





Inter-institutional Professional Development for Academic Teachers: A CHARM European University Case Study

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interaction

interaction



European Universities Initiative Co-funded by the European Union of the European Union

"The aim of this initiative is to bring together a new generation of creative Europeans able to cooperate across languages, borders and disciplines to address societal challenges and skills shortages faced in Europe." (EC)



EUROPEAN
UNIVERSITIES
A key pillar of
the European
Education Area

More than 280
HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Up to €5 million from Erasmus+
Up to €2 million from Horizon 2020
per alliance

27
MEMBER STATES + Iceland, Norway,
Serbia and Turkey + United Kingdom



European University Initiatives



Alliances must create a European inter-university 'campus', including:

Seamless student and staff mobility



Transdisciplinary and transnational teams tackling big issues facing Europe (such as climate protection)



• Development of an entrepreneurial mind-set and civic engagement



• Transformation of our universities and preparation for the jobs of tomorrow



• Finding solutions to big societal challenges that Europe and the world are facing.





University of Barcelona (UB)



Trinity College Dublin (TCD)



Utrecht University (UU)



Eötvös Lorand University, Budapest (ELTE)



University of Montpellier



"At CHARM-EU we work together to design and create a **new university model** to become a world example of good practice to increase the quality, international competitiveness and attractiveness of the **European Higher Education landscape**." (CHARM-EU Website)



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MSc in Global Challenges for Sustainability





CHallenge-driven

Research-based

Accessible

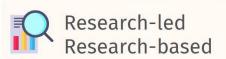
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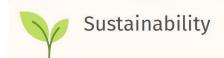
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MSc in Global Challenges for Sustainability























PHASE 1 Preparatory



The aim of the preparation phase is to ensure all students receive a common grounding (regardless of location or modality) in key skills and content required for the challenges ahead of them.

Modules in this phase concentrate on transversal skill development to prepare students for a transdisciplinary learning approach in the following phases.

PHASE 1 MODULES

M1 Social innovation

M2 Sustainability

M3 Transdisciplinary Research

Flexible



The aim of this phase is to provide students with multiple options for learning within CHARM-EU related themes.

Students are required to select one theme containing multiple modules, and participate in modules within that theme.

Modules are **grouped into relevant themes** related to CHARM-EU programme content guidelines.

PHASE 2 MODULES

THEME FOOD

M1 The Food-Health-Environment Nexus

M2 Food Systems and their Transformations

M3 Socially Just and Sustainable Food Systems

THEME LIFE and HEALTH

M1 Health Systems and Policies

M2 Health Challenges

M3 Healthy Lives and Wellbeing

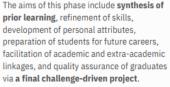
THEME WATER

M1 Extremes in the Water Cycle and Their Complex Consequences

M2 Adaptation Measures and Strategies in Water Management

M3 Resilient Cities: Water in Urban Environments

Capstone



Students practically apply their knowledge and competencies through experimential learning (i.e. real-life challenges).

PHASE 3 MODULES

M1 Capstone

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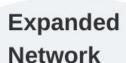
Knowledge Creation Teams





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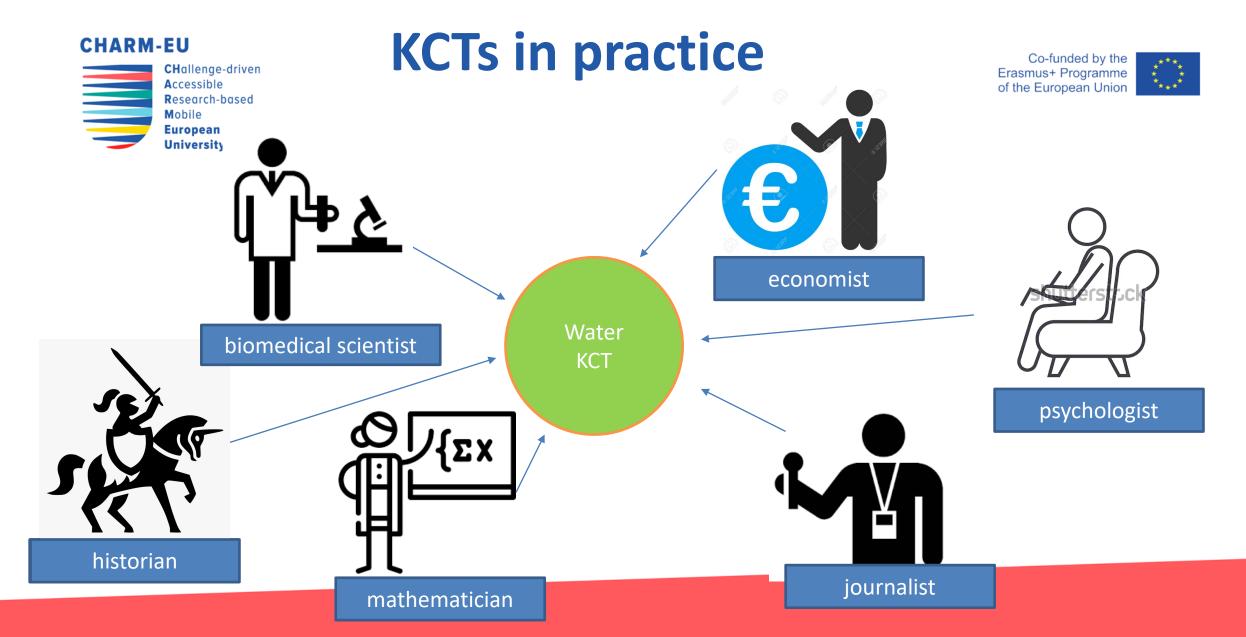


- Knowledge agents or actors to advise on inter/transdisciplinary modules
- · Support content development
- · Contribute to delivery design
- · Use network to engage extra-academic actors
- Form research networks and commercialisation projects

Core

- Dual role: Domain expert and thematic generalist
- Co-create inter/transdisciplinary modules
- Teach and assess students on masters





Reconciling Humanity with the Planet by creating the university of the future



Problem definition

Ensuring teaching and learning quality relies heavily on the knowledge, skills and competences of the CHARM-EU alliance teachers

- New pedagogical methodologies;
- Teaching staff from multiple institutions;
- Teaching staff with diverse disciplinary backgrounds;
- Teaching staff with different levels of teaching experience;
- New IT systems.







How to design a Professional Development programme for teaching staff in CHARM-EU?





Six-phased approach



Existing PD at partner institutions

Needs Analysis KCTs Input from experts

Literature review inter-institutional PD

Educational Principles alignment

Alignment Human resources & Governance







Interactive moment: What are characteristics / differences between local and inter-institutional professional development?

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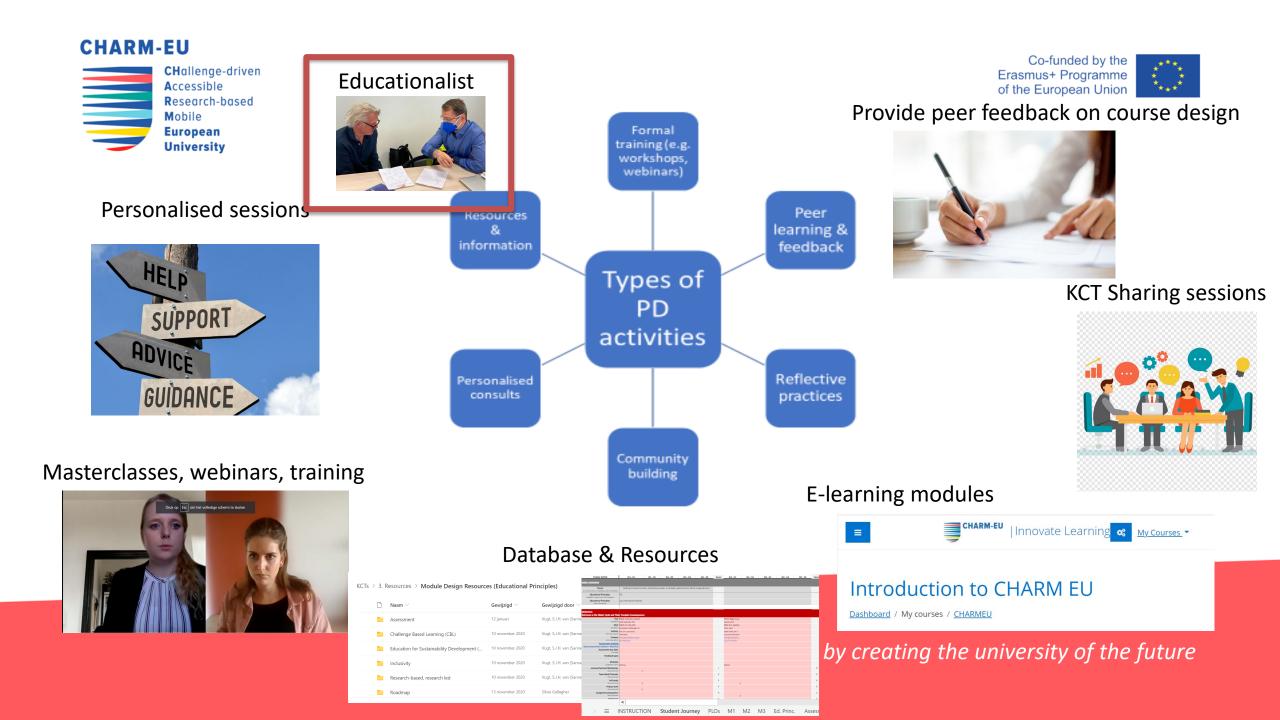


Literature review inter-institutional PD

Themes for inter-institutional Ponded by the Programme









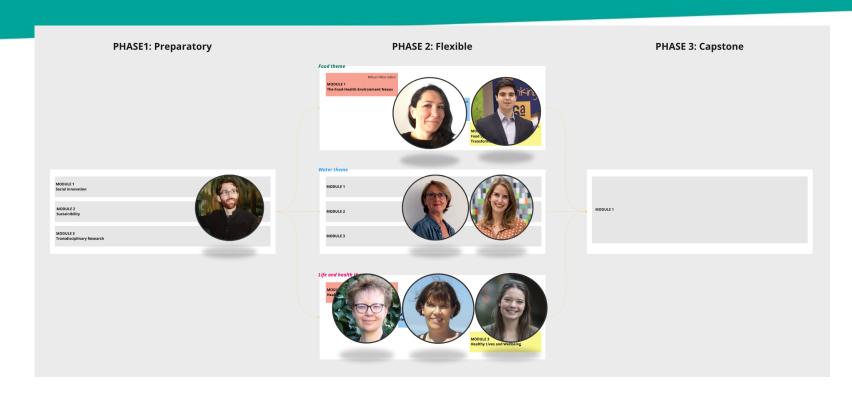
PD Activities and Initiatives in CHARM-EU



Activities	Frequency
(Online) Masterclasses, trainings, workshops	8
Personalised consults with expert	15
Sharing / feedback sessions	17
Resources in database (e.g. handbooks)	>50
E-learnings	4
Face to face meetings	4



Educationalists



Professional with a background in Educational or Pedagogical Sciences, understands the CHARM-EU philosophy and structure of the Master's programme and is a strong advisor and communicator.

He/she participates in the KCTs ensuring Educational Principles integration.







KCTs & educationalists









✓ Online sessions

Regular meeting with KCTs to design modules, assessments, activities, etc...

✓ Face to face

collaboration at the hackathon and working sessions in Montpellier and Budapest

Professional Development Activities and Initiatives

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Educationalist



Provide peerfeedback on course design





Formal

Types of

PD

activities

KCT Sharing sessions



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Personalised sessions

Personalised

consults

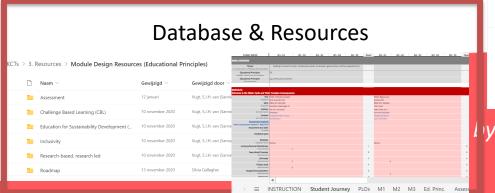
Community building

Reflective

practices

E-learning modules







Dashboard / My courses / CHARMEU

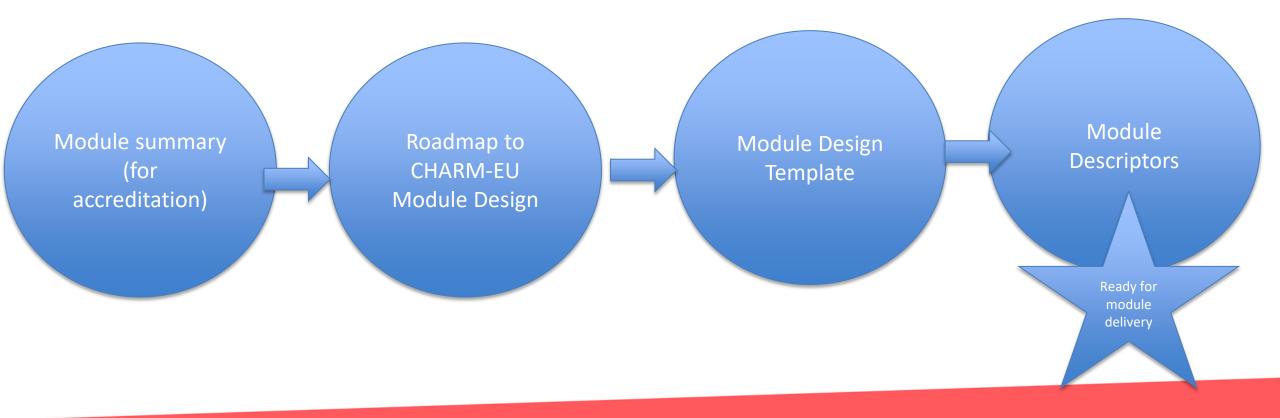
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Key module design resources





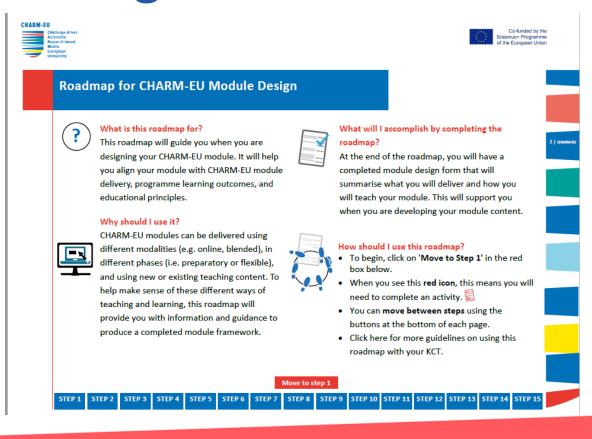
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Roadmap for CHARM-EU Module Design



An instructional design support tool for KCT members within CHARM-EU to help them collaboratively design modules







Templates to support design

Activity and assessment description Sprint 3
[insert title]

Module title: [insert title]

Week [insert week number] Day [insert day number]
Activity title: [insert activity name e.g. panel discussion]

Activity description:

Briefly describe the activity in bullet points <u>e.g.</u> structure of the activity, groupwork, ste content delivery, questions, teaching approach etc.]

Pre-activity:

[Briefly describe what students and teachers should do before the activity in bullet points]

Time:

Estimated hours for activity (<u>i.e.</u> aim to quantify parts of the activity where applicable (<u>e.g.</u> 30 minutes seminar, 30 minutes groupwork))

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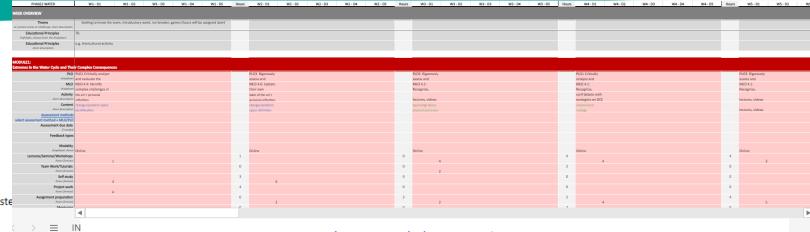
Roles (e.g. student, teacher, external stakeholder, mentor, ...)

- [actor(s) 1]
- [actor(s) 2]
- [actor(s) 3]

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Location (e.g. hybrid classroom, online, on-campus)

Assessment Week [insert week <u>number</u>] <u>Day</u> [insert day number] **Assessment:** [insert assessment method <u>e.g.</u> collaborative advisory report]



Student Module Descriptors

Who is this resource for?

This resource is written for students to learn more about the content and delivery of the modules. It will be shared with students at least one month before the start of the module via email and in the Virtual Learning Environment.

What is the aim of this resource?

The Student Module Descriptors provide information for students and other interested professionals to learn more about the content and delivery of the modules within the Master's programme. The content of this resource should provide the information needed for students to prepare for the modules and provide practical information. It will also provide a clear overview of activities and expectations.

How to fill in this resource?

This is an empty template for KCTs to fill in. To see an example of a filled-out template please review the example here. Please only use the example resource for inspiration (it is non-existing information).



CHARM-EU **CHARM-EU educational principles**

practical tips for Knowledge Creating Teams

STEP 1

Learn how to integrate CHARM-EU educational principles into your teaching with these practical tips.

Challengebased Learning



Define a global. real-world, authentic challenge as a starting point for your module. This can be very small (mini-challenge) or large (hackathon)

Include a variety of stakeholders into your module, such as academic, business, and community participants.

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Consider teachers and students as co-students and partners in

Design your module

Learning Environment

Consider teachers and students (and other stakeholders) as partners in solving societal challenges.

Support students to create a tangible output, such as a new process, idea, or solution to a challenge

Communicate with

students about your

researcher to stimulate

their appreciation for

experiences as a

Research-led Research-based Learning



Incorporate open access, peer reviewed research into module content.

Engage students in practical research activities as formulating research questions, analysing data, writing an abstract, conducting a short literature review, drafting research grants or project outlines, Discuss findings from this or presenting at a student 'conference'. research with students.

Use experienced researchers as guest research (i.e. let students contribute or review your own research). speakers for your module.

Sustainability in Education



Use a related Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) to frame discussions of your module content.

Consider a lifelong learning perspective; design Connect module content to contemporaneous exercises to encourage student reflection on the discussions within consequences of their current actions for the future. society (e.g. Climate

Design and deliver the module with eco-responsibility (e.g. how to reduce a carbon footprint).

Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL)

Consider which modality fits best with your module learning outcomes e.g. fully online, blended, flipped or hybrid.

Use educational technologies to improve students' considering content, learning processes, rather than implementing accessibility, technology technology as an isolated component. and pedagogy in the Virtual

Share learning materials in the Virtual Learning Environment.

Consider the accessibility of online resources for all students.

Student Centred Teaching and Learning

Encourage student responsibility for their own learning processes and activities e.g. by encouraging them to map out an assessment plan, or setting out and reflecting on their learning goals.

Use a variety of learning Incorporate student suggestions for your activities to reduce module both during and traditional "sage on the after module delivery. stage" lectures.

Give options, choice, negotiation or provide flexibility in your module, e.g. for completing certain topics, the order of completing assignments, the methods or steps to achieve an end result or assessment. Focus on the learning process, rather than the teaching and assessments and communicate this approach to students.

Situated Learning



Provide learning activities in realistic. authentic contexts and real-life situations where possible.

Encourage students to learn from more experienced professionals and provide clear steps on how to grow from novice to expert level.

Stimulate students to engage in communities and networks and discuss what these identities mean for them as a professional (e.g. sports, family, friends, disciplines, professions)

Transversal Skills



Value and communicate transversal skills such as collaboration, presentation, creativity and innovation, as much as content knowledge.

reflection onto the student learning process

Transdisciplinarity



Ask students to think about what it means to be within a discipline (e.g. a chemist) and what

it looks like to them.

Incorporate collaborative

group work into your

module

Make sure that disciplines are not represented Consider how different disciplinary perspectives in isolation (one class on psychology and one lecture on biology) but that they are integrated are represented into your (different disciplines covered in one class).

> Assign disciplinary perspectives to students (e.g. sociology, engineering, or biomedical science) to use in solving a global challenge.

Transnational and Intercultural Learning



sensitive learning environment that supports students to get to know each other and appreciate diversity.

Build an open, respectful and interculturally

Enhance the module with content that has a clear transnational or intercultural relevance.

Use potential student cultural and language diversity in preparing, implementing and assessing teaching and learning activities.

Develop transnational and intercultural competences

by encouraging reflection on biases and behaviours.

Inclusivity



Create a welcoming, safe, and respectful learning environment by avoiding stereotyping, motivating students, addressing individual needs, and by avoiding segregating or stigmatizing students. Ask if your students need anything in particular.

Diversify course materials by incorporating different perspectives, authors, and experiences, in examples and case studies.

Provide multiple ways to demonstrate knowledge by allowing students different ways to show what their have learned.

Reflect on implicit biases by considering assumptions that may influence your interactions with students, course materials, and your discipline.

STEP 2

Situated

Learning

Reflect on your module design Does it integrate CHARM-EU principles?





Research-based



Enhanced Transnational

& Intercultural -











Sustainability









Challenges we faced...

- Time dedication
 - Many requests for PD
 - Overdemanding and time intensive
 - Information overload
- Variety in participants
 - Experience in technology
 - Cultural differences
 - Fluid staffing model



Tips for designing PD



Invest in (face to face) community building: feeling of belonging



Invest in personalized and just-in-time support



evaluation and adjustment of the programme







Interactive moment:
Please brainstorm on more
initiatives or activities (from your
ractice or new ideas) for intra- and
inter-institutional PD.

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Inter-institutional PD activities from literature

- Research activities
- Mentoring
- Coaching
- Peer learning
- Online offerings
- Formal training
- Community learning

- Small group activities
- Meetings
- Curriculum development
- Online resources
- Reflection
- Presentation
- Conference
- Site visit



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