

EXPECTED RESULTS & OUTCOMES

Some of the outputs and results that BRECIL will produce include:

- Institutional and country reports on research needs and research governance
- A 'Training of Trainers' programme incorporating lessons learnt and best practices from Asia and Europe as well as the use of ICT and open technologies
- Comprehensive research capacity development plans
- Roundtable dialogues and seminars with various stakeholders
- Institutional setup of research offices, capacities and mechanisms in Laos higher education institutions
- Strategic plans for the alignment of research governance in Malaysian higher education institutions
- Various ICT modules on open-source tools for research
- A Digital Symposium to convene all scholars using ICT in research
- Comparative research findings

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BUILDING SOCIAL RESEARCH CAPACITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN LAO PDR AND MALAYSIA



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OUR PROJECT BRECIL is a multi-country Erasmus+ CBHE joint project involving higher education institutions from both the EU and ASEAN countries. It focuses on the development of research and innovative capacities for good research governance and management through capacity building in higher education systems. This project commences from October 2017 to October 2020. The **Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya** is leading this project with three EU partners, two Laos partners and another Malaysian partner higher education institutions.

BRECIL aims to build research capacities in Laos universities, enhance research governance in Malaysia and Lao PDR and innovate new research developments through ICT technologies. The project will also expand the knowledge economy agenda and build a higher education area linking Asia and Europe by supporting the assimilation of knowledge between the EU and ASEAN partners to address conditions for research, competitiveness and cooperation.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

BRECIL embraces these specific objectives:



Developing and empowering researchers in the Social Sciences via training and peer learning to design, prioritise and undertake research, write up and publish research findings and inform policy (**knowledge transfer** component);



Developing good governance of research by enhancing the capacity of research departments and teams in universities, to fund, manage and sustain themselves (**research governance** component); and



Creating a sustainable research capacity building programme in the Social Sciences including the utilisation of ICT technologies leading to sustainable high quality research, conditions for cooperation and potential for policy impact (**sustainability** component).



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ACTIVITIES & METHODOLOGY

BRECIL will involve the execution of planned actions in the national, regional and multi-regional scales including:

DEV1 work package

To develop research knowledge, skills and competencies for academics in Lao PDR through a 'Training of Trainers' programme

DEV2 work package

To assist both the Malaysian and Laotian higher education institutions in developing and enhancing research governance and management

DEV3 work package

To enhance DEV1 and DEV2 work packages with ICT technologies (online platforms, open source tools and solutions) for research innovation and sustainability



Innovation in BRECIL includes the assimilation of good practices and awareness of research conditions and circumstances from both the EU and ASEAN regions, leading to the integration of research development in higher education in Partner Country HEIs.

PROJECTED IMPACT

The project will produce a number of outputs, deliverables and results through a collective and multi-collaborative effort between all Consortium partners.

INDIVIDUALS



Academics - enrichment in doing research and teaching about research

Students - better learning experience to acquire knowledge and skills to conduct effective research

Universities and HEIs - mechanisms for infrastructure set-up and improved research management and governance practices in the Malaysian and Laotian contexts

INSTITUTIONAL



NATIONAL



Policy makers - through effective dissemination strategies, this project will contribute towards meeting the nation's higher education needs

Industry partners and Associated members - ensuring the relevance of BRECIL to the industry needs to facilitate academic-industry research collaboration

ASEAN Community 2025 - contributing to the aspiration of the ASEAN 2025 Work Plan for Education to promote better people-to-people connectivity, intra-ASEAN mobility and community building through research networks

REGIONAL



All of the above fulfil the educational goals and higher education needs for research development and innovation in Malaysia and Lao PDR (National Education Law in Laos; Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Higher Education, 2015; ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology and Innovation or

APASTI, 2016-2025 and so on). This region-connecting project will eventually facilitate the movement of skilled labour and talents in building stronger people-to-people, institutional and infrastructure connectivity between ASEAN and the EU countries.