



## External evaluation

**Empowering women leadership in  
higher education towards digitalization  
and globalization ages**

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# Agenda

1. About the Project

2. External Evaluation on Project

✓ *Methodology*

✓ *Initial findings*

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# About the Project

# About the Project – Key stakeholders

Đơn vị tài trợ

Hội đồng Anh



Đơn vị chủ trì:

Đại học Quốc gia Hà Nội



Đơn vị đồng chủ trì:

Đại học Coventry (Anh)



Đối tác chính

Trường Đại học Phenikaa



Đối tác chính

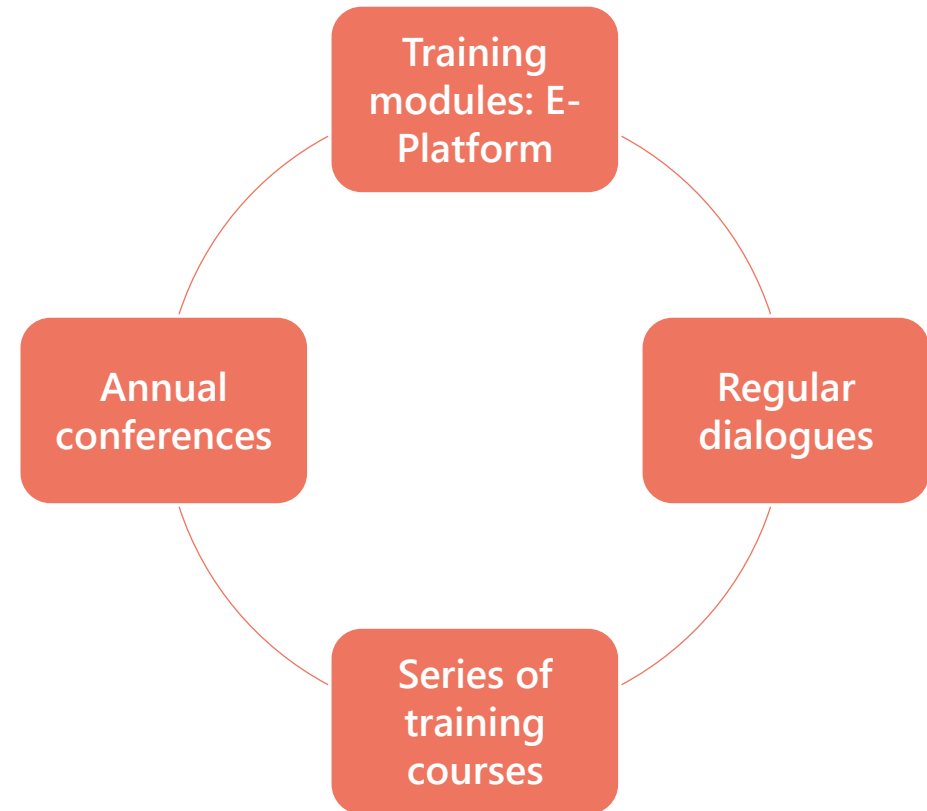
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Đại học Thái Nguyên



- Funding source: British Council
- Key stakeholders: Vietnam National University; Coventry University; Phenikaa University and School of Economics and Business Administration – Thai Nguyen University.

# Key outputs (proposal)

- Project life: 2022-2024;
- Overall objectives: To provide **knowledge** and **skills** for female leaders in higher education institutions → **empowering** women
- Targeted beneficiaries: female leaders of departments, research groups, deans,...
- 4 key activities:

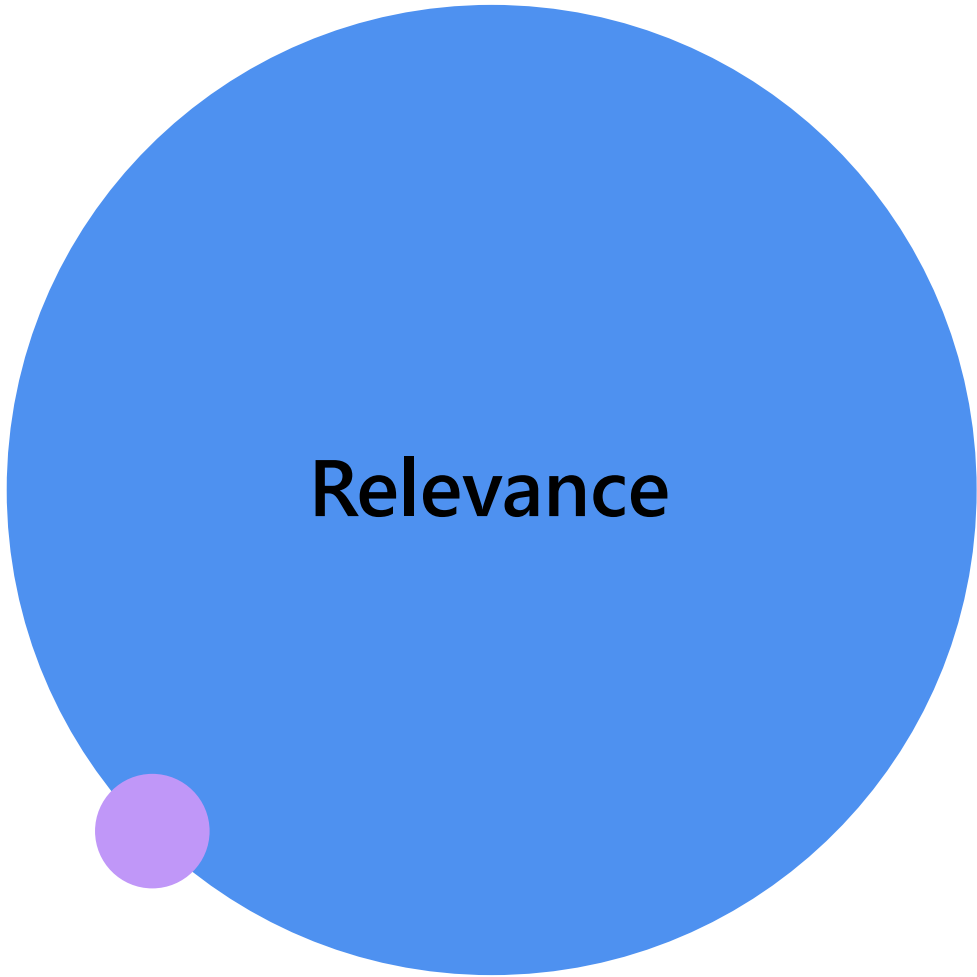




**Key findings**

# Methodology

- Approach: OECD Evaluation criteria:
  - ✓ Relevance → Is the intervention doing the right things?
  - ✓ Effectiveness → Is the intervention achieve its objectives?
  - ✓ Efficiency → How well are resources being used?
  - ✓ Impacts → what difference does the intervention make?
  - ✓ Sustainability → Will the benefits last?
- Methodology:
  - Desk review: reports, documentation on various activities of the project
  - Interviews with various stakeholders;
  - Participated in selected activities of the Project (ToT)



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Meet our needs

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# Effectiveness

## ① Networking:

- ✓ 3 MOUs signing between VNU, Phenikaa University, Thai Nguyen University;
- ✓ Network of female leaders: 610 participants of HEIs leaders and academics;
- ✓ Networking linkage between UK, Viet Nam and ASEAN HEIs: AUN-QA, Lincoln University, Manchester University;
- ✓ Replication of scientist club in HEIs



# Effectiveness

## ② Dialogues:

- ✓ Quarterly meetings among Project Steering Committee: online, offline,...;
- ✓ 2 dialogues: at Phenikaa University and Thai Nguyen University

### 3 Annual conferences:

Effectiveness



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CO-LEAD  
**PHENIKAA UNIVERSITY**

PARTNER UNIT  
**PHENIKAA UNIVERSITY**

**DIALOGUE PHASE 1**

**INNOVATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE ROLE OF WOMEN LEADERSHIP**

IN PROJECT: EMPOWERING WOMEN LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION TOWARDS DIGITALIZATION AND GLOBALIZATION AGES

**6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022**

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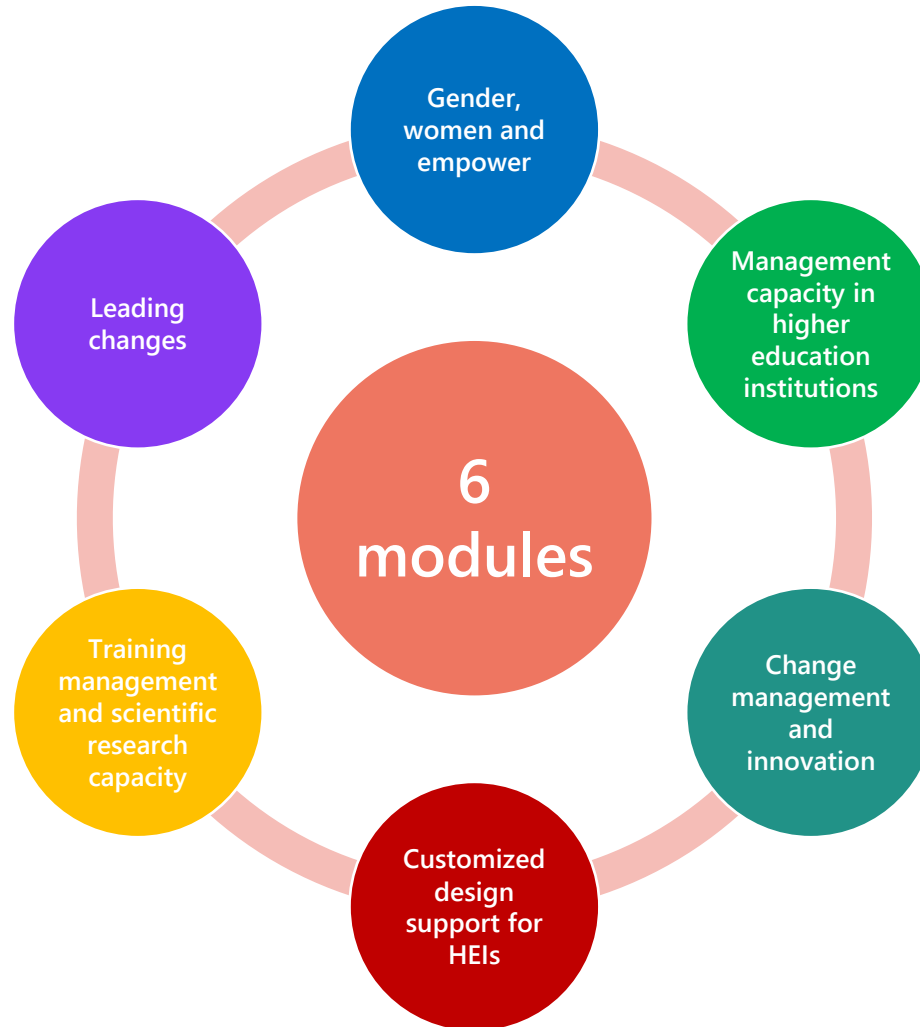


# Effectiveness

## ④ Training:

- ✓ E-learning platform: outstanding results
  - Digital transformation: user-friendly
  - Better access for female leaders; self-assessment through quiz → certification;
  - Facilitating the network of female leaders;
  - Optional design for users: adaptive for learners
- ✓ ToT Trainings: significant for hand-on (key persons: BC certificate)

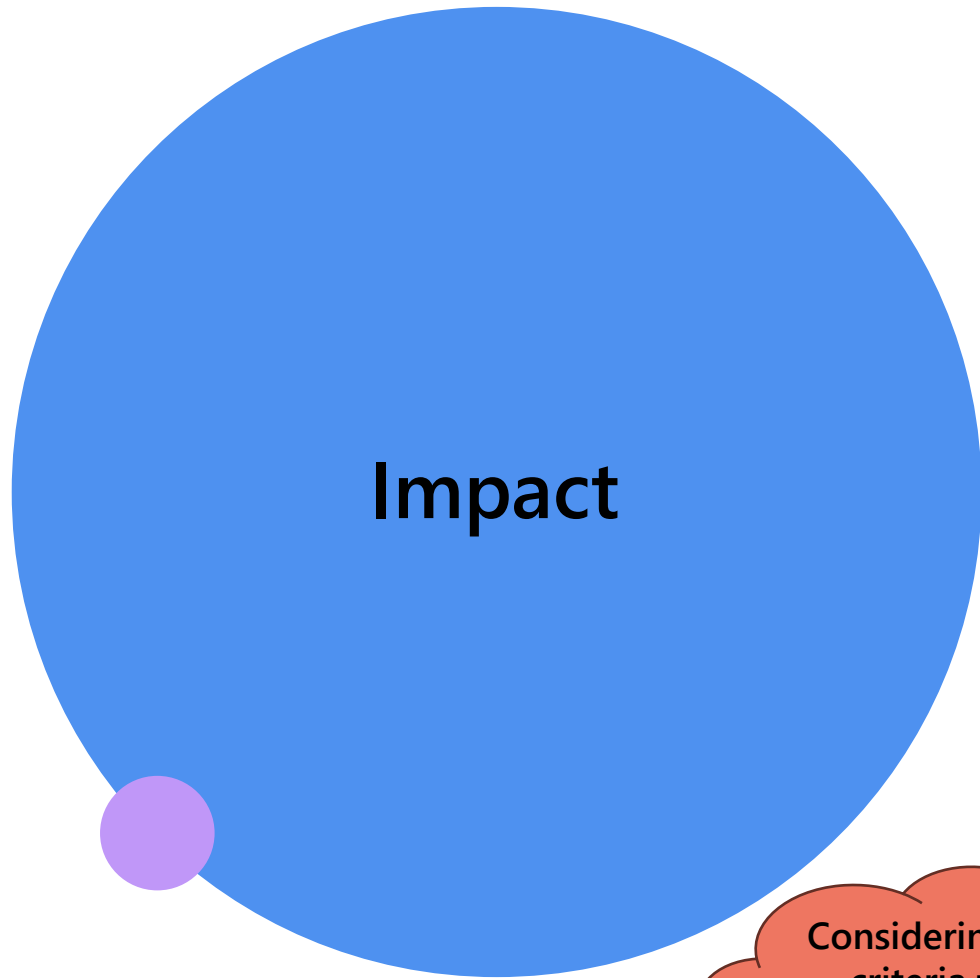
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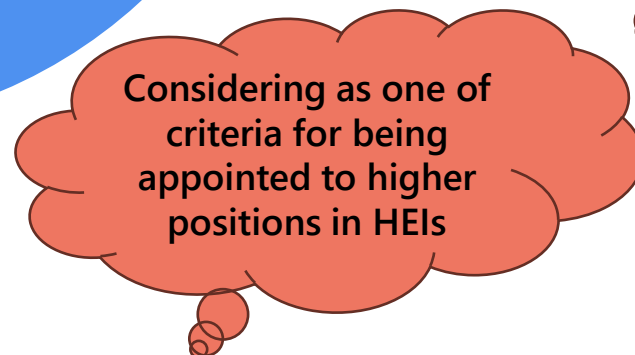
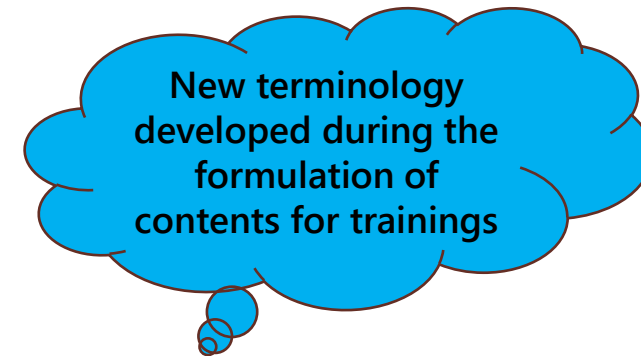
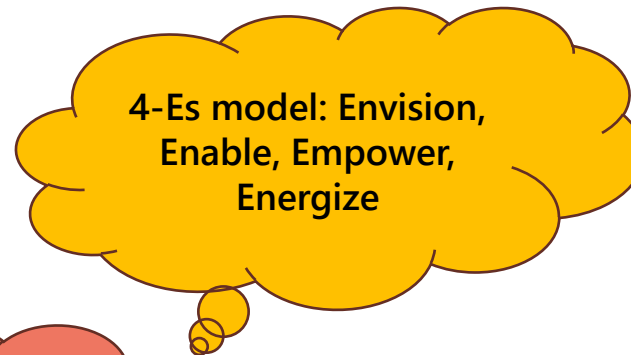


# Efficiency

- ✓ Resources are being used: limited funding, over-expected outcomes
- ✓ In-kind contribution: notably the development of contents for the 6 modules of e-learning platform, and also ... the maintenance for further application



- ✓ Change management and innovation
- ✓ E-learning platform: significant achievement → free access, certificate gains → more incentives
- ✓ Outreach: out of scope





# Sustainability

- ✓ The start for networking of participated universities in general and female leaders in particular → networking and more activities after the Project end;
- ✓ Replication by ToT and e-learning platform: governed and operated by VNU



# Major challenges

- ✓ Implementation during the COVID time, change to online/hybrid model;
- ✓ The design of Project: many activities, and requirement of changes during implementation → ToT change.
- ✓ Networking among ASEAN countries: ambitious target, require larger resources;
- ✓ Leaders in policy-making institutions: too busy to participate fully in the Project.



*Lessons learnt*

# Lessons learnt

- “Real” empowering model: participation; rotation of co-chair by all partners involved; contribution by all stakeholders.
- E-learning platform: optional, customized
- Website: advocacy, dissemination, maintenance
- Adaptive and flexible.



**Thank you very much!**