CONMAT - Strengthening Conflict Management and Transformation Studies in Africa

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CONTMAT Key facts

Project title	**Strengthening Conflict Management and Transformation Studies in Africa**
Project acronym	CONMAT
Project reference number	101178083
Funding scheme	Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education: Strand 1
Type of action	ERASMUS Lump Sum Grants
Granting authority	European Education and Culture Executive Agency
Coordination institution	University of Applied Sciences Campus Vienna
Partners	5 (4 Africa, 1 Europe)
Project duration	01.01.2025 – 31.12.2027
Maximum grant amount	EUR 359,256.78
Funding rate	90%
Overhead	7%

The partners (consortium)

Ghana (SD Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies, **Wa** and University of Ghana, **Accra**)

Rwanda (Protestant University of Rwanda, **Huye** and University of Rwanda, **Kigali**).

Spain Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Austria The University of Applied Sciences FH Campus Vienna **(coordinator)**

Special considerations regarding the partners

Target groups:

- HEIs from least developed countries
- HEIs located in remote regions
- Newcomers or less experienced
- Individuals with fewer opportunities.

Rwanda Qualifies as LDC according to UN

Wa/Ghana and Huye/Rwanda qualify as remote regions

2. The aims of CONMAT

Strengthen the **capacities of partner African HEIs** (Ghana and Rwanda) in conflict studies and foster **international academic cooperation**

Empower students and HEI staff with knowledge and tools in conflict studies, focusing on **analytical and critical thinking skills**.

Improve **curricula on conflict studies** in African universites and implement **online learning** and **multimedia courses in Participatory Video techniques**

Two final conferences in Accra (Ghana) and Kigali (Rwanda) will **disseminate** the results of the project.

The final product will be a **training of trainers teaching manual** that takes into account the cross-cultural and intercultural (including gender) perspectives of the project.

3. General outline of the planned implementation

Workpackages: Tasks & Deliverables

Logical Framework

Workpackages: Tasks & Deliverables (1-3)

No.	Workpackage: Tasks	Deliverable	Leader/ Beneficary
1	**WP 1: Project Preparation & Management** Task 1.1 - Establish a Project Management (PM) Board Task 1.2 - Prepare and sign the partnership agreement Task 1.3 - Organise a kick-off meeting Task 1.4 - Organise PM Board meetings Task 1.5 - Elaborate a Risk Management Plan (RMP) Task 1.6 - Create Project and Risk Management Reports	D1.1 Management Guidelines elaborated D1.2 Progress Report elaborated D1.3 Report on Measurement and Achievement of KPI elaborated	**UASCV** University of Applied Sciences Campus Vienna
2	**Wp 2: Internationalisation of existing curricula in Conflict Studies** Task 2.1 - Create a needs analysis for existing curriculum interventions Task 2.2 - Pilot modified courses Task 2.3 - Implement modified courses Task 2.4 - Accredit modified courses	D2.1 Needs assessment of conflict studies requiring curriculum internationalisation conducted D2.2 Innovative elements and international/intercultural dimensions integrated into selected curricula D2.3 Accreditation of modified courses	**ULPGC** Universidad Las Palmas de Gran Canaria Spain
3	**WP 3: Capacity Building in Conflict Studies for HEI Staff and Students** Task 3.1 - Purchase online teaching equipment Task 3.2 - Purchase equipment for Participatory Video (PV) Task 3.3 Implement courses in PV Task 3.4 Implement CB courses in virtual classroom teaching Task 3.5 - Pilot train-the-trainer courses for HEI staff Task 3.6 - Implement train-the-trainer courses for HEI staff Task 3.7 - Pilot COIL courses for students Task 3.8 - Implement COIL courses for students Task 3.9 - Implement online workshops on grant writing Task 3.10 - Develop MOUs for academic cooperation among participating HEIs	D3.1 Capacity Building courses for HEI staff and students delivered D3.2 Capacity Building courses in Participatory Video delivered **(SDD)** D3.3 Capacity Building course in virtual class-room teaching delivered **(UASCV)**	**UG** University of Ghana (UG)

Workpackages: Tasks & Deliverables (4-6)

No.	Workpackage: Tasks	Deliverable	Leader/ Beneficary
4	**WP 4 Academic Quality Assurance & Evaluation** Task 4.1 - Create an Academic QA (Quality Assurance) Committee Task 4.2 - Create a QA plan Task 4.3 - Conduct course evaluation surveys Task 4.4 - Prepare a meeting of the QA Committee	D4.1 An Academic Quality Assurance Plan implemented	**SDD** SD Dombo University, Wa
5	**WP 5 Sustainability Plan of the Project** Task 5.1 - Create a sustainability plan Task 5.2 - Create an alumni network Task 5.3 - Develop a draft plan for future projects	D5.1 A sustainability plan developed D5.2 An alumni network established	**PUR** Protestant Univ. of Rwanda, Huye
6	**WP 6 Dissemination & Exploitation** Task 6.1 - Create a dissemination and impact team Task 6.2 - Elaborate a dissemination and impact plan Task 6.3 - Create a project website Task 6.4 - Elaborate didactic materials Task 6.5 - Organise a dissemination conference in Rwanda	D6.1 Dissemination and exploitation plan created D6.2. Project website is created **(UASCV)**	**UR** University of Rwanda

4. Costs (budget overview)

Acronym	WP 001 Project Preparation and Management	WP 002 Internationalisation of Existing Curricula in Conflict Studies	WP 003 Capacity Building in Conflict Studies for HEI staff and Students	WP 004 Academic Quality Assurance & Evaluation	WP 005 Sustainability Plan of the Project	WP 006 Disssemination & Exploitation	Maximum Grant Amount
UASCV	43 678	1 507	30 044	4 203	1 471	27 455	**108 358**
SSD	10 190	462	46 381	4 176	491	2 282	**63 982**
UG	6 558	462	39 439	3 053	439	2 394	**52 345**
PUR	6 216	462	37 785	439	1 913	1 897	**48 712**
UR	6 308	462	30 901	3 125	491	6 063	**47 350**
ULPGC	5 075	9 306	19 732	2 604	820	973	**38 510**
Consortium	78 024	12 662	204 281	17 599	5 626	41 064	359 257

Equipment purchase

					TOOL: DEPRECIATION COSTS LIST			
BE nr	Beneficiary name	WP nr	Work Package name	Resource type	Short name of the investments	Date of purchase	Purchase cost	% used for the project
2	SDD	3	Capacity Building in Conflic	Equipment	Online Teaching Equipment	31.03.2025	11 762	80%
2	SDD	3	Capacity Building in Conflic	Equipment	Particpatory Video Equipment	31.03.2025	2 160	80%
3	UG	3	Capacity Building in Conflic	Equipment	Online Teaching Equipment	31.03.2025	8 064	80%
4	PUR	3	Capacity Building in Conflic	Equipment	Online Teaching Equipment	31.03.2025	13 391	80%
4	PUR	3	Capacity Building in Conflic	Equipment	Particpatory Video Equipment	31.03.2025	2 952	80%
5	UR	3	Capacity Building in Conflic	Equipment	Online Teaching Equipment	31.03.2025	7 982	80%

5. How the project was created & prepared

- Set up of the consortium: Knowing partners through previous project and recommendations of colleagues including Erasmus Staff visit of Austrian Partner to Ghana

- Several zoom-meetings from September to December (Need-analysis and national policies of African partners , identifying leaders of work packages; align objectives with deliverables and tasks)

- Attendance of project coordinator at the TCA Vienna December 2023

- BIG HELP: check & consultation of NA Austria

6. Tips for preparing the project

- Involving HEI management during project preparation

- Creating different staff categories

- Targeting the priorities of the third countries not associated to the programme and matching them with the EU priorities for these countries

- Interregional exchange between Rwanda and Ghana (Info: Austria Erasmus programme manager) – added value

THANK YOU!

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