



## **Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education**

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*LEAD Project Launch event* took three days and embraced three different events: a consortium meeting, launch conference and two day workshops. It was well organized, it had a good format, brought all the participants, as well as guest-speakers, together and engaged them in a fruitful, content saturated communication.

*Consortium Meeting.* It served two main purposes, to gather and share all the relevant information for future work on the Project; and to facilitate building up a team work for the next three years. Participants, both from European and Chinese universities had an opportunity to clarify details related to the project implementation. It was also a good opportunity to start knowing each other better. The meeting was held in good atmosphere to which everyone contributed.

*Launch Conference.* The Conference brought together not only the participants but distinguished speakers and guests, from the academia but also the external institutions. Their presence conveyed an important message for the participants and emphasized the relevance of the topic and the Project in whole. It should be mentioned, that the interest for the project was expressed by very different stakeholders, members of academia, government, diplomacy.

*Workshops.* Two days were devoted to the workshops organized around different topics in a way to bring participants together, to share and learn about different systems of leadership in their respective institutions/countries. The added value were the external speakers and chairs who brought different perspectives and relevant information. The working atmosphere was excellent and the main impression was that there was a good team work with very good prospective for future work together.

*Overall impression.* It was an example of a successful launch event. The participants also had enough time to socialize during coffee and launch brakes which contributed to the group cohesion. The overtly shared impression was a good start of the Project.