Plenary Discussion on the Topics for 2015 ERI-Net Study

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Agenda

- Follow-up to the 2014 Study
- Overarching theme for 2015 ERI-Net study
- Discussion for research area 1 (School Education)
  - Possible research topics
- Discussion for research area 2 (Higher Education)
  - Possible research topics
- NEXT STEP
Follow-up to the 2014 Study

- Higher education
- Transversal competencies
  - Zero draft regional synthesis report: January 2015
  - Publication: Summary 2015
  - Policy briefs, ERI-Net statements
  - Regional conference on “holistic learning”
Suggested topic: Globalization and Regionalization

- In past ERI-Net studies, this has emerged as one of the key drivers of educational initiatives and reforms in Asia-Pacific region.
Impact of globalization and regionalization

Opportunities but also challenges

- Freer flows of skilled and unskilled workers and their families
- Changing economic structure
- Interconnection, multicultural demographics, environmental degradation, call for a need to cultivate responsible citizenship
- The upcoming integration of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 and its implications
Inter- and Intra region mobility: A unique position of the AP region

Increased efforts towards regional collaboration

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Globalization and Regionalization in Education: Discussion for School Education (Research area 1)

- Discourses of national education policy reform

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- Education systems need to prepare learners for increasingly globalized world, not only for economic success, but for their individual well-being and for contributing to peace and sustainable development of the world.
Globalization and Regionalization in Education: Discussion for Higher Education (Research area 2)

- Competition among universities across borders
- Increased student mobility
  - Needs for coherent and comparable programmes across countries
    - Quality and qualification
    - Academic year
    - Language?
  - Needs for cross-boarder quality assurance/accreditation mechanisms
- More needs and opportunities for cross-border collaboration among universities and other higher education institutions
Possible research questions

- What are the impact of globalization on your country, and the Asia-Pacific region?
- What are the impact of globalization on education sector?
- What kind of education policies are needed for countries to benefit from globalization while avoiding its caveat?
I Possible Research Topics: Higher Education (research area 1)

Possible topics are:
- National Qualifications Framework and Regional Qualifications Framework
- Government Regulations on Cross-border Higher Education
- National Policies and Institutional Strategies on Open Platforms (e.g., MOOCs, open journals)
Possible Research Topics:
School Education (TVC-III)

- Possible focus areas could be:
  - Internationalization of curriculum/programmes
  - Teaching foreign languages
  - Teacher preparation/support for globalization of education
  - Assessment of implementation of intercultural/international dimension of school education
Proposed Timeline for 2015 ERI-Net Study

- Draft concept note by the ERI-Net Secretariat:
  - 31 January 2015

- Draft research framework by the ERI-Net Secretariat/expert meeting (?):
  - Early March, 2015
Questions for discussion

1. Do you agree with the overarching theme of “Globalization and Education” for the 2015 ERI-Net study? If not, what do you propose?

2. Under the theme of “Globalization and Education”, what can be the areas of focus in:
   1. School education
   2. Higher education
Thank you very much!