



# National Erasmus+ Office Newsletter January 2019

## INFORMATION DAY

National Erasmus+ Office in Palestine organized its annual information day at the Grad Park Hotel in Ramallah. It was attended by The Minister of Higher Education, the head EACEA and EU Head of Cooperation. The Higher Education institutions showcased their Erasmus+ projects. NEO and EU representatives congratulated 2018 winners for 2018 call. NEO presented the Erasmus+ program to the vast audience of 500 participants with a heavy media coverage.



## THEMATIC CLUSTER MEETING

National Erasmus+ Office in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and HE organized Thematic Cluster Meeting entitled "Harmonization of the Accreditation Process between the Ministry of Education & HE and Erasmus+ Curricula Development Projects." The workshop was opened by the Minister of Education and HE. The outcome is a more harmonized process of accreditation and an exception for Erasmus+ projects to apply to AQAC throughout the year.



## International Missions

- ❖ Dr. Jayousi is privileged to represent the Palestinian team of Higher Education Reform Experts- HEREs; where he actively took part in the HERE's Annual Conference 2018: Capacity building for higher education reform: The impact of collaborative international projects, Rome, Italy 12-13, December 2018 (University of Rome – Sapienza).



- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Dr. Nedal Jayousi led a delegation of four Palestinian Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE) and took part in the Regional Technical Assistance Mission (TAM) entitled “Emerging entrepreneurship skills & Technical Education in South Mediterranean Countries” held at the Movenpick Hotel, Aswan, Egypt.



- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Dr. Nedal Jayousi participated in a Peer Learning Activity (PLA) on Credit Recognition with Erasmus+ Partner countries organized by the Hungarian Erasmus+ National Agency in partnership with the Ministry of Human Capacities in Budapest.



- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Dr. Nedal Jayousi and the NEO Office Manager, Ms. Aya Fuqha participated in the NEO-ICP coordination meeting organised by the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency and DG EAC / European Union for three intensive days from the 10th till the 12th of October.



### NEO Local Missions



- ❖ On December 17, 2018, the National Erasmus+ Office Represented by NEO's Director, Dr. Nedal Jayousi and NEO's Program Officer, conducted a preventive field monitoring mission to the CBHE funded project, Enterprise Systems Engineering (PENS). All partners attended the meeting. NEO Director also met the University President, Prof. Henry Jacquaman.



- ❖ On the 17th of October, 2018 National Erasmus+ Office Represented by NEO Director Dr. Nedal Jayousi conducted a preventive field monitoring visit to the CBHE Funded project “Virtual Reality as an innovative and immersive learning tools for HEIs in Palestine” at Al-Istiqlal University with the presence of all partners.

### HEREs' Activities

- ❖ The Higher Education Reform Committee held its meeting on the 12nd of November 2018 at the Grand Park Hotel in Ramallah and discussed contributions and work of HERE members with the Ministry of Education and HE on higher education reforms; international and local events; HERE study visit joint degree implementation; technical education in South-Mediterranean countries; research-based Engineering education; dissemination workshop plans; and orienting research in HEIs towards labour market competencies.



- ❖ The National Erasmus+ Office in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education organized the HERE local workshop on "Orienting research in HEI's toward labour market competences". The workshop was held Thursday, the 6th of December 2018 at the National Training Institute (NIET).





- ❖ Under the Auspices of the National Erasmus+ Office in Palestine, The Higher Education Reform Experts Team (HEREs) Organized a Workshop on Disseminating the outputs of the HERE study visit “Teaching & Learning: Professional Development of Staff in Higher Education on the 5th of December at Al Quds Open University



- ❖ Under the Auspices of the National Erasmus+ Office in Palestine, The Higher Education Reform Experts Team Organized a Workshop on “Research-based Engineering Education Workshop” workshop, Birzeit University 4 December 2018.



## Information Sessions

- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Dr. Nedal Jayousi held two information sessions on Erasmus+ Programme at the Arab American University on Monday, the 3rd of December 2018 and An-Najah University on the 4th of December 2018.



- ❖ On the 13th of November 2018, the National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) and the Education Audiovisual Executive Agency for Education and Culture/ EACEA organized an information session for the winners of 2018 CBHE projects at the Royal Courts Hotel in Ramallah.

## Gazan students in the UK!

Within the biggest-ever Gaza-UK student mobility by far, 20 students from Islamic University of Gaza started their studies at University of Glasgow as a part of International Credit Mobility funded by Erasmus Plus Programme.



## Fatma Lulu, A student with determination!

Fatma, an English literature student from the Islamic University of Gaza, managed to overcome all the challenges and difficulties and reached her exchange program at the University of Glasgow in the UK, her story is remarkable! Please read her story and all others on NEO Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ErasmusPlusPalestine](http://www.facebook.com/ErasmusPlusPalestine).



## FAST FACTS

### Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE)



Palestine won 5 CBHE projects in 2018!

3 new Higher Education Institutions won as Coordinators for four new projects, namely: PTUK, AAUP, AQU.

12 projects coordinated by Palestine, the highest among the SMR!

### International Credit Mobility in 2018

Students & staff outgoing mobilities from Palestine to Europe: 70

Students & staff incoming mobilities from Europe to Palestine: 99

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