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# NEWSLETTER



## Financial Technology and digital innovation to modernise and develop curricula of Vietnamese and Philippines Universities

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### OVERVIEW:

#### Design a new Master in FinTech

TRUST is a brilliant transnational venture, it is an European Project funded by the Erasmus Plus programme aimed at the capacity building in the area of Finance and Technology in the Asian Universities.

The project started in January 2020 with the core challenge to reinforce Higher Education competencies in financial technology & digital innovation modernizing post graduate curricula in Vietnamese and Philippines universities.

We started with the enthusiasm and the commitment of the all partner organizations. We benefit from an extraordinary synergy among European Universities, an Italian FinTech Company, Vietnamese and Philippines Universities and, finally, a FinTech Philippine Network.

Despite of the difficult situation due to the Covid-19 spread around the world, TRUST consortium greatly scheduled three Kick off meeting online sessions on 3rd, 7th and 10th April 2020.

- Design a New Master in FinTech
- Overcoming Distances and Obstacles
- Next challenges

TRUST partners will regularly release such digital publication to update the academic and business stakeholders on the latest TRUST results and achievements.

In order to reduce the spread of Covid-19, TRUST partner organizations have decided to temporarily avoid face to face meetings, but the commitment and the work of the partnership didn't stop.

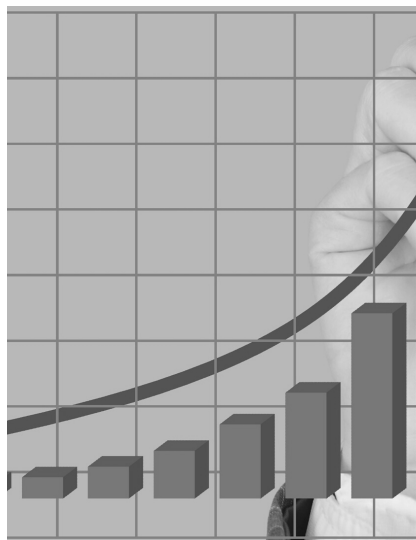
## Overcoming distances and obstacles

By Ilaria Reggiani (USGM)

We are about to conclude the baseline research (WP1 Mapping the current capacities of the HEIs and of the labour market needs of the Financial Services Industry in Vietnam & Philippines). Despite of the difficulties caused by the Covid – 19 epidemic, Asian partners carried on an interesting fieldwork and documentary researches.

A questionnaire was administered to Philippines and Vietnamese universities and academic stakeholders. Besides that, Finance and Technology Business actors were interviewed to point out the labour market perspectives.

Such scoping study will allow mapping evidence of existing Master programmes in Fintech in Vietnam & Philippines to stress the lacks, the most competitive features, and the future trends. Asian and European Universities together with Finance Industry will effectively cooperate to design a competitive and innovative Master in FinTech.



TRUST core aims will be achieved coherently with the priorities identified in the “New EU Consensus on Development” that highlights the role of education, the importance of creating quality jobs promoting the engagement of young people in the economic, social and political life of their societies. TRUST recognizes the essential function of the knowledge triangle which boosts the interaction between research, education and innovation.

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## Next challenges

As concerns the baseline research, by the end of November 2020, two reports will be published:

- Report on current capacities at Vietnamese & Philippines Higher Education Institutions;
- Report on the labor market needs of the Financial Services industry in Vietnam and Philippines.

The findings and recommendations will be the basis to point out:

- lacks of Fintech Asian Higher Education Offer;
- most competitive and breakthrough topics, software to focus on;
- the most innovative and competitive curriculum and methodology to delivery the new Master in Vietnam and in the Philippines.



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