Annex 3 Application form local coordinator

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The format below is to be followed strictly when drafting the application form for local IUC coordinator. *Please check the background document 3 for details on the desired skills and requirements for the position of local IUC coordinatorship.*

Max. 3 pages

1. Personalia

Programme data	
Name of the university, country	
Quy Nhon University, Vietnam	
Proposed local coordinator	VU Thi Ngan
Faculty, department, unit	Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences
Academic title and position (within the institution)	Associate professor, PhD Head of Department
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Date of birth	January 14th 1981

2. Interest and prior experience

Link with the partner university (and with institutional authorities (rector office, university boards, management) concerned
As a head of department which belongs to Faculty of Natural Sciences, the largest academic unit within Quy Nhon University (QNU), and consists of five departments, including Chemistry, Physics-Materials Science, Applied Biology and Agriculture, Food and Chemical Engineering, and Geography-Environment and Resource Management, the local coordinator (LC) has a strong link with rector, university council and other units inside and outside the university. Especialy, she is directly appointed by the QNU rector as the local coordinator for this IUC programme. As the youngest female professor of the university, she is potential for a higher leadership position of the university. That allows her to directly access to the top management of the university and to act as a spokesperson on behalf of QNU in this programme.

Knowledge of and experience with university institutional policy and/or strategic planning and management

The LC has been continuously working at QNU since 2012 (right after her return from Belgium) and she is very active in terms of developing national and international collaboration in research and education. Thus, she was promoted to associate professor in chemistry in 2016, and then appointed to Chair of Physical and General Chemistry Division in 2018. And recently, she was just appointed to Head of Department of Chemistry which has 30 lecturers. With her position and activeness, she has good knowledge of and good experience with university institutional policy and management, as well as the strategic planning of the university. This will allow her to build a solid team, recommend applicable solutions for this IUC programme as well as to get continuously linked with the strategic priorities of QNU and VLIR-OUS.

Experience with project management (people's management, project methodologies, financial management, etc.):

The LC has been involved several research and education projects. In terms of research, she has been the principal investigator of the two research projects funded by National Foundation for Science and Technology Development of Vietnam (see attached CV) and coordinated the research teams to success. In terms of education, she has participated in composing and implementing most of the education-related projects between QNU and KU Leuven such as the South Initiatives project named "*Building Up a New Master Program in Chemistry of Quy Nhon University, Vietnam*" (2012-2014), the TEAM project titled "*Reinforcing the capabilities of Quy Nhon University-Vietnam in solving local problems by building up a doctoral training program*" (2016-2020) and the Erasmus+ project entitled "*Research-based curriculum development in molecular and materials sciences in Vietnam*" (2019-2021).

Especially, she acts the local project manager in the Erasmus+ project with a total budget of nearly one million euro. Her mission is to coordinate all the activities of the four Vietnamese partners (Hanoi University of Education, University of Education-The Da Nang University, Quy Nhon University and Can Tho University) and to communicate with an international team from 3 European universities (KU Leuven, University of Rostock and University of Twente) to ensure a smooth implementation of the project. This project started in January 2019 with the involvement of two departments (chemistry and physics) at each Vietnamese university and she has kept it on track. In short, it is clear that she has good experience with project management including people's management, project methodologies and financial management that ensure overall leadership, coordination, management, monitoring and reporting, together with the Flemish coordinator, and her experience is developing on her mandate until end of 2021.

Knowledge of and experience with (university) development cooperation and / or international cooperation in the fields of higher education and/or research

As she has been constantly involved and active in the international cooperation in both higher education and research, she has very good knowledge of and wide experience with the development cooperation and international cooperation. She has good understanding of the higher education system in both Vietnam and Europe.

Experience in collaborating in international cooperation schemes with English as working language

She had worked in internationally academic environment for six years with English as working language in an interdisciplinary research team of prof. Minh Tho Nguyen (Department of Chemistry) and prof. Peter Lievens (Department of Physics and Astronomy). With her strong expertise in computational chemistry and modelling, she still remains and broadens the international collaboration after her return to Vietnam. As a result, she has published many research works with other groups.

Moreover, she is very active in widening the collaboration into education and other research fields such as

physics and environment. She has been using English as working language everyday for her research and her mission in international cooperation projects. In short, English fluency and firm experience in international collaboration enable her to have effective communication.

Other relevant experience
Having lived and worked for six years in Leuven, Belgium, she understands well European's cultures, especially Belgian culture. This allows, therefore, her to be flexible in communicating with Flemish partners during and/or after IUC programme implementation. Besides, she has lived in different regions of Vietnam, born in North Central of Vietnam (Nghe An province), studied and worked in the North of the country (Hanoi city) and now lives in South Central Coast region (Quy Nhon city), she has good understanding of the people and cultures along the country. With good intercultural skills, she will be able to motivate the team and remediate conflict (if any).

3. Views on cooperation and role of a coordinator

View on the IUC cooperation and the role of a (local) coordinator (incl. positioning of the local coordination within the institution, link with the proposed academic teams)
With her long experience in North-South cooperation, the LC could develop further the cooperation via this IUC programme. As a key person in composing the Concept Note, she has created a close link with the proposed academic teams within the institution. Thus, it is convenient for her to lead and motivate the team for a successful implementation of the programme.

Availability (taking into consideration the long term nature of IUC cooperation, a potential phase 1 would be in case of upstart in 2022 until 2026)
Her mandate as local project manager of the Erasmus+ project will be finished by the end of 2021, and then she is more available for the coordinatorship of this IUC programme. More important, the LC is directly appointed by the QNU rector and this appointment is in line with long-term development plan of QNU that the LC will be promoted to higher leadership position. Therefore, the availability of the LC of choice will be guaranteed for the successful implementation as well as sustainalbe development of this proposed IUC programme.

Signature *Signature of the candidate local IUC coordinator*

4. Annexes to be added

As part of the IUC Concept Note South submission forms	
Attached to this document	CV in English, max. 2 pages