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SUMMARY

Nadja has more than seven years experience in higher education management. Her consultancy work and research focus on higher education and sustainable development as well as policy coherence for development. Nadja combines her professional experience in the field of higher education policy and management, especially in the area of university development cooperation, with an interdisciplinary academic background. She cares about thorough analyses and taking into account the variety of stakeholders involved in order to develop innovative and sustainable solutions. Currently, she works with the Catalan Association of Public Universities where she is responsible for the development and implementation of strategies, concept papers and projects.

EDUCATION

Master's Degree in European Development Cooperation Policies, University Institute for European Studies, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Master's Degree (Diplom) in 'Languages, Economics and Cultural Area Studies' with a specialization in Latin America and Spain, University of Passau

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Affiliated expert at joyn-coop: Development consultancy with joyn-coop's cross-sectoral approach in the area of education and scientific cooperation (since 7/2014)

Education Consultancy: Consulting Experience in the field of education (since 2014)

Examples of Nadja's work with joyn-coop include:

- Evaluation of the last ten years of the on-going program "PROBRAL" to determine the achievement of goals set by the DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst), CAPES (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior) and the BMBF (German Ministry for Education and Research). Identification of best-practices and recommendations for future implementation of the program, Client: German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Germany
- Evaluation of the Joint Call for proposals of the program ERAfrica to determine the achievement of goals set by the Consortium Partners. Identification of best-practices and recommendations for future implementation of the call, Client: Department of Science and Technology (DST), South Africa

Other work experience:

- Participation in the EU funded **ERMIT project**, an initiative of 16 public universities from the five African regions that aims at including young Africans in the labour market through self-employment, creating their own enterprises. Advisor in the process of developing the project's Internet platform, linking it to all the student mobilities managed through the programme. Financed by: European Commission, INTRA-ACP academic mobility scheme
- Conception and management of the **PLE-PhD project** that aims at analyzing the use of digital technologies, more specifically the web 2.0 tools, in order to respond two main needs identified in doctoral education in sub-Saharan Africa: supervision and the visibility of research. Financed by: International Association of Universities (LEADHER programme)
- Conception of a 4 module **training course for higher education leaders at Haitian universities**. Management of the first edition of the training course for 30 representatives from 14 Haitian higher education institutions. Direction of different sessions on strategic management. Financed by: Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID); Obra Social La Caixa Foundation

LANGUAGES

Business fluent in English, Spanish and Catalan, good knowledge of French, basic knowledge in Portuguese, mother tongue German

COUNTRY EXPERIENCE

Africa: Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Senegal, South Africa
America & Caribbean: Haiti, Mexico
Europe: France, Germany, Spain

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Universidades: Cooperación para el desarrollo social y económico (2014) - Informe CyD 2013, Fundación Conocimiento y Desarrollo.

Current situation and future challenges of PhD studies in sub-Saharan Africa (2012) - Report elaborated in the framework of the project IDEA - Innovative Approaches to Doctoral Education in Africa - ACUP. ([link](#))

Innovation and knowledge transfer in Africa - A practical guide (2011) - Tool that aims to contribute to the development of knowledge based societies in Africa - ACUP. ([link](#))

University Development Cooperation Plan 2011 - 2015 (2011) - Joint action plan of the public Catalan universities in order to improve the impact and effectiveness of university development activities prepared for the Catalan Association of Public Universities - ACUP. ([link](#))

La resolució i prevenció de conflictes, el foment de la pau i la seguretat humana en la cooperació internacional per al desenvolupament (2009) - Report on conflict resolution and prevention in international development cooperation prepared for the International Catalan Institute for Peace - ICIP. ([link](#))

Mejorar la coherencia entre la política de cooperación para el desarrollo y otras políticas a nivel descentralizado (2008) - Paper on policy coherence for development of non-state actors presented at the Fourth Conference on Universities and Development Cooperation, 12th - 14th of November 2008; Bellaterra, Barcelona.

White paper on the University of Catalonia (2008) - Collaborative and cooperative strategy and common roadmap of the public Catalan universities to build the University of Catalonia, a university area of excellence in southern Europe, prepared for ACUP. ([link](#))

Informe d'avaluació del III Pla de Recerca de Catalunya 2001 - 2004 (2007) - Evaluation of the Third Research Plan of the Catalan Government ([link](#))

Migration und Entwicklung: Spanische Erfahrungen des codesarrollo in Lateinamerika (2007) - Article on Spanish experiences on migration and development in Latinamerica, published in: Vogler, Michael et. al. (Hgg.), ¿Sin fronteras? - Chancen und Probleme lateinamerikanischer Migration, München.

Freihandeln in den Americas - Entwicklungen und Perspektiven gegenwärtiger Integrationsprojekte (2005) -Editor of the book "Free trade in the Americas - Development and Perspectives of current integration projects", Martin Meidenbauer Verlag, Munich.