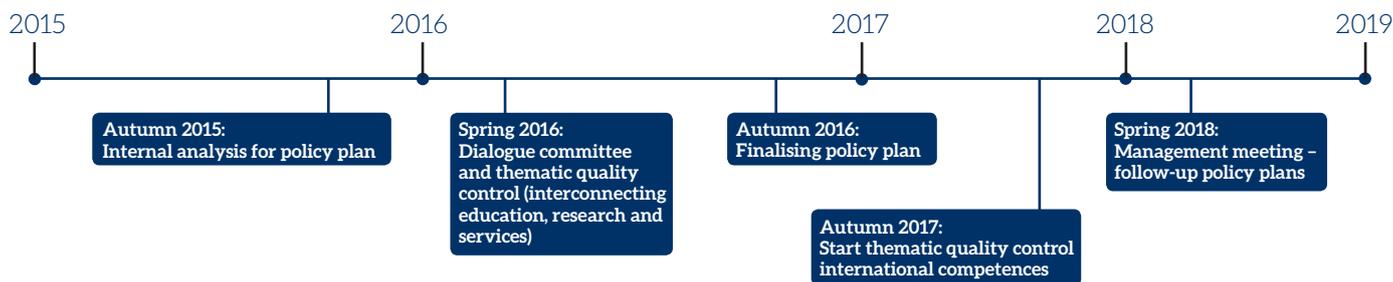


Banaba International cooperation North-South



Conclusions after thorough analysis by external experts:

Dialogue committee



“The experts are impressed by the high level of banaba programmes within the Health and Well-Being group.”



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Experts thematic quality control



“It is good that the programmes use Evidence Based Practice as a guiding principle.”



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Strengths

- High level of the programmes.
- Students excited about the programme taken.
- Great involvement of the sector through guest lectures, traineeships, etc.

Points of improvement

- Quality traineeships on banaba level on offer, in other words, greater depth and breadth with regard to the initial bachelor.
- Bachelor thesis at banaba level, clearly positioned between initial bachelor and master.
- Extra investment on publicity of banaba programmes.
- Support for guest lecturers.

The banabas of the group Health and Well-Being sat down together to draw up a self-reflection, looking at each banaba in turn. Also the dialogue committee was for all banabas together. These resulted in several policy plans.

Theme: Interconnecting education, research and services

It is impressive that attention is explicitly given to teaching research methods. It allows students to develop an investigative and curious attitude.

The experts appreciate the fact that services are integrated in the programme.

The group of experts recognised the multiple cross-links with the sector.

Another positive note is that guest lecturers are selected with research and practical expertise.

An analysis leading to a policy plan

Policy priorities

In order to safeguard the quality of the programme permanently, the following policy priorities were stipulated in the policy plan:

- High quality curriculum: curriculum, composed in collaboration with the sector, includes a career impact assessment, the visions and DLRs as a reference point throughout the programme, targeted selection of traineeship locations based on sustainability, quality and mutual cooperation.
- There is specific communication for and about the banaba: the two variants of the programme are promoted through targeted communication.
- The programme is financially viable through a sufficiently large influx and progression of students and a cost-efficient use of financial resources.
- The programme contributes to the development of knowledge of international collaboration, globalisation and sustainable development in UCLL through establishing a clear understanding of mutual expectations between the banaba and UCLL's North-South programme, through an annual enumeration of the output.
- Alumni association: maintaining good contacts with alumni.

Key innovations

Several innovations were introduced to the programme based on the feedback of the dialogue commission and the group of experts. This is an continuous process.

- A specific communication plan was drawn up and its implementation has begun.
- The English version was introduced in 2016-2017. Based on experience gained from this introduction, the approach was amended for 2017-2018.
- New traineeship locations were identified and one new country (Bhutan) was selected with whom to develop an intensive collaboration.
- Organisation of an event for alumni (14/10/2018).

A policy plan with continuous follow-up

Just like all study programmes of the UCLL, the banaba international North-South cooperation draws up an annual state of affairs and holds a management meeting every two years. The next management meeting for this programme is scheduled for 2017-2018.

Information

Extra background information about quality control in UCLL:

<https://www.ucll.be/rapport>