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SUMMARY REPORT FOR PUBLICATION

Name of the project

Sustainable Societal Development – regulatory framework and social work in China and Finland

Coordinating Institution

University of Lapland

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

The overall objective of this collaborative project is to develop and deepen our understanding the role of legal regulations and practices, and the development of social work in creating and maintaining sustainable societal development in Finland and in China. In our project, we will on the one hand build a novel platform of legal studies collaboration and further strengthen the development of social work collaboration between Finland and China. The project partners were:

- In Finland: Faculty of Law, University of Lapland (coordinator of this project) and from The National University Network for Social Work (Sosnet), coordinated by University of Lapland and having active members: the University of Helsinki, University of Eastern Finland and University of Jyväskylä
- In China: Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (GSCASS) and Fudan Law School at Fudan University

Achieved results and outcomes

The project has focused on strengthening the collaboration between China and Finland by building a long-term co-operational connections between the Finnish National University Network for Social Work (Sosnet) and Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (GSCASS) and The faculties of Law at the University of Lapland and Fudan University. The other aim has been to establish interdisciplinary connections between social work and law. Overall, the project has proceeded well and according to the project plan and our expectations. We have managed to strengthen the collaboration between Finland and China both at the institutional level and at the level of individual researchers, and in doing so the mobilities between China and Finland enabled by this project, have played a key part.

Activities carried out during the project

The project has focused on organizing visits and seminars in China and in Finland during the years 2016-2017. The purpose of the visits has been to develop cooperation at both institutional level but also at the level of individual researchers. The project enabled the following 15 mobilities:

- From China to Finland: 2 professors
- From Finland to China: 9 professors, 1 university lecturer, 1 other staff member, 2 doctoral students

Future developments, resulting from the project

The project has managed to strengthen the collaboration between Finland and China both at the institutional level and at the level of individual researchers. We will continue this cooperation in the future. The cooperation will focus on teacher and student exchange, making bilateral exchange agreements between partners, and also on building research cooperation.