Murmansk State Technical University    | F / n |
| • Murmansk Humanities Institute          | -     |
| • Northern State Medical University      | -     |
| • Petrozavodsk State University          | -     |
| • Pomor State University                 | -     |
| • University of Lapland                  | A / n |
| • University of Oulu                     | F / y |

## Information technology

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| • Arkhangelsk State Technical University | -     |
| • Karelian State Pedagogical University  | A / n |
| • Murmansk State Pedagogical University  | -     |
| • Murmansk State Technical University    | A / n |
| • Murmansk Humanities Institute          | -     |
| • Northern State Medical University      | -     |
| • Petrozavodsk State University          | F / a |
| • Pomor State University                 | F / a |
| • University of Lapland                  | A / n |
| • University of Oulu                     | F / y |

## Circumpolar health and wellbeing

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| • Arkhangelsk State Technical University | -     |
| • Karelian State Pedagogical University  | -     |
| • Murmansk State Pedagogical University  | -     |
| • Murmansk State Technical University    | -     |
| • Murmansk Humanities Institute          | -     |
| • Northern State Medical University      | F / a |
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| • Pomor State University                 | -     |
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| • University of Oulu                     | F / y |

## Agreements and other legal documents in the Consortium

- General agreements:
  - Memorandum of Understanding and interest towards cooperation in the sphere of the Northern Cross- Border University, in Rovaniemi January 19, 2006
  - Agreement on joint master's programs leading to join/double degrees concerning Joint Master's Programs, in Oulu 22 March 2006
  - New agreement/ agreements?
    - Before the Start there should be done amendments or a new general agreement
    - One agreement cannot cover all relevant topics and questions for all Master's programs
    - New forms/topics for cooperation, e.g. PhD joint programmes

## General agreement and separate Master's programmes

- Framework of BCBU-cooperation is needed for joint activities = Umbrella Agreement
- To avoid long, confusing and complicated agreements on each separate master's programmes it is reasonable to collect joint rules and questions into one General Agreement
- Links between a Separate Master's Programme and the General Agreement shall be defined:
  - Needs for concluding a separate agreement between participating universities/institutions in each master's programme
  - Other possible forms to link the separate master's programme with the General Agreement, with the joint work within the consortium

## Agreements on Joint Master's Degree Programme

- University of Oulu:
  - Must be a concrete agreement for each master's programme
  - Programmes can start without the agreement, but in Oulu university under preparation are more strict rules
- University of Lapland
  - Decision approved by University Senate on January 18, 2006, ref. To Recommendations of the Ministry:  
The written agreement shall be concluded and it should define as a minimum:
    - The extent of the programme
    - Student admission
    - The student status and related rights
    - The awarding of the degree
    - Each partner responsibilities
    - Financing of the programme
  - Programme can start without the agreement - responsibility of the faculty
- Russian universities ?

## Construction of BCBU co-operation

- Umbrella agreement
  - Joint master's programmes
  - Joint PhD programmes
  - Other forms/topics of co-operation
- General Agreement on Joint Master's Programmes
- Agreements on a concrete Joint Master's Programme
- Contracts on concrete activities

BCBU = Consortium of Universities including different forms of co-operation

## Steps before the Start

- Collect information and opinions which kind of agreements and decisions are needed before the Start of a concrete joint master's programme
- Collect opinions and propositions for amendments in the Agreement made in Oulu 22 March, 2006
- Prepare a new or an amended agreement for conclusion by rectors within the Consortium in Oulu February, 2009
- Prepare documents (agreement/ annex to the Agreement/ protocol etc.) on joint master's degree programmes which will start 2009, for presentation in Oulu February, 2009

## Questions connected with the Agreement Oulu 2007 – possible needs for amendments

- Art. 3 "...students will receive a joint/double degree from all universities..."
- Art.4 ...in the study guide and Program Management Amendment."
- Art.6/ art.7 " Each ... a Program Secretariat..."
- Art.11 recognition of studies: is it true in all Master's programmes?
- Art.15 Tuition fees? "...each...by separate agreement." Between which universities?
- Art. 16 "...diploma...universities." How many diplomas, how many host universities?



## Step by Step – continuation

- Preparation of a Joint Master's Programme in Law
- Preparation of a Joint PhD Programme in Law
  - Co-operation with Moscow, Ural etc. Universities

Others ?



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