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European Master of Science  
in Midwifery

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# Starting Point of the Project

## European Master of Science in Midwifery

- Discussion of National professional associations during the conference of the European Midwifery Association in 2004 in Sweden
  - Transfer to university led bachelor programmes in most European countries *but*
  - Lack of opportunities for academic advancement of midwives in this discipline (especially master level and PhD)
  - Limited number of potential students in single countries
- Application for EU funding 2006 with unsuccessful outcome (technical problem)
- Updated application & Re-application 2007 with:
  - Change in partnership
  - Change in forms
- 2007: - accepted as one of 22 in the category *Curriculum Development* (out of 56)

# The Project

- Planned for three years
- Two years development of curriculum and programme
- One year implementation
- Project group of five partners (now six)
- Advisory board: Voluntary group of institutions whose staff have interest in supporting programme with representatives from Austria, Belgium, France, Cyprus, Sweden, UK

# Partners

**Hannover Medical  
School**  
(Germany)

**Akademie Verloskunde  
Maastricht  
University Zuyd**  
(The Netherlands)

**University College of  
Health Studies  
Ljubljana**  
(Slovenia)



**Charité Berlin**  
(Germany)

**Haute École spécialisée  
de Suisse occidentale,  
Lausanne**  
(Switzerland)

# The suggested programme

- 120 credit points (ECTS) full cycle master programme
- Full time and part time
- Based upon existing programmes of partner institutions
- Recognition of prior learning/education
- Award of a joint degree

# Objectives for curriculum development

## Professional perspective

- Increase knowledge to achieve better health outcomes for women and their families
- Enhance skills in evidence based practice
- Enhance midwifery specific research
- EU Directives for qualifications
- ICM Essential Competencies



## The suggested programme

- Registration of students at home university
- Parts of the programme at other universities
- Compulsory summer school
- Combination of e-learning and blended learning
- Electronic learning management system (Blackboard)
- Problem oriented learning

# Success factors

- Opportunity for continuing education despite limited resources in most European countries in a rather specialised field
- Cooperation and Combination of expertise of several European partner institutions with strategies to promote mobility
- Innovative character of the programme (European perspective on research and theory, teaching/ learning methods)



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