MSc Infrastructure Investment and Finance: A UCL-EIB collaboration success story

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Background

• Already existing UCL-EIB relationships:
  – UCL (Faculty of Engineering Science and The Bartlett) had established relationships with EIB through Professor Francesca Medda and Professor Harry Dimitriou

• Bartlett C&PM had no working relationship with EIB until MoU for MSc IIF
  – MoU signed in February 2013
  – MSc IIF launched in September 2013
"… is designed to enable infrastructure specialists to develop the multi-disciplinary skills essential to the effective financing and delivery of complex infrastructure projects"

- Structure:
  - 8 compulsory modules (assessed)
  - 3 non-assessed modules
  - 10,000 word dissertation
- Full-time and part-time study options
- 20 students per year (200+ applications)
- Accredited by the RICS
EIB contribution to the MSc IIF

• Multi-pronged:
  – Development of curriculum/contents
    • Timo Välilä (+others)
  – Delivery of lectures (5 modules):
    • IF1: Nick Jennet (Gianni Carbonaro/Tom Barrett)
    • IF2: Edward Farquharson
    • IF3: (José Doramas Jorge-Calderon)
    • IF4: Timo Välilä
    • IF7: Claus Eberhard, Juan Alario, Hugh Goldsmith, Patrick Dorvil, Harald Gruber
  – Support during student dissertation work:
    • Timo Välilä
    • Patrick Dorvil
    • Cormac Murphy
Looking into the future

• Maintain and strengthen existing collaboration:
  – Fine-tune EIB contribution to MSc IIF modules

• Expand scope of collaboration:
  – Explore opportunities for joint student dissertation supervision
  – Participate in EIBI research calls
  – …
Other C&PM highlights

- International Centre for Infrastructure Futures (£3.5m UK research grant)
- BENEFIT (€1.6m H2020 research grant)
  - EIB on Advisory Board
- Economics led investigation into infrastructure supply chains (Anglian Water)
- Knowledge Transfer Partnerships with Transport for London and Network Rail
- Other proposals on the way
Thank you!

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