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1. Description

1.1 Title

Project Title: Restructuring higher education in resource and environmental economics in East-Asian transition economies

1.2 Location(s)

Countries, regions, towns: Nanjing, P.R. of China & Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

1.3 Amount requested from the European Commission

Total eligible cost of the action	Amount requested from the European Commission	% of total cost of action
EUR 519.693.,98	EUR 385.609,08	74.20%

1.4 Summary

Maximum 10 lines (include information on (a) the aim of the action, (b) the target group(s) and (c) the main activities, (d) the partnership composition, and (e) the duration of the project). Where applicable, clearly indicate the sector, theme, or geographical area specified in the call for proposals to which the proposed action would apply.

The aim of the project is (1) to adapt higher education in resource and environmental economics to the requirements of the emerging market economy in China and Vietnam, and (2) to enhance the international orientation of education and research in this field and raise it to international standards. The target groups are young and promising staff members at two leading higher education institutes in this field in South China and Vietnam. Main activities comprise intensive training courses in China and Vietnam, curriculum development and revision, staff training abroad, PhD supervision, short-term research projects, and strengthening international contacts. Besides Wageningen University (applicant), important contributions are also provided by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (focus: sustainable natural resource use in transition economies) and the Institute for Social Studies in The Hague (focus: rural development processes in transition economies. Total project duration is 3 years.

1.5 Objectives

To adapt higher education in resource and environmental economics to the requirements of the emerging market economy in China and Vietnam that meets international standards.

The project has the following two **specific objectives**:

- Strengthening staff capacity for education and research in resource and environmental economic at Nanjing Agricultural University (NAU) and at the University of Economics, Ho Chi Minh City (UOE);
- Development and revision of education curricula in environmental and resource economics at undergraduate and graduate level in Vietnam and China.