ABSTRACT

Within globalization context, universities seek to cooperate among themselves and with other cultural, social and economic institutions, although always keeping in mind that their main task is knowledge and support to society.

This analysis identifies institutions’ diversity as one of the reasons for universities’ collaboration, and establishes its characteristics related to experiences in Europe and in the United States. It also points out “protection agents” and “risk agents” for the cooperative actions and it raises some issues on what is happening in Chile around universities’ cooperation.