

## What is EURASIA?

European and Asian Infrastructure Advantage (EURASIA) aims to enhance the capacity of the partner institutions for training, teaching and research activities required for the creation and long-term management of public and commercial facilities and infrastructure. It will target postgraduate students, and junior and senior faculty members from the EU and Sri Lankan partner institutions and researchers, other public sector organisations, consultancies and industry. Main activities include:

- \* Deployment and testing of a Virtual Teaching and Research Centre
- \* Development of a professionally accredited postgraduate curriculum
- \* A split-site PhD programme for nominated staff of Sri Lankan partner Universities to enhance their capacity for teaching and research in the field
- \* Staff exchange programmes
- \* Design and delivery of training courses
- \* Dissemination of the results of collaborative activities
- \* A major International Conference in Sri Lanka with a theme of creation and long-term management of public and commercial facilities and infrastructure

The partnership comprises England, Estonia, Lithuania and Sri Lanka and the project duration will be 35 months. The total eligible costs of the action is EURO 456,495.

## Objectives

The project aims to enhance the capacity of the partner institutions for training, teaching and research activities required

### The Asia-Link programme

The Asia-Link Programme was launched at the beginning of 2002 as an initiative by the European Union (EU) to foster regional and multilateral networking between higher education institutions in European Union Member States and South Asia, Southeast Asia and China. This five-year programme, which has a total budget of EUR 40 million, aims to provide support to European and Asian higher education institutions in the areas of human resource development, curriculum development and institutional and systems development.

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for the creation and long-term management of public and commercial facilities and elements of infrastructure associated with post-Tsunami activities in Sri Lanka. It will target post-graduate students, and junior and senior faculty members from the EU and Sri Lankan partner institutions, emphasising the Asia link programme's objective: to provide a framework



EURASIA will focus on post-Tsunami activities in Sri Lanka

*“Asia-Link, higher education networking between Europe and Asia”*

for activities aimed towards promoting mutual awareness and understanding, exchanges and economics co-operation between the two regions using HE sector to promote EU-Asia relations. The project will achieve this by:

- \* Developing and improving the professional and research skills of partner Institutions' staff and postgraduate students
- \* Utilising the experience of the EU University partners to develop a curriculum on the creation and long term management of public and commercial facilities and elements of infrastructure
- \* Improving and consolidating academic networks through systematic exchanges so as to establish a sustainable link between EU and Sri Lankan partner Universities
- \* Developing joint institutional systems and procedures for the provision and monitoring of training, teaching and research activities
- \* Providing career development opportunities to junior staff through postgraduate study and training programmes
- \* Disseminating knowledge and interpreting information through joint publications, lectures, seminars and conferences

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