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Name of the project

SINOFIN Capstone

Coordinating Institution

University of Jyväskylä

Objectives of the project (as indicated in the project proposal)

The aim of the SINOFIN Capstone project was to

- 1) Identify new contents for a capstone course that integrates the major aspects of academic discipline,
- 2) Develop the capstone course contents by organizing the courses and evaluating feasibility of the new contents in Finnish and Chinese universities, and
- 3) Promote cross-border entrepreneurship by identifying potential network partners that could potentially help the ideas from the capstone courses towards new businesses.

Achieved results and outcomes

This project improved the understanding of the contents, structuring and running a modern capstone course for information systems, computer science and business administration disciplines in China and Finland. It was found that the modern capstone course needs to involve design, research and development activities against real context, as well as involve applying project management practices. As a result, a number of changes to the course contents and pedagogy at Renmin University of China, Xi'an Jiaotong University, University of Jyväskylä and University of Turku (UTU) were made. SINOFIN Capstone project was seen to have a positive reflective effect on the curricula and teaching methods in Chinese and Finnish universities.

Activities carried out during the project

This project involved several curriculum development and teaching activities. The project meetings were held to improve understanding about modern capstone courses and to design capstone courses and their contents. The project participants planned and organized for the students courses and exercises related to e.g. service design, business planning and design science research. The feasibility of the new contents and pedagogy were validated by running the exercises and collecting feedback.

Future developments, resulting from the project

The SINOFIN Capstone has achieved two main objectives, has enabled valuable exchange of ideas between Chinese and Finnish universities and has had an lasting impact on the curricula, course contents and pedagogy of the universities and their professors and teachers. Means to promote cross-border entrepreneurship is left for further studies and projects.