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Executive Summary

The project aimed at widen and deepen the research dialogue between the European Research Area and the Network of European Studies Centres in Asia (NESCA) as well as European Studies Associations in Asia. The Consortium consisted of 4 European and 6 Asian universities with special engagement and related infrastructure in European Studies. Main objectives were (1) to transfer and to disseminate latest research on issues relevant for Asia to Asia's European Studies community, politics, and public, (2) to transfer Asian research in European Studies in general and on EU-Asian cooperation in particular to the European Research Area, and (3) to promote sustainable cooperation between universities and research institutions in the European Research Area and Asia.

All planned activities (with the exception of one conference in Macao, which in agreement with GD Research was cancelled due to lack of funds) took place in time and delivered planned results. In spite of major budgetary limitations the project has pursued its objective successfully and in a constructive cooperation climate between participants, guests, and observers coming both from Europe and Asia, from different genders, age groups, and professions.

The following conferences and workshops took place:

Conference 1 in Macao in December 2006

Workshop 1 in Macao in May 2006

Workshop 2 in Christchurch in July 2006

Workshop 3 in Seoul in May 2007

Workshop 4 in Shanghai in October 2007

Workshop 5 in Bangkok in January 2008

Final conference in Brussels in November 2008

Supplementary conference in Macao in March 2009

The following books have been published, which summarise the results of the project:

EU-NESCA book 1:

EU-Asian Relations: State of affairs, problems, and perspectives. EU-NESCA Series No 1, Macau 2006

EU-NESCA book 2:

EU's Foreign Governance: CSFP and ESDP and its Impact on Asia. EU-NESCA Series No 2, Macau 2007

EU-NESCA book No 3:

Jessica Bain/Martin Holland (eds.), European Union Identity. Perceptions from Asia and Europe, 203 pages, Nomos, Baden-Baden 2007

EU-NESCA book No 4:
Reimund Seidelmann/Andreas Vasilache (eds.), European Union and Asia. A Dialogue on Regionalism and Interregional cooperation, 363 pages, Nomos, Baden-Baden 2008

EU-NESCA book No 5:
Dai Bingham/Jian Junbo (eds.), The Enlarged European Union. Prospects and Implications, Baden-Baden 2008

EU-NESCA book No 6:
Jose Luis de Sales Marques/Reimund Seidelmann/Andreas Vasilache (eds.), Asia and Europe. Dynamics of Inter- and Intra-Regional Dialogues, Baden-Baden 2009

The following book is in the process of printing:

EU-NESCA book 7:
José Luis de Sales Marques/Reimund Seidelmann/Andreas Vasilache (eds.): States, Regions, and the Global System: Northern Asia Pacific and Today's Globalisation. Baden-Baden: Nomos Publishing House, 2009

The following books are in the process of editing:

EU-NESCA book No 8:
Edited by Song-Hoon Park and summarising the results of the Seoul workshop

EU-NESCA book No 9:
Edited by Apirat Petchsiri and summarising the results of the Bangkok workshop

EU-NESCA book No 10:
Edited by Mario Telo and summarising the results of the final conference in Brussels

A number of other activities took place, which involved the project's researchers-network, such as

- 3 summer courses for Indonesians in Germany, 3 summer schools in Indonesia
- Teaching engagements in Macao, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Fudan etc.
- Preparation of Asia-Link proposals, proposals for supporting the build-up of European Studies Centers in Asia
- Additional conferences on a yearly base such as the EU-Japan conference in Brussels
- Bilateral cooperation agreements (for example between IEE/Brussels and Fudan/Shanghai)

In addition, the project's research network has been significantly widened by involving scholars from Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Japan.

Section 1 – Project objectives and major achievements

1.1. Overview of general objectives and major achievements

The general objectives of the project were:

(1) to transfer, to further contribute to and to disseminate latest research on issues relevant for Asia to Asia's European Studies community, politics, and public,

(2) to transfer Asian research in European Studies in general and on EU-Asian relations in particular to the European Research Area thus up-dating, improving, and dynamising research both in Europe and in Asia, and

(3) to promote sustainable cooperation between universities and research institutions in the European Research Area and Asia.

The project's major achievements to the state-of-the-art were the following

1. The project has contributed to the further build-up of a European Studies infrastructure in Asia through academic conferences, workshops, and related cooperation activities and has significantly improved the cooperation within the Network of European Studies in Asia (NESCA) as the leading academic infrastructure for EU-Asian cooperation in the field and between European universities and institutions and Asian ones.
2. The project's (now) 6 published books plus 4 to be published books are currently the leading joint European-Asian publications to the state-of-the-art in the field both within Europe and Asia and beyond.
3. The project's activities have proved both to European and Asian institutions that good and productive EU-Asian cooperation is feasible and leads to constructive results both for scientific analysis and cooperation between and within both regions.

1.2. Summary of recommendations from previous reviews and description of how they have been taken up by the Consortium

1. Continued monitoring of the project's achievement through the Consortium have gradually further improved excellency of activities – particular that of the books.
2. In general, most of the Consortium members have taken part in the main activities of the project, i.e. conference and workshops; most of them have contributed to the books. This has ensured up-to-date evaluations and implementation of recommendations.
3. The general recommendation to the European Commission is to increase in future the budget of such projects to better meet objectives, which in this case could not been fully realised due to the given contract and the limited means of Consortium universities. For example, the budget for the workshops in Asia (41.800,- € each) are insufficient; on average they cover only half of the real costs of the workshops.

1.3. Summary of objectives for the work performed, contractors involved and the main achievement in the period

1. The objectives in general and the planned activities of the project have been implemented/realised according to the initial planning:
 - All conferences with the exception of one, for which financial means were not more available have successfully taken place, an additional conference has taken place (funded by IEEM/Macao)
 - All workshops have successfully taken place
 - Six books summarising the results of conferences and workshops have been published plus additional four will be published and distributed throughout the Consortium members and beyond
 - FORUM and PORTAL have been established by the Institute of European Studies in Macao and were served, maintained, and used regularly by Consortium universities and other academic institutions and individuals throughout Asia and Europe
2. Complementary activities such as further conferences, joint activities, books etc. have been organised by Consortium members, such as
 - a conference on good governance and good regional cooperation at Bandung/Indonesia organised by Consortium Member Giessen University and Parayhangan Catholic University Bandung in February 2006 plus a book summarising the conference results published in November 2006
 - three summer courses in Germany and three summer schools in Bandung have been conducted by the above universities plus related staff and student exchange (including visiting professorships, Ph.D.'s, etc.)
 - the establishment of the first Indonesian European Studies Centre at Parayhangan Catholic University Bandung
 - the establishment of a formal cooperation between Consortium Member Université Libre de Bruxelles and Consortium Member Fudan University Shanghai in the field of European Studies in mid-2006 plus first mutual staff exchanges, which started already in summer and fall 2006
 - the joint application of a ASIA-LINK proposal by Consortium Members Université Libre de Bruxelles, Fudan University Shanghai, Warwick University/UK, and Giessen University plus further Universities such as Parayhangan Catholic University Bandung.
 - applications of Asian Consortium Members for funds from ASEF Singapore
 - the establishment of a book series (in English) at Nomos Publication House, Baden-Baden, edited by the coordinator and his team at Giessen University on "Transformation, Development, and Regional Cooperation in Greater Asia",

which served as a platform for further publications within and beyond the NESCA structure

- preparation of a follow-up-project.

1.4. Comments on the most important problems during the period including the corrective actions undertaken

1. Communication in general and for the preparation of conferences and workshops have proven to take more time and efforts than originally planned. Regular consortium meetings together with improvements of contacts and additional meetings have reduced the problem.
2. Financial resources provided by the European Commission in general and in particular for the preparation of conferences and workshops as well for publication of books have been proven inadequate. In general, Consortium Members hosting conferences and workshops and responsible for publication of books had to provide major additional funds above the contracted share of the budget from other sources. Due to contractual conditions, size of participants and duration of future conferences and workshops have to be scaled down to meet the budgetary limits.
3. Management efforts and related costs for the Coordinator were significantly higher than expected, real costs for the management activities of the coordinator and his staff were about three times higher than the available project budget for Giessen University. In addition, the Coordinator's home university has taken 50 % of the overhead for itself, thus significantly reducing the Coordinator's ability to improve communication and preparation of project activities. It is recommended that in the future the provided budget takes this into account and orient itself to the real costs.

Section 2 – Workpackage progress of the period

2.1.a) Summary of workpackages for the first reporting period

Work-pack. No	Workpackage title	Local contractor/ coordinator	Start Month Year/ Month	End Month Year/ Month	Deliverable No
0	Portal and Forum	IEEM	01/01	03/12	D0
1	Workshop 1 “EU’s foreign governance...”	IEEM	01/02	01/04	D1
2	Workshop 2 “EU’s identity ...”	Canterbury University in cooperation with IEEM	01/06	01/08	D3
3	Conference 1 “The relation between the new EU and Asia”	IEEM	01/10	02/01	D4

Progress reached:

1. All workpackages have been realised in time and fully according to the objectives.
2. Workpackage 1-3 (Workshop 1 and 2 plus Conference 1) have shown both good results in terms of research substance as well as in terms of engagement of Consortium Member universities and guests (see statistical data below).
3. Two books are on the market and distributed widely, a third book (Workshop 2) is in the making and will be on the market probably in late summer 2008 a fourth book (Conference 1) is in the editing process.

2.1.b) Summary of workpackages for the second reporting period

Work-pack. No	Workpackage title	Local contractor/ coordinator	Start Month Year/ Month	End Month Year/ Month	Deliverable No
0	Portal and Forum	IEEM	01/01	03/12	D0
4	Workshop 3 Seoul	Korea University	01/01	02/03	D4
5	Workshop 4 Shanghai	Fudan University	01/01	02/10	D5
6	Conference 2 Macao	IEEM			Conference cancelled but book published by Giessen University

					D6
7	Workshop 5 Bangkok	Chulalong- korn University	01/01	02/12	D7

Progress reached:

1. All three workshops have been realised in time and fully according to the objectives. After consultation with the project officer in Brussels workpackage 7 (conference 2 Macao planned for December 2007) had to be cancelled due to a lack of funds and the change in the representative in the Consortium in charge of implementing project activities such as the conference of the hosting institution Macao. Giessen University has published revised papers planned for this conference.
2. Workpackage 4, 5 and 7 (Workshops 3, 4, and 5) have shown both good results in terms of research substance as well as in terms of engagement of Consortium Member universities and guests (see statistical data below).
3. Two additional books have been published during the second reporting period and distributed widely, a third book summarising the results of workshop Shanghai is in the making and will be on the market probably in late summer 2008, a fourth and fifth book summarising the results of the workshops in Seoul and Bangkok are in the editing process. The following books have been published in the second reporting period:

EU-NESCA book No 3: Jessica Bain/Martin Holland (eds.), European Union Identity. Perceptions from Asia and Europe, 203 pages, Nomos, Baden-Baden 2007

EU-NESCA book No 4: Reimund Seidelmann/Andreas Vasilache (eds.), European Union and Asia. A Dialogue on Regionalism and Interregional cooperation, 363 pages, Nomos, Baden-Baden 2008

Supplementary book: Christoph Schuck, Die Entgrenzung des Islamismus. Indonesische Erfahrungen im globalen Kontext, 265 pages, Nomos, Baden-Baden 2007

2.1.c) Summary of workpackages for the third reporting period

Work-pack. No	Workpackage title	Local contractor/ coordinator	Start Month Year/ Month	End Month Year/ Month	Deliverable No
0	Portal and Forum	IEEM	01/01	03/12	D0
8	Final Conference in Brussels	IEEM			book in preparation by IEE/Brussel D8

New	Conference in Macao	IEEM	---	---	Book in preparation by Giessen
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Progress reached:

4. The planned final conference has been realised in time and fully according to the objectives. IEE/ULB will publish conference results in a book.
5. Workpackage 8 (i.e. the final conference) plus the additional conference in Macao in March 2009 have shown both good results in terms of research substance as well as in terms of engagement of Consortium Member universities and guests (see statistical data in the annex).
6. Two additional books have been published during the third reporting period and distributed widely, two other books summarising the results of the project activities such as the workshops are in the making and will be on the market probably during 2009. The following books have been published in the second reporting period:

EU-NESCA book No 5: Dai Bingram/Jian Junbo (eds.), The Enlarged European Union. Prospects and Implications, Baden-Baden 2008

EU-NESCA book No 6: Jose Luis de Sales Marques/Reimund Seidelmann/Andreas Vasilache (eds.), Asia and Europe. Dynamics of Inter- and Intra-Regional Dialogues, Baden-Baden 2009

2.2.a) Information on the individual workpackages of the first reporting period

Workpackage	Responsible Consortium Member	Objectives	Starting point	Progress	Deliverables and Milestones
WP 0 FORUM / PORTAL	IEEM, Macao China	Set up and maintain websites for information and discussion	April 2006	Objectives implemented	Fully delivered
WP 1 Workshop 1	IEEM, Macao China	Workshop May 04-06, 2006	April 2006	Objectives fully implemented: 22 presentations, 31 participants, book published	Fully delivered (EU-NESCA book 1 and 2)
WP 2 Workshop 2	Canterbury University, Christchurch New Zealand	Workshop July 27-29, 2006	April 2006	Objectives fully implemented: 28 presentations, 35 participants, book in press	Fully delivered (EU-NESCA book 3 in print)

WP 3 Conference 1	IEEM, Macao China	Conference December 14 – 15, 2006	April 2006	Objectives fully implemented: 24 presentations, 37 participants, book publication under preparation	Fully delivered (EU-NESCA book 4 in editing process)
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2.2.b) Information on the individual workpackages of the second reporting period

Workpackage	Responsible Consortium Member	Objectives	Starting point	Progress	Deliverables and Milestones
WP 0 FORUM / PORTAL	IEEM, Macao China	Set up and maintain websites for information and discussion	April 2006	Objectives implemented	Fully delivered
WP 4 Workshop 3	Korea University Seoul, Korea	Workshop May 18-19, 2007	December 2006	Objectives fully implemented, book in editing	Fully delivered
WP 5 Workshop 4	Fudan, Shanghai China	Workshop October 11- 13, 2007	April 2007	Objectives fully implemented, book in press	Fully delivered
WP 7 Workshop 5	Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok Thailand	Workshop January 31- February 2, 2008	April 2007	Objectives fully implemented, book in editing	Fully delivered
WP 6 Conference 2	IEEM, Macao China	Planned for December 2007	April 2007	Objectives partly implemented due to shortage in funds: No conference but book publication	partly delivered due shortage in funds

2.2.c) Information on the individual workpackages of the third reporting period without additional activities

Workpackage	Responsible Consortium Member	Objectives	Starting point	Progress	Deliverables and Milestones
WP 0 FORUM / PORTAL	IEEM, Macao China	Set up and maintain websites for information	April 2006	Objectives implemented	Fully delivered

		and discussion			
WP 8 Final Conference	IEE, Sciences-Po, Warwick	Presenting Project's Result to the public	April 2008	Objectives fully implemented	Fully delivered

2.3. List of deliverables and milestones

Deliverables list (first year of project)

Del. No	Deliverable name	WP No	Lead partic.	Est. pers.-months	Nature	Dissemination level	Delivery date
D0	Portal and Forum	0	IEEM	36	Websites	PU (public)	From Year 01/ Month 01 onwards
D1	Published set of revised research papers on "EU's foreign governance ..." summarizing revised research results from Workshop 1	1	IEEM	3	Set of research papers to be published	PU (public)	Year 01/ Month 12
D2	Published set of revised research papers on "European identity ..." summarizing revised research results from Workshop 3	2	Canterbury U.	3	Set of research papers to be published	PU (public)	Year 02/ Month 04
Dm1 DCA	Consortium agreement	CA	Giessen	0	Consort. Agreem.	CO	Year 01/ 01
Dm IR1	Interim report to the European Commission	M1-3	Giessen and IEEM	0	Interim Report	CO	Year 01/ Month 12
Dm IR3	Interim report to the European Commission	M1-3	Giessen and IEEM	0	Interim Report	CO	Year 03/ Month 12

Milestone list (full duration of project)

Milestone No	Milestone title	Delivery date	Nature	Dissemination level
M CA	Consortium agreement	Year 01/	Contract	CO

		Month 01		
M0	<p>Portal and Forum</p> <p>The Portal will give a comprehensive overview about all websites etc., which are relevant for the subject “EU-Asian relations” and/or of specific value for Asian ESC’s and EU universities interested in Asian developments. The development of the Portal will be monitored regularly.</p> <p>The Forum will present all research papers and related publications of the project as well of consortium member institutions and other institutions working on or being interested in EU-Asian relations. The Forum is designed not only to present papers but to include comments to the papers, discussion statements, policy documents with relevance for the subject of the paper, etc. The development of the Forum will be monitored regularly.</p>	From Year 01/ Month 01 onwards	Websites	PU (public)
M1	Published set of revised research papers on “EU’s foreign governance ...” summarizing revised research results from Workshop 1	Year 01/ Month 12	Set of research papers	PU (public)
M2	Published set of revised research papers on “European identity ...” summarizing revised research results from Workshop 3	Year 02/ Month 04	Set of research papers	PU (public)
Mm1	General management report (First reporting period)	Year 01/Month 06 + 12	Report	CO
Mm2	Administrative report (First reporting period)	Year 01/Month 06 + 12	Report	CO
Mm3	Monitoring and evaluation report (First reporting period)	Year 01/Month 06 + 12	Report	CO

Progress reached:

Deliverables D0, D1, D2 and Dm1 DCA have been delivered in time and in full extent. Deliverables Dm1 ((First reporting period), Dm2 ((First reporting period) and Dm3 (First reporting period) have been delayed until May 2007 due to shortage in human resources/budgetary means for reporting activities.

Milestones MCA, M0, M1, M2, M3 have been reached in time and in full extent. Milestones Mm1 (First reporting period), Mm2 (First reporting period), and Mm3 (First reporting period) have been delayed until May 2007 due to shortage in human resources/budgetary means for reporting activities.

Deliverables list (second year of project)

Del. No	Deliverable name	WP No	Lead partic.	Est. pers.-months	Nature	Dissemination level	Delivery date
D0	Portal and Forum	0	IEEM	36	Websites	PU (public)	From Year 01/ Month 01 onwards
D4	Set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results from Workshop 3	4	Korea University	3	Book in editing	PU (public)	Year 02/ Month 02
D5	Set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results from Workshop 4	6	Fudan University	3	Book in preparation for publication	PU (public)	Year 02/ Month 07
D6	Published set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results	6	Giessen University	3	Published book	PU (public)	Year 02/ Month 12
D7	Set of revised research papers on summarizing revised research results from Workshop 5	7	Chulalongkorn	3	Book in preparation for publication	PU (public)	Year 02/ Month 10
Dm IR2	Interim report to the European Commission	M1-3	Giessen	1	Interim Report	CO	Year 02/ Month 12

Milestone list (full duration of project)

Milestone No	Milestone title	Delivery date	Nature	Dissemination level
M0	Portal and Forum The Portal will give a comprehensive overview about all websites etc., which are relevant for the subject “EU-Asian relations” and/or of specific value for Asian ESC’s and EU universities interested in Asian developments. The	From Year 01/ Month 01 onwards	Websites	PU (public)

	<p>development of the Portal will be monitored regularly.</p> <p>The Forum present research papers and related publications of the project as well of consortium member institutions and other institutions working on or being interested in EU-Asian relations. The Forum is designed not only to present papers but to include comments to the papers, discussion statements, policy documents with relevance for the subject of the paper, etc. The development of the Forum will be monitored regularly.</p>			
M2	Published set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results from Workshop 3 in preparation for book publication	Year 01/ Month 2	Set of research papers	PU (public)
M3	Published set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results from Workshop 4 in preparation for book publication	Year 02/ Month 12	Set of research papers	PU (public)
M4	Book publication	Year 02/ Month 11	Book	PU (public)
M5	Published set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results from Workshop 5 in preparation for book publication	Year 02/ Month 12	Set of research papers	PU (public)
Mm4	General management report (Second reporting period)	Year 02/ Month 12	Report	CO
Mm5	Administrative report (Second reporting period)	Year 02/ Month 12	Report	CO
Mm6	Monitoring and evaluation report (Second reporting period)	Year 02/ Month 12	Report	CO

Progress reached:

Deliverables D0, D4, D5, D7 and Dm2 have been delivered in time and in full extent, D6 has been delivered partially (no conference but book publication). Deliverables Dm4 ((Second reporting period), Dm5 ((Second reporting period) and Dm6 (Second reporting period) have been delayed until May 2007 due to shortage in human resources/budgetary means for reporting activities.

Milestones M0, M2, M3, M4, and M5 have been reached in time and in full extent. Milestones Mm4, Mm5, and Mm 6 have been delayed until May 2007 due to shortage in human resources/budgetary means for reporting activities.

Deliverables list (third year of project)

Del. No	Deliverable name	WP No	Lead partic.	Est. pers.-months	Nature	Dissemination level	Delivery date
D0	Portal and Forum	0	IEEM	36	Websites	PU (public)	From Year 01/ Month 01 onwards
	Published set of revised research papers summarizing revised research results		Giessen University		Published book	PU (public)	Year 03/ Month 09
D8	Publication of revised research papers summarizing results of Final Conference	8	IEE	3	Book in preparation for publication	PU (public)	2009
Dm IR3	Interim report to the European Commission	M1-3	Giessen	1	Interim Report	CO	Year 03/ Month 12

Milestone list (full duration of project)

Milestone No	Milestone title	Delivery date	Nature	Dissemination level
M0	<p>Portal and Forum</p> <p>The Portal will give a comprehensive overview about all websites etc., which are relevant for the subject “EU-Asian relations” and/or of specific value for Asian ESC’s and EU universities interested in Asian developments. The development of the Portal will be monitored regularly.</p> <p>The Forum present research papers and related publications of the project as well of consortium member institutions and other institutions working on or being interested in EU-Asian relations. The Forum is designed not only to present papers but to include comments to the papers, discussion statements, policy documents with relevance for the subject of the paper, etc. The development of the Forum will be monitored regularly.</p>	From Year 01/ Month 01 onwards	Websites	PU (public)
	Book publication	Year 03/	Book	PU

		Month 09		(public)
Mm5	General management report (Third reporting period)	Year 03/Month 12	Report	CO
Mm6	Administrative report (Third reporting period)	Year 03/Month 12	Report	CO
Mm7	Monitoring and evaluation report (Third reporting period)	Year 03/Month 12	Report	CO

Progress reached:

Deliverables have been delivered in time and in full extent, further book publications are in production.

Milestones have been reached in time and in full extent. Milestones Mm5, Mm6, and Mm 7 have been delayed until May 2009 due to shortage in human resources/budgetary means for reporting activities.

2.4. Progress report on individual workpackages

With the exception of one conference, which could not take place because of shortage of funds, all workpackages have been successfully finished. An additional conference took place to compensate for the workpackage conference, which could not take place. For details see the three periodic activity reports.

Section 3 – Consortium management

3.1. Consortium management tasks and their achievement, problems which have occurred and how they were solved

Consortium management both based on a consortium agreement signed by all Consortium Members as well as of trust and good cooperation can be summarised as successful and according to planning. After an informal meeting of the Consortium Members in November 2005 on the occasion of a pre-project conference in Macao, 8 consortium meetings took place; all of them in the framework of both workshops and the conference and always before such activities started. A major problem is the amount of administrative work of the Consortium Members for this project, which is neither financially compensated not helpful to promote substantial progress. Given the other responsibilities in the respective home universities such efforts for administration can be regarded as too high.

3.2. Contractors

The management structure did not foresee contractors with the exception of the auditing process. As planned, the different workpackages are distributed between the Consortium Members, which includes equal and fair distribution of funding to allow Consortium Members best-possible implementation.

3.3. Project timetable and status

Project timetable implementation met initial planning. Preparation of books could have been quicker if adequate financial resources would have been available.

3.4. Comments and informations on co-ordination activities

The co-ordination of the projects activities was adequate due to the fact, that workshops and conferences were used for consortium meetings etc., additional other activities were used for meetings of part of the Consortium Members, and Consortium Members used other funds for communication, meetings, and co-ordination. Cooperation with other projects, preparation of joint proposals such as for ASIA-LINK, and other activities have been only possible because third-party-financing was available.

Section 4 – Other issues

Other issues are non-existing, points in the guidelines for project reporting concerning other issues are irrelevant for this project.

Annex – Plan for using and disseminating the knowledge

Objectives:

It is one of the explicit objectives of the project to make project results usable both for academic and political use and to ensure the necessary dissemination of knowledge.

Progress reached:

1. PORTAL and FORUM has been established to make conference and workshops' papers etc. immediately available to the interested academic and political public without any restrictions. This has been of particular importance for countries like China, where such informations/expertises seldom reach remote provinces and particular for young scholars with limited access to libraries etc.
2. Six books have been published and put on the market; four books will be published and distributed to institutions in Europe and Asia.
3. Workshops and Conference explicitly invited each time selected European and Asian diplomats, government members, and other political professionals. Both the participation of this group as well as the follow-up measures in their home organisations/institutions secured additional high-effective use and dissemination.
4. Workshops and Conference received attention from the media (newspaper, TV, plus related interviews) thus further improve use and dissemination of knowledge.