What is EURASIA?
European and Asian Infrastructure Advantage (EURASIA) was launched in December 2005 with the aim of enhancing the capacity of Higher Education Institutions in Asia and the EU. The 35 month project, which has total eligible costs of €456,495, aims to improve capacity in 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 partnership institutions in England, Estonia, Sri Lanka and Lithuania, as well as researchers, public sector organisations, consultancies, and industry.

Main activities include:
• Deployment and testing of a Virtual Environment for Built Environment Researchers (VEBER)
• Development of a professionally accredited postgraduate curriculum
• A split-site PhD programme for nominated staff of Sri Lankan partner Universities
• Staff exchange programmes
• Design and delivery of training courses
• Dissemination of collaborative activities
• A major International Conference in Sri Lanka with a theme of creating and managing public and commercial facilities and infrastructure

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 €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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