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DL 3.2 Review on existing mobility portals.

The core group of work package 3 of aqua-tnet2008-2011 has prepared the following report on the existing portals related to mobility. It is the intention of the core group to provide information about the relevant contents of the portals in order to take advantage of what is already available in internet, but also to identify what is not included in the existing information in order to improve the aqua-tnet Mobility Portal, as one of the main outputs of this work package.

The portals information is displayed in the list below which is listed in alphabetical order following the portal name. The headlines include the name of the portal and the internet web page. Some information of the contents and aims of each portal is included.

The portals included in this report can be grouped under different subjects:

<u>Student and staff mobility</u>	<u>Funding opportunities</u>	<u>Specialized portals</u>	<u>Vocational mobility</u>	<u>General</u>
ESN (ESIB) European Campus Eracareers Let's go Marie Curie Nova Pisces jobs Umich Aqua-internship	IEFA Ploteus Study abroad Support for learning Work and Travel	Efish business ESIB	AquaTnet Pisces jobs Aqua-internship	Aquanic AquaTT ECIU UNICA EUA

Aquanic
www.aquanic.com

The Aquaculture Network Information Center (AquaNIC) was conceived in 1994 by the former USDA-Extension Service (currently Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service) as one of the USA first network information centers to serve as a gateway to the world's electronic aquaculture resources. AquaNIC was created, through grants from USDA-Extension Service, the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program, and Purdue University Libraries.

Primary funding of AquaNIC is through the NOAA Sea Grant College Program with secondary support from USDA North Central Regional Aquaculture Center. In-kind support is provided by the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium, Auburn University's Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquaculture, and the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant College Program. Land Grant institutions, Sea Grant Colleges, the USDA Regional Aquaculture Center Program, and others with an expertise in aquaculture provide significant oversight and contribute to the



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resource base. AquaNIC houses or provides links to thousands of state, national, and international aquaculture publications, newsletters, visual media, calendars, job services, directories and specialty sections for species and production systems

Aqua-tnet

<http://www.aquatnet.com/>

AQUA-TNET is a multidisciplinary Thematic Network that unites the academic and vocational aspects of the Bologna reforms and the establishment of the European Higher Education Area in the field of Aquaculture, Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management. It includes measures to improve student mobility, bachelors, masters and doctoral networks, innovation in teaching (e-learning and ICT technologies and their role in joint degrees) and new methods of language training and promoting language diversity

AquaTT

www.aquatt.ie

AquaTT is an international foundation non-profit making organisation which provides project management and training services to support the area of aquatic resources. It is a non-profit organization with a wide expertise in the area of higher education in aquaculture and projects related to this field.

AquaTT's mission is to bridge the knowledge gap between the dynamic R&D environments and the progressive commercial sector. AquaTT supports its target audiences through the provision of support services and through participation in, and coordination of EU projects and initiatives in the areas of education, training and technology transfer.

Atlas of student mobility

<http://atlas.iienetwork.org>.

Project Atlas seeks to examine international education patterns in relation to other international flows. It also explores national developments such as home country investment in human capital, population growth, the level of technological capacity, the growth of civil liberty, and international connectedness. By creating a shared image of international mobility, we hope to highlight the truly global-spanning aspects of higher education, make apparent the emerging world higher education economy, and establish a conversation space for those concerned with global education mobility issues. The *Atlas of Student Mobility* website contains the following:

The latest available data on international students from host destinations and sending places of origin. Articles and papers of interest. Data tables containing contextual information on places of origin, such as population, income levels, and education.



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e-fish business

<http://www.efishbusiness.co.uk>

This page is devoted mainly to information about movements of fish among countries (import, export, fish farm registrations, etc). This organisation can also provide student placements related to training in facilitating legal movements of fish.

ESN (erasmus student network)

<http://www.esn.org/>

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is one of the biggest interdisciplinary student associations in Europe, founded in 1990 for supporting and developing student exchange. They are present in 301 Higher Education Institutions from 33 countries. ESN is working in Higher Education (HE) offering services to 150.000 students, mainly on a volunteer basis, with an average annual growth rate of 12,3% since 1990. ESN is operating on three levels, Local, National and International.

ESN works for the creation of a more mobile and flexible education environment by supporting and developing the student exchange from different levels, and providing an intercultural experience also to those students who cannot access a period abroad ("internationalisation at home")

The main focus of ESN is placed on current exchange students, who often face problems (and feel abandoned) in their new environments. Therefore ESN offers help in academic, social and practical integration process. This is mainly done through activities in the local sections, which include cultural and social events such as trips to various places within the country, film nights, buddy group and language projects and international food fests and last, but not least, parties. In addition to that, many sections have introduced mentor systems, which help the international students mainly in academic and practical integration.

European Researchers mobility portal

[http:// www.eracareers.pt](http://www.eracareers.pt)

This is a European portal that has an equivalent for each country (the address above is for Portugal, for instance). They offer researchers, whatever their age, nationality or level of experience, the opportunity to add their CVs to the Researcher's Mobility Job Database and in this way it provides a structured and confidential way of showing the CVs to registered organisations. The database offers matching between registered CVs and posted employment job vacancies, according to detailed and selected parameters.

There is the consequent offer to interested organisations (universities, research centres, enterprises, foundations, etc ...) through registering in this Portal the possibility to advertise their research job vacancies. Registered organisations will be able to identify suitable candidates according to detailed and tailored parameters corresponding to their specific recruitment needs.



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The service is completely free of charge and it may not be used for any form of commercial advertising. Information on registered organisations will not be made available for market development on a commercial basis.

European Consortium of Innovative Universities.

<http://www.eciu.org/for/staff4.php>

Portal of the Association of innovative universities in Europe. ECIU aims to be one of the global leaders in the higher education through its collective expertise and commitment to innovation in teaching and learning and members' shared history of fostering economic and social development in regions in transition, build on existing innovation and enhance quality, in the member institutions, in the areas of: international collaboration; teaching and learning; regional development; technology transfer; and staff and student development. They develop high-quality collaborative educational programmes, by building on research and teaching strengths within individual ECIU member institutions. It gives links to most resources in the European Commission including Marie Curie grants or the Bologna process.

European Student Union

www.esib.org

Portal of the European student Union. Global portal for students including information about movements of students, Erasmus Mundus statements, portability training and future of student mobility. The ESU is the umbrella organisation of 49 national unions of students from 38 countries, and through these members represent over 11 million students. The aim of ESU is to represent and promote the educational, social, economic and cultural interests of students at a European level towards all relevant bodies and in particular the European Union, Bologna Follow-Up Group, Council of Europe and UNESCO.

European Campus

<http://www.youthagora.org/project/european-campus>

This is a project run by the consortium ESN (Erasmus Student Network), UNICA (Network of Universities of European Capitals) and Youth Agora. The main goal of this project and the consortium is to develop a Mobility Information Platform that provides students from all over the world the necessary information to access all opportunities of personal growth offered by a study experience in the European Higher Education Area.

International educational financial aid

<http://www.iefaf.org>

American portal for students from US and foreign students. IEFA is the premier resource for financial aid, college scholarship and grant information for US and international students wishing to study abroad. At this site, you will find the most comprehensive college scholarship search and grant listings plus international student loan programs and other information to promote study abroad. Student loan programs are also provided.



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We are constantly striving to provide resources for students so that they can learn more about international financial aid, and work towards their goal of studying in another country. Our resources center is designed to provide you with an overview of how to use our scholarship search, as well as helpful articles, advice columns, news items and much more.

Let's Go Campaign

<http://www.lets gocampaign.net/>

The Let's Go-Wiki is a place to find and exchange information related to staff and student mobility. There are comments that one can improve, create or upload new documents. By providing a platform to share and learn from one another's experiences and knowledge, the Let's Go-Wiki wants to contribute to a better understanding of staff and student mobility in Europe & around the world.

Marie Curie Actions

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/>

Marie Curie is the programme of the European Commission for the mobility of students during the training research period. The web includes information about fellowships, research training networks and opportunities. Known collectively as the Marie Curie Actions, the EU's human resources and mobility activities are a major step forward in improving Europe's attractiveness and research performance. They offer a unique way for researchers of all ages and levels of experience from the EU Member States, from countries associated with FP6 and from third countries, to boost their career prospects, develop cutting-edge research skills and experience life in another country.

If you work as a researcher in a university, research institute or business and are interested in spending time abroad as part of an international, multicultural research team, then there is a Marie Curie Action to suit you.

NOVA University

<http://www.nova-university.org/aqua/index.htm> (Aqua Network portal)

<http://www.nova-university.org/novadb/courses/subjhome.php?s=AQA> (courses)

NOVA is the acronym for Nordic Forestry, Veterinary and Agricultural University. It is the network for course finding in the Nordic area (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland) related to the Agroindustries. NOVA will be an outstanding Nordic university network that is recognised for elevating standards and benefiting students and scientists of all member institutions. Staff and students shall feel integrated in the Nordic life science environment, and NOVA will be acknowledged internationally for its quality and competence. NOVA will support and promote life sciences in the Nordic countries by facilitating cooperation in higher education. NOVA shall promote establishment of networks that will develop innovative and high quality education within their fields. The bringing together of students, teachers and scientists in NOVA networks and courses will enhance both education and research. NOVA will focus its efforts within PhD and MSc education; create specialized PhD courses of a high international standard, and increase course quality, diversity and student mobility within MSc education.



Pisces jobs

www.piscesttjobs.com

Pisces jobs is a portal for students that are searching jobs related mostly to aquaculture, but also related to aquatic sciences. It is a free service managed by AquaTT that provides mobility opportunities in vocational placements. The service includes both the searching facility for employers and for students.

As the European Education and Training Network, AquaTT is increasingly inundated with both CVs from students, graduates and others seeking work in the aquaculture and related sciences sectors, as well as companies / organisations seeking qualified employees, the PISCES TT Jobs service aims to foster an efficient means by which to link these two groups.

Ploteus

www.ploteus.com

<http://ec.europa.eu/ploteus>

Portal on Learning Opportunities throughout the European Space, PLOTEUS aims to help students, job seekers, workers, parents, guidance counsellors and teachers to find out information about studying in Europe.

Several informations are provided: Learning opportunities and training possibilities available throughout the European Union containing a lot of links to web sites of universities and higher education institutions, databases of schools and vocational training and adult education courses. Exchange programmes and grants (Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, Tempus) available in European countries. Who to contact, how to apply for grants, etc. The essentials to know when moving abroad to another European country: cost of living, tuition fees, finding accommodation, legal framework and other general information for European countries. Education and training systems: descriptions and explanations about the different education systems of European countries

Study abroad

<http://www.studyabroad.com/>

<http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/>

StudyAbroad.com is an Internet's leading source of information on educational opportunities for students to study in other countries. It is a comprehensive directory of study abroad programs, including summer study abroad, internship, service learning and volunteer abroad programs, high school study abroad, intensive language programs and more, all organized by subject or country or city. International education support through our study abroad handbook provides a guide to education abroad, health and safety and study abroad scholarship/financial aid information

This portal gives information about grants for students moving to other countries. It gives a directory of scholarships, a list of associations giving opportunities for specific groups such as minorities, women, or specific programs such as the Fullbright.



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The web site studyabroadfunding.org gives also the same of information about funding opportunities but allows to find places of mobility with a search engine by country and subject.

Support for learning

<http://www.support4learning.org.uk>

British portal with resources for students looking for placements outside UK. It gives also information about funding agencies and support for mobility.

This site exists as a signpost to relevant organisations and resources in a number of key areas which are accessible from the tabs at the top of each page. The site contains links to resources for advisors, students and everyone involved in education, training and communities. These links will help you to choose, finance and support your education, training, lifelong learning, career planning and jobsearch

UMich International Center

<http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu>

This is an example of portals belonging to particular universities but giving general mobility services. A portal belonging to the University of Michigan but giving international mobility opportunities. The information includes mobility databases, additional resources regarding immigration, visas, etc. Includes mobility for staff. The U-M International Center provides a variety of services to assist international students, scholars, faculty and staff mostly from American students seeking opportunities to study, work, or travel abroad.

UNICA

<http://www.ulb.ac.be/unica/>

UNICA is a network of 42 universities from the capital cities of Europe, with a combined strength of over 120,000 staff and 1,500,000 students. Its role is to promote academic excellence, integration and co-operation between member universities throughout Europe. It seeks also to be a driving force in the development of the Bologna process and to facilitate the integration of universities from Central and Eastern Europe into the European higher education area. They have a student portal.

WORK AND TRAVEL

<http://www.ciee.org/wat/index.html>

Work & Travel USA makes it possible for international students to explore life in the United States with maximum freedom and at minimum cost. The Work & Travel Program is designed so that overseas students can become more than tourists, experiencing life in the U.S. firsthand by working alongside U.S. citizens in temporary employment. Not only does this opportunity allow for a "U.S. experience," it helps cover travel expenses.



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Since 1969, CIEE has been designated by the U.S. State Department to administer this J-1 visa program. As a program sponsor, CIEE will help to prepare for this experience, obtain all necessary work documents, and provide supervision and emergency backup service throughout the program.

EUA. EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION.

<http://www.eua.be/about-eua/>

The European University Association (EUA) represents and supports higher education institutions in 46 countries, providing them with a unique forum to cooperate and keep abreast of the latest trends in higher education and research policies. EUA is the result of a merger between the Association of European Universities (CRE) and the Confederation of European Union Rectors' Conferences. Members of the Association are European universities involved in teaching and research, national associations of rectors and other organisations active in higher education and research.

EUA's international cooperation takes many forms. Through its bilateral or multilateral activities with national and international associations, EUA promotes inter-university cooperation by providing a forum to its members for forging institutional alliances and partnerships which, as European universities response to global challenges and international positioning, become more and more important. While supporting its members in these developments, EUA seeks to draw attention to the importance of ensuring that international academic cooperation is based upon a community of interests, thus promoting 'brain gain' rather than 'brain drain' both within Europe and between Europe and the rest of the world, underlining the importance of academic values and cultural diversity, rather than cultural dominance.

AQUAINTERNSHIP

<http://www.aarm-asialink.info/>

This program is devoted to collaboration for practical experience in aquaculture and aquatic resources management in Asian countries. Under this program arrangements are made for students to go and work in the real field/industry so that they acquire up-to-date knowledge on current practices, assist communities or host organizations, identify their problems and help solve them. Any interested students select suitable host-organizations to match their areas of interest.