

Internationalisation at Home – A joint study project between Spanish and Finnish engineering students

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This paper describes a joint study project between a group of engineering students at University of Vic (UVIC) in Spain and Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK) in Finland during the spring semester of the academic year 2020. The project was planned and conducted together by three English teachers from both universities and a substance teacher from HAMK. The assessment of the students was conducted by respective teachers. The goals of the project included students to develop their team working skills and project work skills as well as their multicultural awareness and communication skills.

The title of the project embraced a global issue – *Recycling, Recovery and Reprocessing of Materials*. The project included integrated UVIC/HAMK student teams that would commence by defining the concepts, their significance at an individual, societal and global level, as well as the significance in the students' own field of study: automation & electrical engineering at HAMK/ automotive engineering at UVIC. Students were also encouraged to put forward development proposals on how to proceed towards a more sustainable environment.

The implementation of the project involved introduction videos of teams, an intermediate project plan presentation, three meeting agendas and memos and a final project presentation conducted virtually on Zoom. The evaluation of the project by the students involved self and peer assessment of the final presentation.

The project was an educational experience both for the staff and students. Feedback from students included improved language and communication skills and developed skills in working in a multicultural context. The project will be revised and conducted again with new students in the future.