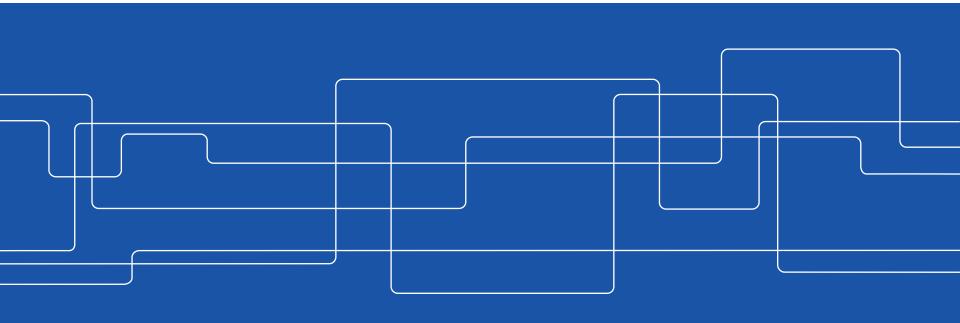


Quality and Sustainability in Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

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KTH: Sweden's leading university of technology

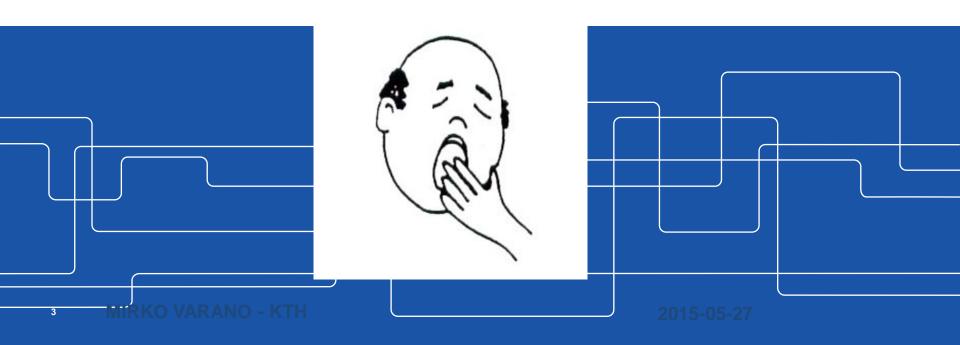
- Sweden's oldest and largest university of technology
- More than 12,000 full-time students
- More than 1,900 PhD Students
- Over 5,100 employees
- Five campuses in the Stockholm region







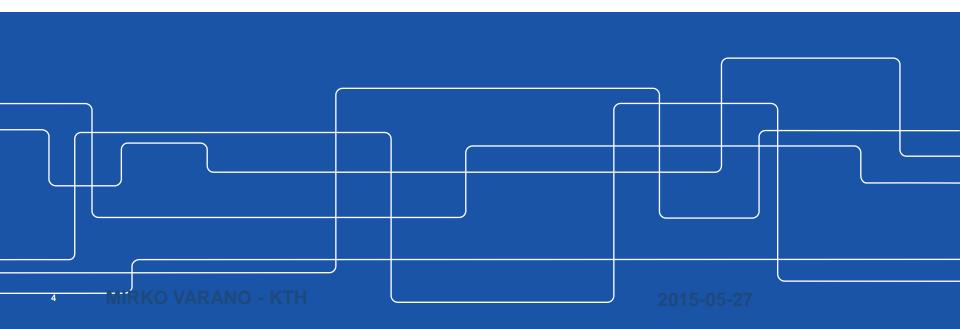
Quality and Sustainability???





Sustainability – a Definition

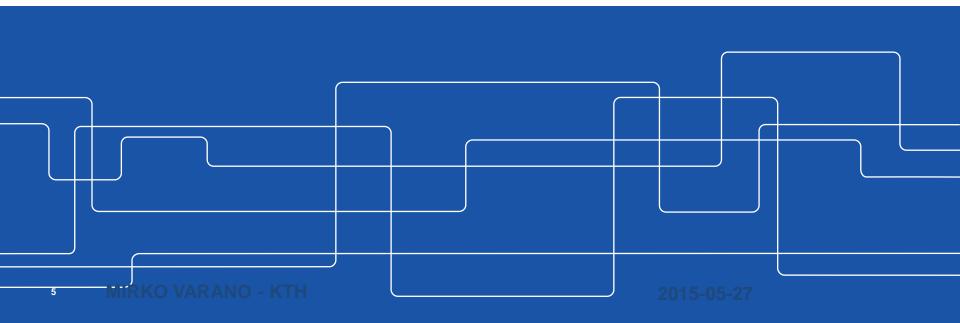
"Continuous process that accompanies the project throughout the PCM in order to ensure its efficiency, effectiveness and durability beyond the EC funded period"





Common mistakes

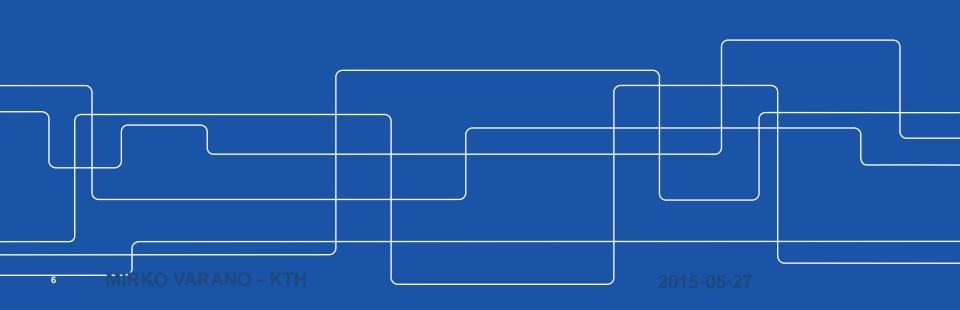
- It only arises at the end of the funded period
- It is a mere financial issue





Sustainability – what is it about?

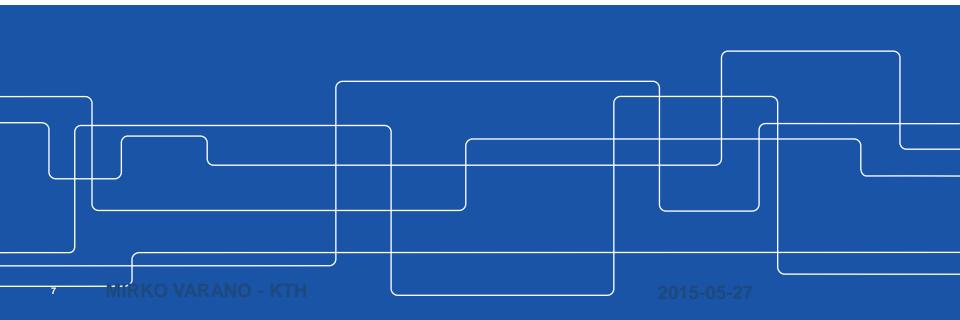
- All the stages of the PCM
- Involvement of HR
- Communication
- Marketing
- Funding
- External actors





Concrete Sustainability Actions

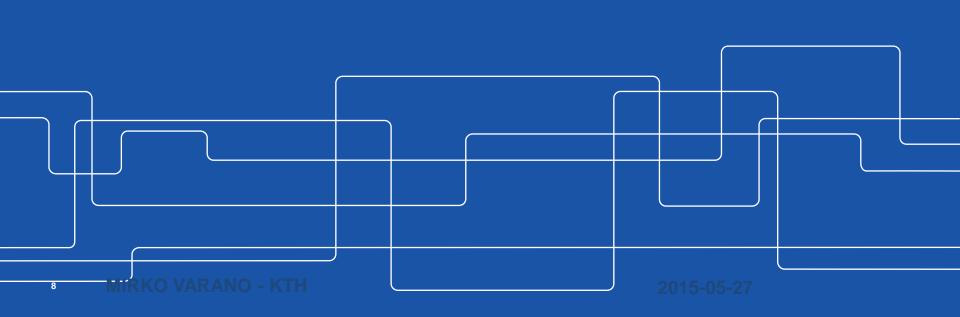
- General Before the call
- 2. During the application process
- 3. During the lifetime of the project
- 4. After the eligibility period





General – Before the call

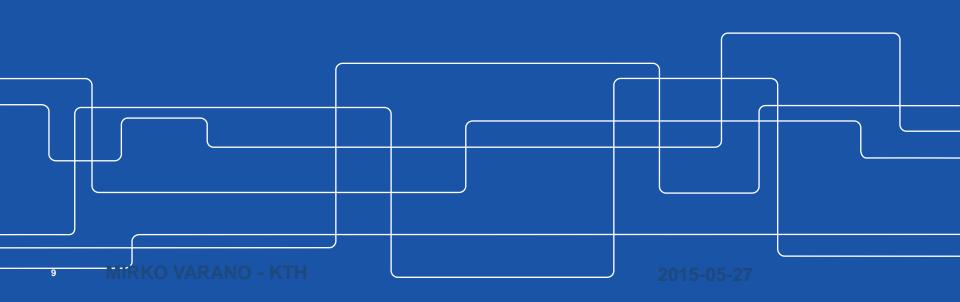
- 1. Decision about prioritization
- 2. Financial support
- 3. Centralized approach with both local and centralized initiative
- 4. Contacts with the Commission





During the application process

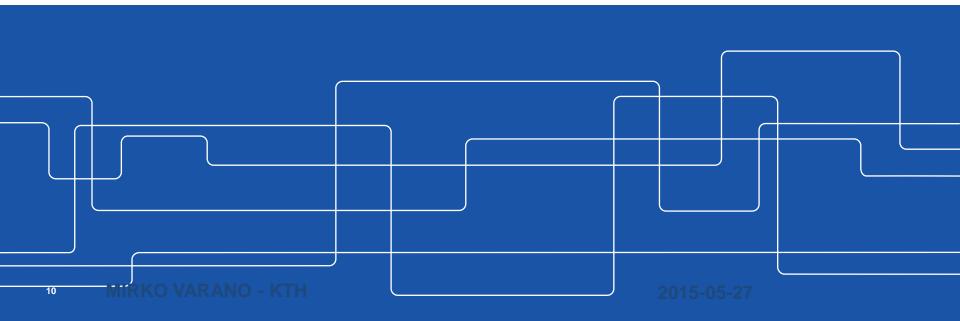
- Communication with Schools
- 2. Communication with the partners
- 3. Workshops
- 4. Templates
- 5. Contacts with the Commission
- 6. Partnership: well known and reliable partners





During the project lifetime

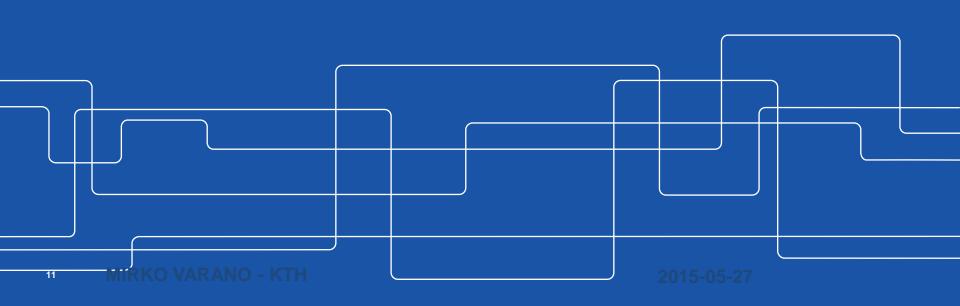
- 1. Contacts with the Commission
- 2. Communication with partners for recruitment and selection
- 3. Internal communication
- 4. Support of Companies





After the eligibility period (1)

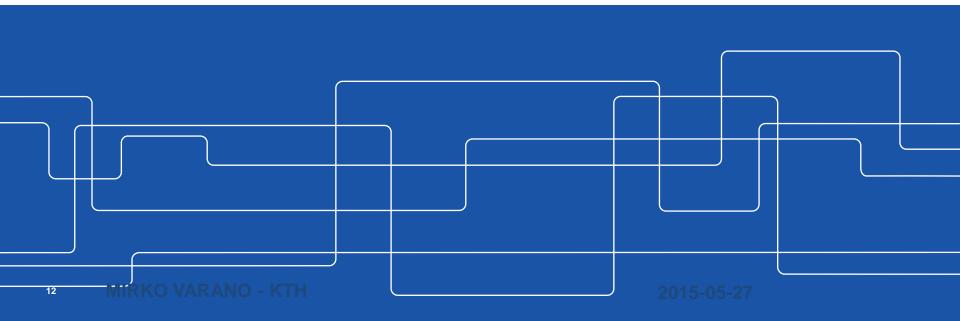
- Pre-requisite: EM is not a mere funding scheme but a lable of excellence
- 2. University Networks
- 3. Commection to other EU funded programmes
- 4. Other national funded programmes
- 5. Support of companies





After the eligibility period (2)

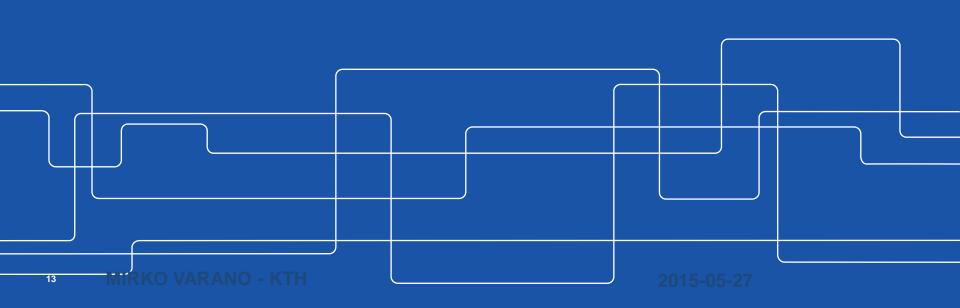
- 6. Agreements with non-European universities
- 7. Fee waver schemes for partner universities
- 8. Synergies: EIT
- 9. Alumni





Background - EM I at KTH

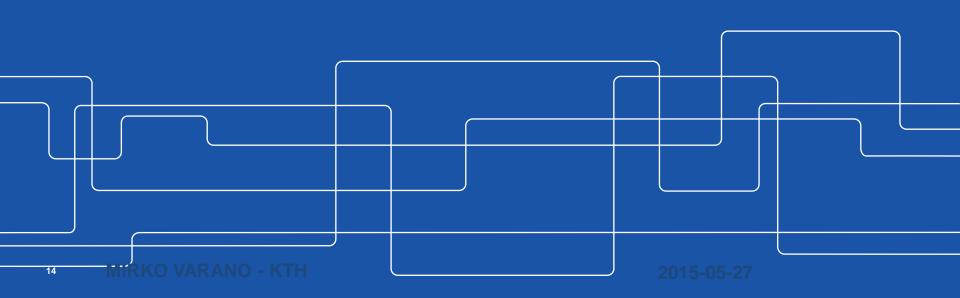
- DECISION
- Prioritized by KTH management
- Support for applicants administrative personnel and a small financial contribution
- Simplified process in order to establish the programs at KTH





EM II – Process at KTH

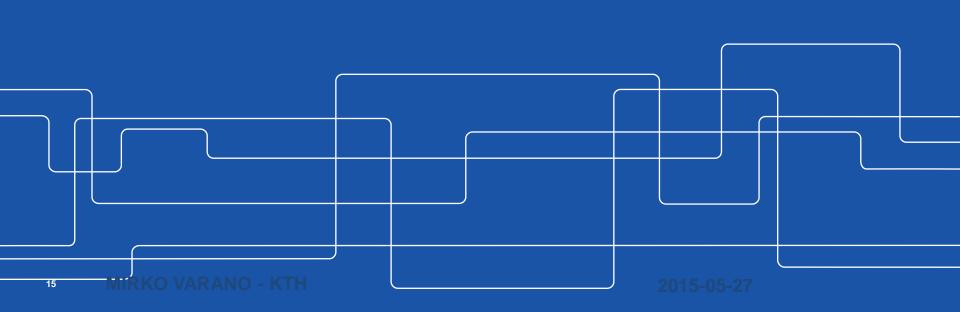
- Competence development
- Contacts with the Commission
- Dissemination activities in the own organization





EM II – Activities at KTH

- Continuous information in the own organization regarding developments and application status
- Timeline and checklist for activities, deadlines
- Workshops and hands-on assistance in writing

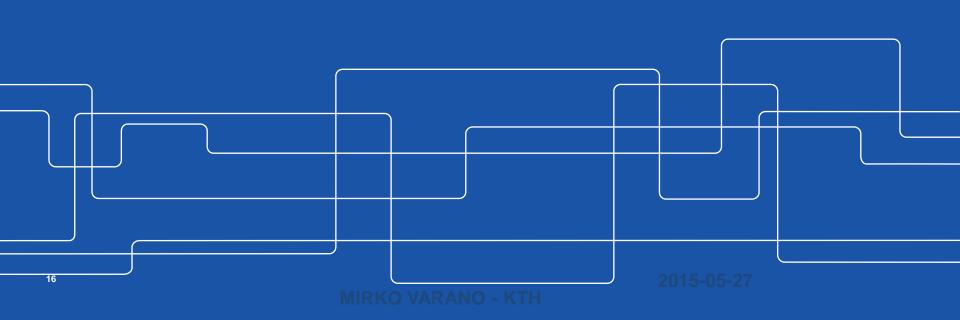




EM II – Support at KTH (1)

Templates

- Course descriptions
- CV layout
- Grade conversion
- Endorsement letters, letters of intent from companies

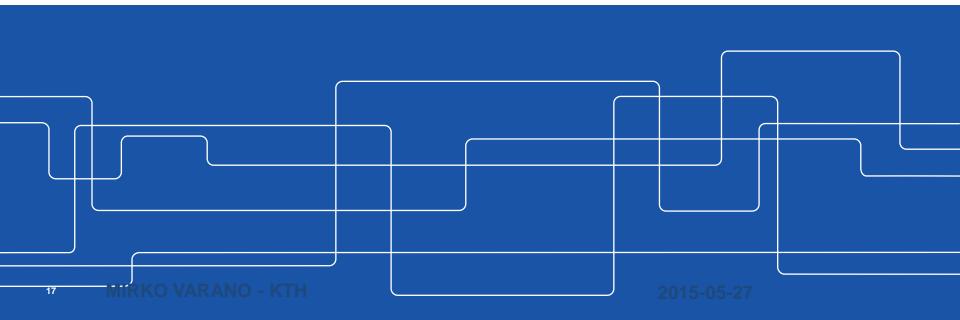




EMII - Support at KTH (2)

Templates:

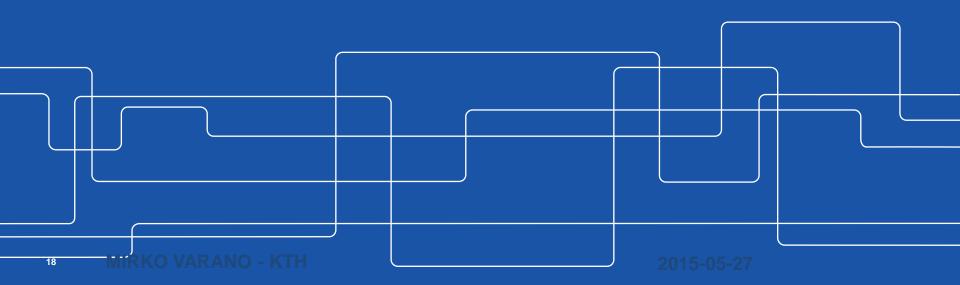
- Student agreement/Doctoral candidate agreement
- Consortium agreement/MoU PhD program
- Budget
- Anonymous evaluators comments





Results

- 26 proposals whereof
 - •15 EMMC, coordinating 9
 - •11 EMJD, coordinating 2
- Outcome
 - •5 EMMC granted as coordinator, 1 as partner
 - •1 EMJD granted as coordinator, 1 as partner





Thank you!



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