

SGROUP EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES' NETWORK

*Liaison Officers Meeting  
SG Projects*

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# SGroup Projects

## Main objectives

Reinforce the existing **links** among partners and generate new partnerships

Improve the awareness that the SGroup is an important network of **strategic partners**

Increase the **visibility** of SGroup and its members





# SGroup Projects

## Strategy

Reinforce the participation of the **SGroup members** in new cooperation programmes and relevant projects

Foster the participation of the **SGroup** in new projects as a full member

Take the most benefit from the available **funding schemes**





# SGroup Projects

## What can the SGroup offer?

Structured support (from application to implementation)

Share best practices and know-how

Build strong partnerships

Brainstorm and develop new ideas

Expertise (data base of Experts)





# SGroup Projects

Our aim is to...

Develop a  
database of  
applications  
submitted by  
SGroup  
members\*

Support all  
initiatives  
(e.g. assist in  
re-submitting  
a project)

Acknowledge  
partners'  
efforts

\*(successful and not successful)





How can we do it?





# SGroup Projects

## How can we do it?

Brilliant idea

Look for  
expertise  
within the  
network

Build a  
strong  
partnership\*

Design the  
project and  
include SG

\*not necessarily only SG members





# How can we do it? The UPorto's experience

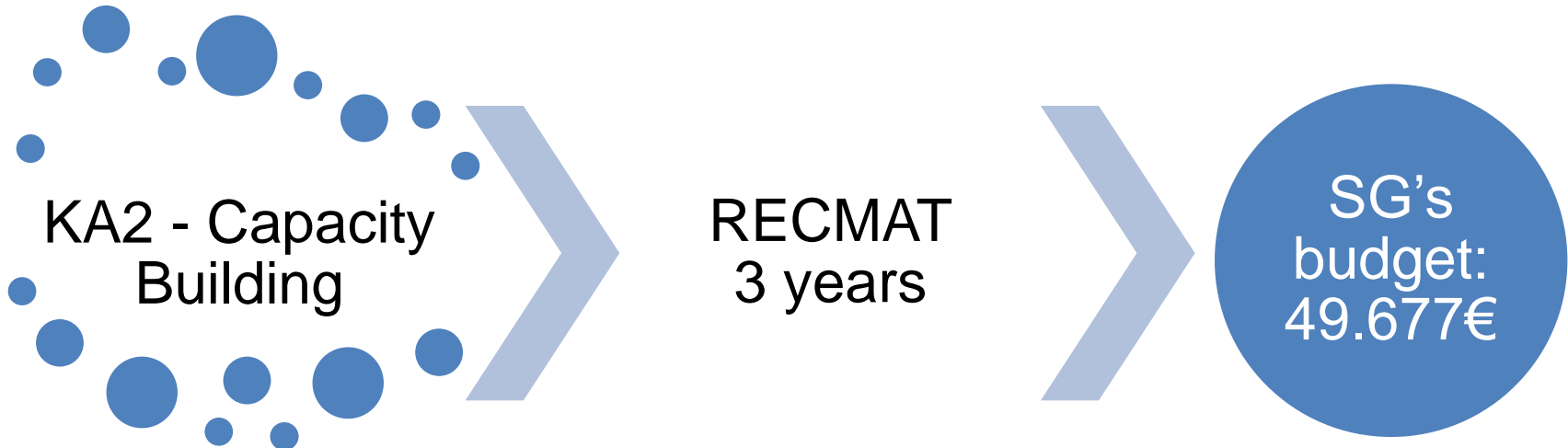






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## How can we do it?





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The SGroup offers its capacities and expertise to achieve the set goals particularly in **Dissemination and Exploitation**.

With regard to the content development, SGroup will offer access of the consortium partners to **expertise and consulting services** from its member universities, thus enriching the range of competences of the consortium. Through its **diversified channels of communication**: news bulletin, mailing lists, website, and assemblies of its members reaching out to the academic community of partner universities from 15 European countries and its non-EU partners, SGroup ensures a broad publicity of the project. Also the **Think Tank for LA** and the existing links with HEIs in Latin America and in Europe can offer the channel for a broad exploitation of its results and their sustainability.





# SGroup Projects

As a result of its wide experience in several European projects, both as coordinator or partner, the SGroup is capable of ensuring **financial credibility, operational facilities, access to expertise, extended relations with organisations of higher education within and outside Europe**, thus positively contributing to a **broad impact** of the present project.

In light of these aspects, the **SGroup will lead WP8** actively guiding all partners and associates and coordinating the RecMat Consortium's **dissemination and exploitation efforts**.

Given its proven previous work and influence in policy agenda the SGroup will also contribute in RecMat's policy dimension in WP4 and liaise with the associated partners to effectively address external authorities and relevant stakeholders.





# “Hidden” challenges



## “Hidden” challenges

The process of internationalization of higher education has undergone considerable changes in the last years.

In many contexts, we see a change of policies affecting the collaborative capacity of many institutions.



## “Hidden” challenges

Acknowledge that there are larger and smaller Institutions; Institutions with more or less students; with more or fewer researchers... but that all of them should participate in the internationalization process

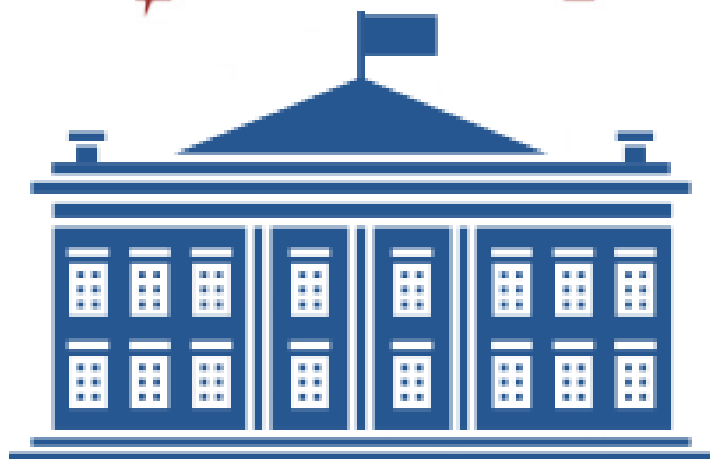




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# COOPERATION





# SGroup Projects



Plans for the Future:

Ideas for innovative  
projects within  
the SGroup







# SGroup Projects

## Ideas for innovative projects within the Sgroup\*:

1. Capacity Building – Innovation Capacity/Development of Research, to improve the quality of research publications through training in writing (Las Palmas)
2. Capacity Building – Curriculum Development in LA, to develop PhDs in Ecuador, Bolivia, Guatemala... (Porto, Ghent and Liège)
3. Capacity Building - Curriculum Development in the area of environment, health, biotechnology (Bayreuth)
4. Capacity Building - Curriculum Development in LA, to develop soft skills and entrepreneurial prospects at MSc and PhD (Valladolid)
5. Knowledge Alliances – Produce and disseminate knowledge and improve research production through language (Trieste and Babes-Bolyai)

\* Result of the brainstorming during the TT meeting in Porto, October 2017





Thank You!

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