

EURASIA ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL CO-OPERATION WINDOW

Questionnaire for Post-Docs and Teachers

You are being asked to complete this questionnaire because you participated in an exchange as part of the **EURASIA EM – ECW project**. This questionnaire will ask you how satisfied you were with the experience and how important specific components of the experience were to you, in order to get your opinion about how the exchange programme can be improved. Your honest answer responses will be kept confidential and will help us improve the programme. This questionnaire should take fewer than 10 minutes to complete.

Enter your name here:

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I am from: Please name Home University

Wageningen University

I did my exchange at: Please name Host University

Can Tho University

What were your main fields of teaching or research?

Research on the economic implications of climate change in the Mekong Delta and teaching three lectures on environmental and natural resource economics at UEH in HoChiMinh City. Also, Nong Lam University and other local institutions have been visited for introducing MSc and PhD thesis research projects under the EM-ECW and establishing collaboration with local partners. Meetings took place with Vietnamese and European EM-ECW participants.

SECTION 1: Short Statement on Your Experiences at the Host University (with regard to academic and cultural aspects)

Exchange with researchers at the “Dragon centre” and the Mekong Delta Research Center was excellent. Initiatives for further collaboration with the two research institutes on the impacts of climate change have started. Visits to local fishing communities in the Mekong Delta further improved the understanding about vulnerability and adaptability to climate change and society in general.

SECTION 2: Benefits of the Exchange Experience

Contacts between the “Dragon Centre” and the Mekong Delta Research Center of Can Tho University have been established. The contacts provide good resources for the EM-ECW PhD-study on climate change adaptation in the Mekong Delta. Contacts with other government organizations (MONRE, ISPONRE) have been established. The Research Institute for Aquaculture at Nha Trang has been visited to establish the contacts for the M.Sc.-thesis research by Bastiaan Vermonden from Wageningen University. The visit to Nong Lam University established contacts between the local supervisors for the EM-ECW supported PhD research on bioenergy economics in Vietnam.

SECTION 3: Improving the Programme

Please share your top three recommendations for how this programme can be improved.

Recommendation One:

Regional meetings of participating researchers in the EM-ECW would be worthwhile, including the visiting researchers from Europe. The exchange of information about the different partner institutions as well as about ongoing research, in particular for the M.Sc. and PhD students would strengthen the collaboration within the consortium. The meeting should include presentations of M.Sc. and PhD thesis research to illustrate the benefits of the program for local partners and participating countries. This demand has been expressed at a meeting with the EU representation in Hanoi. This may require applying for matching funds, which should be made available either via the EU representations in the country or directly included in the EM-ECW funding.

Recommendation Two:

ISPONRE (Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment) a government think tank based in Hanoi with a branch in HoChiMinh City should be included as an associate partner for the application this November. This would further strengthen the consortium by providing possibilities to generate a direct impact on policies. ISPONRE has expressed a strong interest in collaborating with the consortium. In general, including strong government research institutions as associated partners in EM-ECW can strengthen the policy impact of the programme.

Recommendation Three:

In general, organizing regional meetings as part of EM-ECW activities presenting the scientific outcomes of the exchange can strengthen the impact. This would require additional funding within the programme.

Please submit the questionnaire to the project co-ordinator:

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