

# PROENV2 – PROCESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

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**Collaboration also with:** National University of Technology in Peru, Lima and National University of Piura, Piura, Peru

**Study areas:** Process and Environmental Engineering, Sustainable Production and Energy

## What are the main aims of your network?

The aim of the ProEnv2-network is to benefit higher education in the field of sustainable production and energy both at the University of Oulu and Peruvian universities through student, teacher and researcher mobility and education. The aim of this collaboration is also to generate and disseminate knowledge and to create sustainable partnerships in higher education.

## What kind of activities are there in your network?

Collaboration between the University of Oulu and Peruvian universities has started in 2008 with preparatory visits between the universities (ProEnv-project in 2008). In these meetings cooperation in student exchange, in teacher exchange and in research was discussed. In ProEnv2-network the cooperation will be done in student and teacher exchange, intensive courses and postgraduate student exchange and possibly in initiation of joint research activities. Intensive courses in Peru will start in autumn 2009 which will include teachers' exchange. ProEnv2 will contain student exchange (in years 2009 and 2010) and postgraduate student exchange (in year 2010) between Finland and Peru.

## What sort of successes and challenges have you encountered during your project?

ProEnv2 is a continuation to ProEnv collaboration. Project planning and preparatory visits with Peruvian partner universities have been fruitful and the results of the beginning ProEnv2-network are expected to be considerable. The use of English language will be a challenge since Peru is so strongly a Spanish speaking country. However, the PYOLÄM research group has two Spanish speaking (native) doctoral students who will take part in the activities of the project.

## Your advice to forthcoming networks

Personal contacts are important in successful collaboration especially in the beginning of the new network. Be always open to new outlooks.

