



National Erasmus+ Office Palestine Newsletter July 2019

Cooperation Agreement with the Ministry of Higher Education

- ❖ Under the auspices of the Prime Minister, the NEO & the Ministry of HE signed a cooperation agreement to support the HE sector in Palestine through Erasmus+ programme



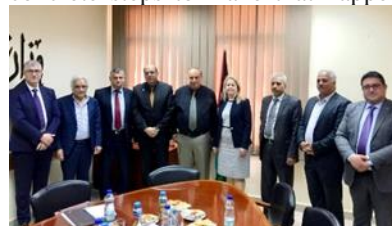
HERE Meetings

- ❖ The Higher Education Reform Committee held its meeting on the 17th of April 2019 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; Regional TAM on HE

Policies; dissemination workshop plans.



- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office along with the Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) members met with H.E. Prof. Mahmoud Abu Mouis, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The HERE members and NEO discussed mechanisms of cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education and concrete steps to make that happen.



- ❖ The Higher Education Reform Committee held its meeting on the 8th of July 2019 at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Ramallah. This is the first HEREs meeting at the Ministry. The team discussed contributions and work of HERE members as a consultative body to the Minister. The members addressed a number of actions that that can be implemented with the involvement of HEIs and the Ministry.



International Missions

- ❖ Regional TAM on Higher Education policies in the SMR with the participation of Jordan, Lebanon,

Egypt and Palestine representatives, training done by two international experts in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt. The aim of the meeting is to develop a framework for the Higher Education Policies in the SMR. Two European Experts, Mr. Kevin Guillaume and Dr. Ligia Deca presented the EU experts in developing Qualification Frameworks for HE in the European Union and examples of good practices in Europe.



- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Dr. Nedal Jayousi, represented Palestine; together with two Higher Education Reform Experts; Dr. Ahmed Abu Hanieh and Dr. Imad Braik in the HERE Seminar “Recognition: Implications for cross-border access to higher education and mobility” at the Technical University of Moldova in Chisinau. The seminar was attended by experts from 25 countries with a focus on recognition—specifically, the recognition of qualifications.



NEO Local Missions

- ❖ NEO Director participated in the EU Day. Dr. Jayousi met the Palestinian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Ishtayeh and different colleagues from EU Representation Office and Embassies.



- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office Opened the Dissemination Workshop to present the results of diagnostic report within “Teaching English as Foreign Language in Palestinian HEIs: An e-Learning Initiative that Bridges Educational and Socio-Political Gaps “TEFL-ePAL” project at Plaza Hotel, Ramallah.



Field Monitoring

- ❖ Impact field monitoring mission to the CBHE funded project “A Bottom-up Approach for Opening up Education in South Mediterranean Countries” (OpenMed) at An Najah National University. The aim of the visit was to learn about the final project outcomes realized and its impact and sustainability prospects with a focus on Palestinian HEIs.



- ❖ Preventive field monitoring mission to the CBHE funded project 598787 “Strengthening of National Research Capacity on Policy, Conflict Resolution, and Reconciliation” (PEACE) at the Arab American University. The aim of the visit was to learn about the activities realized and products developed so far and to observe any issues in the implementation and discuss remedial actions and future planning.



- ❖ Preventive Field monitoring to TEFL e-PAL Project 598405-EPP-1-2018-1-PS-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP “Teaching English as Foreign Language in Palestinian HEIs: An e-Learning Initiative that Bridges Educational and Socio-Political Gaps” . The aim of the visit was to learn about the activities realized and products developed so far and to observe any issues in the implementation and discuss remedial actions and future planning.



- ❖ Preventive field monitoring mission to the CBHE funded project 598480-EPP-1-2018-1-PS-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP “ Innovations in Water Education Programs: Enhancing Water Security and Socio-economic Development in the Eastern Mediterranean under Climate Change ” (WASEC) at Palestine Technical University- Khadoorie. The aim of the visit was to learn about activities realized and products developed so far and to observe any issues in the implementation.



- ❖ Preventive field monitoring mission to the CBHE funded project 598665-EPP-1-2018-1-PS-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP "Development of TVET Pedagogical Competences and Qualification in Palestinian Universities" (TEVETCQ) at Palestine Technical University-Khadoorie. The aim of the visit was to learn about the activities realized and products developed so far and to observe any issues in the implementation and discuss remedial actions and future planning.



- ❖ Field monitoring visit of the International Activities under Key Action1 International Credit Mobility at Palestinian Technical University – Khadori with the presence of the beneficiaries from students and academic staff. The main focus of the field monitoring is to check over the mobility outturns as new skills and knowledge that have been acquired and taught culturally, linguistically and academically.



TAM

- ❖ A Two-day Technical Mission TAM workshop on “Learning outcome based curriculum design with focus on job creation and entrepreneurship/ national meeting on reviewing syllabi” was organized at the Arab American University by the NEO, in collaboration with British Consultants, the Arab American University and Al-Quds University with the presence of IT specialists from 6 universities.



University- Khadoori. The session was followed with an ICM FM to the staff and students who benefitted from the mobility exchange programme.



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

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Information Sessions

- ❖ The Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Dr. Nedal Jayousi conducted info session at the Arab American University (AAUP) in Jenin. Dr. Jayousi gave a presentation about Erasmus+ Programme in Palestine focusing on International Credit Mobility and CBHE projects, he also conducted Q&A session at the end. The Vice President for Planning and Quality, Dr. Muath Sabha opened the session which was attended by university administrators, faculty and students.



- ❖ NEO Director conducted an information session about Erasmus+ actions to faculty’ deans and staff members at Palestine Technical

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