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Cluster Humanities (I)

- **Antiquity**
  - VIth edition PhD Winter School, Rome, 1-7 March 2015: ‘Landscape, Memory and Connectivity’
  - Field School Greek Material Culture (Thorikos, 1-19 July 2015)
  - Workshop ‘International Mediterranean Survey’ (Göttingen, 30 Oct. – 1 Nov. 2015)

- **Multilingualism (ML4U Network)**
  - Joint PhD (Ghent – Groningen)
  - ML4U Workshop: ‘Multilingualism across the Lifespan’ (Ghent, 25-26 September 2015)

- **Gender**
  - Workshop Gender Studies (Uppsala, 11-12 June 2015)
  - U4 Summer School in Gender Studies (Göttingen, 15-20 August 2016)
  - GENOME project ‘Gender Equality Plans for a Sustainable Culture shift at research performing organisations and research funding organisations’ (Horizon 2020 – GERI.4.2015 - Coordinator: Ghent)
Cluster Humanities (II)

- **Family Ethics/Bio-Ethics**
  - Research Network (cross-cluster)
  - U4 Conference: ‘Moral Relevance of family relations in reproductive medicine’ (Ghent, 26 August 2015)

- **Reverberations of Revolution**
  - Research Network
  - U4 Symposium: ‘Technologies of Print and Dynamics of Power in the Age of Revolution’ (Groningen, 17-18 September 2015)

- **Euroculture**
  - Joint Master (Göttingen, Groningen, Uppsala + external partners)
  - Workshop ‘Changing Meanings of Europe’ (Göttingen, 12-14 November 2015) + Marie Skłodowska Curie application (2016)
Cluster Humanities (III)

- Religion Studies
  - Workshop ‘Scriptural Interpretations at the Interface between Education and Religion’ (Göttingen, 7-10 October 2015)
  - Capacity Building Meeting ‘Exploring Common Perspectives in the study of Religions’ (Göttingen, 8-10 October 2015)

- Cultural Transfer and Transmission
  - Pre-U4 Research network (www.soctat.org)
  - Workshop ‘The Dynamics and Contexts of Cultural Transfers’ (Uppsala, 3-4 December 2015)

- Taiwanese Study Programme
  - Taiwanese Teaching Fellowship (Ghent-Göttingen-Groningen); pending agreement

- Social Interaction in Health Care (Ghent, Groningen, Uppsala)
  - Interdisciplinary (linguistics, communication studies, psychology, speech pathology) research exchange (Ghent, 11-12 June 2015)

Digital Humanities
- Anticipating cooperation
Capacity Building Meeting
Exploring Common Perspectives in the study of Religions
Workshop Gender Studies
Cluster Medicine and Pharmacy (I)

- **Ageing Brain/NEU4EU**
  - Joint PhD research projects → interuniversity neurosciences doctoral school
  - Project applications (H2020: PHC1, PHC11 *not selected*, Marie Skłodowska Curie (2015) *not selected*
  - IVth Ageing Brain Summer School (Uppsala, 23-29 August 2015)

- **Ageing Lung**
  - Ageing Lung Network meeting (Uppsala, 26-27 March 2015)
  - Joint PhD research projects
  - Grant writing (H2020: PHC1) *pending*

- **‘Achilles’/Ageing Tendon (Groningen, Ghent)**
  - Ageing Tendon Network meeting (Groningen, 26-28 January 2015)
  - Joint PhD research projects *pending*
Cluster Medicine and Pharmacy (II)

- OSMYO – myopathology (Ghent, Göttingen, Uppsala)
  - Research exchange
  - International Workshop ‘Myopathology of Inflammatory Myopathies’ (Ghent, 11-13 March 2015)

- Neurosciences/Experimental Psychology (cross-cluster)
  - Workshop ‘Extra-retinal influences on vision: vistas, methods and current controversies’ (Göttingen, 18-19 March 2015)

- Family Ethics/Bio-Ethics (cross-cluster)

- Joint Degrees (Erasmus+ Joint Master)
  - International Master of Innovative Medicine (Groningen, Uppsala)
Ageing Lung Network Meeting
Workshop
Extra-retinal influences on vision
Cluster Science & Technology (I)

- **Energy**
  - U4 Energy PhD Meeting ‘Energy Transition’ and ‘Governance’ (Groningen, 23 November 2015)

- **Biology**
  - Symposium Evolutionary Biology ‘GoEvol’ (Göttingen, 17-18 February)
  - Joint PhD Ecology (Ghent – Groningen)

- **Physics**
  - HASCO Summer School (Göttingen, 19-24 July 2015)
  - CORRESP: Material Sciences Research Network
Cluster Science & Technology (II)

- Chemistry (Ghent, Uppsala)
  - Structural exchange (Ba, Ma)
  - ‘Bio-Engine’ PhD exchange polymer chemistry + EU project bid

- Joint Degrees (Erasmus Mundus)
  - Biomedical Engineering – CEMACUMBE (Groningen, Ghent): ending 2015-2016
  - Evolutionary Biology - MEME (Groningen, Uppsala)
Cluster Social Sciences, Economics and Law (I)

- Social Sciences, Economics and Law (SSEL)
  - Cluster Conference ‘Governance of a Contemporary Multilateral Institutional Architecture’ (Groningen, 4-6 November 2015)

- Legal Research Network
  - Pre-U4 Network (Gent, Groningen, Turku, Uppsala, Bristol, Budapest, Goettingen, Lille)
  - Academic Conference & Summer School (Turku, 6-11 Sept. 2015)

- Double Degrees
  - International Economics (Goettingen, Groningen)
  - International Financial Management (Uppsala, Groningen)
  - Finance and Accountancy (Ghent, Göttingen) pending (start: 2016-2017)
  - Humanitarian Action – NOHA (Erasmus Mundus: Uppsala-Groningen)
Cluster Social Sciences, Economics and Law (II)

- Medica Law (Groningen, Göttingen, Uppsala)
  - Workshop (Göttingen, 29 September - 1 October 2015)

- Macroeconometrics
  - Anticipating cooperation in 2016

- SoNAR – Social Network Analysis and Research (Ghent, Groningen)
  - PhD seminar
Cluster Institutional Management (I)

- **Academic Leadership (2nd cycle)**
  - Session II: ‘Creating transparency and accountability in European universities’ (Ghent, 11-13 March 2015)
  - Session III: ‘Leading top quality universities’ (Uppsala, 16-18 September 2015)

- **International Perspectives in Teaching and Learning (2nd cycle)**
  - Session I (Ghent, 7-8 May 2015)
  - Session II (Groningen, 4-5 February 2016)

- **HR & Career Services**
  - Workshops (Uppsala 22-23 June 2015; Visby 8-9 October 2015)
  - Staff Training Cycle Career Professionals 2016-2017

- **Peer Review**
  - Session III: ‘Research Infrastructures’ (Göttingen, 1-2 October 2015)
Cluster Institutional Management (II)

- Professional Supervision of International Doctoral Candidates
  - Staff Training Course for academics that are involved in the process of PhD supervision (Göttingen, 04-05 December 2015)

- Museums and Collections
  - Workshop 'Ethical aspects of collecting and the public exhibition of museum objects of human origin in academic collections' (Ghent, 22-23 October 2015)
  - Project application: ‘‘Explore: dispersed collections, distinct places, displaced people, disrupted memories’’ (H2020 – Reflective 6)

- U4 Student Network
  - U4 Student Network conferences (Uppsala, 20-22 May 2015; Göttingen, 13-14 October 2015)
Cluster Institutional Management (III)

- Marketing & Recruitment
  - 2nd Workshop (Uppsala, 10-12 December 2015)
- DAAD: Strategic Partnerships – U4 project (2013-2016)
- Erasmus Mundus Action 2 partnerships (with U4 based consortium)
  - Ongoing projects: Lotus III, EU-Saturn, Peace, Namaste, Lotus Unlimited, Lotus+, Inspire
- Joint Website (www.u4network.eu)
- U4 lectures
Peer Review Research Infrastructures
International Perspectives in Teaching and Learning
Proposals

- ACCOMPLISSH (Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen)
  **Call:** H2020-REFLECTIVE-SOCIETY-2015
  **Topic:** Enabling Innovation - Creating Impact from Social Sciences and Humanities
  **Aim:** Create a platform for Academia, industry, governments and societal partners

- Explore (Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen, Uppsala)
  **Call:** H2020-REFLECTIVE-6-2015
  **Topic:** Innovation ecosystems of digital cultural assets
  **Aim:** Knit together digitalized collections, historical sources, archaeological traces and historical monuments with end-users to showcase how history can be presented, understood and used in new ways
Proposals

- **GENOME ‘Gender Equality Plans for a Sustainable Culture shift at research performing organisations and research funding organisations’ (Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen, Uppsala)**
  
  **Call:** H2020-GERI-2015-1  
  **Topic:** Support to research organisations to implement gender equality plans  
  **Aim:** Analyse existing Gender Equality Plans and gender policies. Based on the analysis, identify best practices and streamline these following a consensus model.

- **Taiwan Studies Programme (Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen)**
  
  **Aim:** The establishment of a Taiwan Studies Programme at UGent/RUG/UGOE with support of the Department of International and Cross-Strait Education, Ministry of Education, Republic of China (Taiwan)
Publications

- DEFINE Thematic Report (2015), Example 17 'Indicators used in external and internal funding allocation at member universities of the U4 University Network', Jeroen Vanden Berghe, page 54.


Fig 1. DAAD Mobilities

U4 DAAD Mobilities 2013 - 2015

- 2013:
  - BA Students / Trainees: 11
  - MA Students: 15
  - PhD Students: 42
  - Postdocs: 36

- 2014:
  - BA Students / Trainees: 33
  - MA Students: 43
  - PhD Students: 73
  - Postdocs: 45

- 2015:
  - BA Students / Trainees: 32
  - MA Students: 38
  - PhD Students: 106
  - Postdocs: 52

Legend:
- BA Students / Trainees
- MA Students
- PhD Students
- Postdocs
- Staff

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Fig 2. Participation U4 Activities 2015 [incl. DAAD]