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LEAD Project

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The event in Lisbon comprised two events thematically related. One, workshop on academic leadership that took place on May 4 and the second one, on May 5, the UNICA-LEAD Europe China Rectors' seminar. The host institution was University NOVA, Lisbon with a very active and supportive role of the Rector Prof. Rendas of NOVA.

Chinese partners were very well represented with members from number of different Chinese institutions. During the presentations and various sessions, including work in groups, special emphasis has been given to the topics of internationalization, doctoral education and structural transformations in higher education institutions. The facilitators for each workshop worked in pairs, being one from Europe, one from China that gave an added value to the workshops.

All the presentations were very informative and well prepared, and at the same time gave the space for different questions and good academic discussions. It was very valuable and important for the institutions from both sides to have participants highly positioned in both EC as well as Chinese governmental system. Therefore, content-wise, the seminar and workshops are organized quite well.

From the organizational point of view, the project activities are organized at a high professional level. Three main partners (NOVA, VUB and UNICA) are involved in the organization of the activities in Lisbon. The results show that it is based on very good collaboration, coordination, and professional organization of these partners.

Overall the project activities show that all project partners are actively engaged and supportive to the project activities. The project partners also did great efforts to involve the high-level university leadership in the project activities. In addition, the project coordinator and partners also made great efforts to attract other important stakeholders, including high-level university leadership of other key Chinese and European universities, the China mission to the EU, the EAC of the EC, the embassies, etc. The whole LEAD consortium partners presented a warm, active and motivating spirit throughout the activity implementation.