

Southern Mediterranean: Higher Education Opportunities

The case of Palestine!

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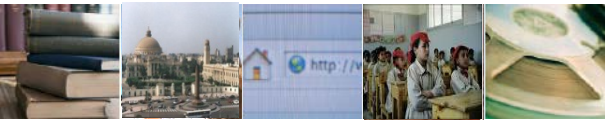
Palestine



Synopsis

- POPULATION: 4. 42 million (June 2015)
- POPULATION GROWTH: 3.7 %
- URBAN POPULATION: 74%
- LANGUAGE: Arabic, English
- AREA: 6,020 km²

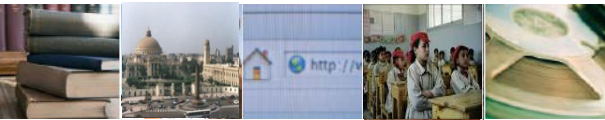




Impact of Tempus and E+ on Palestine

Palestine

- Since its inception, Tempus and Erasmus+ now have played an important role in the Palestinian higher education sector. Most academic institutions have benefited and are successfully participating in implementing Tempus and E+ projects. Since 2002, Palestine has participated in Tempus with 34 projects, and 14 projects in E+ for the first 2 years where we coordinate 6 projects
- Palestinian HEIs have also seized the opportunity to work together with other a number of European higher education institutions, in areas of common interest such as reforming higher education structures and systems, student services, internationalization strategies, service learning and institutional autonomy, master degrees and a number of staff & students benefited from mobility



Cooperation between Europe and SM Region

Ten countries from the Southern Mediterranean have been involved in Tempus III Tempus IV, and now with E+. The total budget allocated to these countries since then has been 222 million Euro. 81 million Euro was allocated between 2003 and 2006 and 141 million Euro was allocated through Tempus IV since 2007. The recent increase in funding reflects the growing importance that the EU places on the region since the Arab Spring started at the end of 2010. And now for E+ about 56 m euros for the first 2 years of its life.



National Priorities as set by MOHE

Category A – Subject Areas (for curriculum development projects)

Humanities	Religion and theology, Foreign languages, General and comparative literature, Linguistics, Translation, interpretation, Classical philology, Languages and philological sciences, History, philosophy, History and archaeology, Philosophy and ethics Humanities.
Social and behavioral science	Psychology, Sociology and cultural studies, Political science and civics, Economics, Anthropology, Development studies, Social and behavioral science (others)
Business and administration	Marketing and advertising, Finance, banking, insurance, Accounting and taxation, Management and administration, Business and administration (others)
Life sciences	Biology and biochemistry, Microbiology, biotechnology, Environmental science
Computing	Computer science, Artificial intelligence, Computer programming, Computer system analysis, Computer system design, Informatics, Operating systems, Computing (others)
Health	Medicine, Psychiatry and clinical psychology, Public health, Medical technology, Medicine and Surgery, Medical services, Nursing and caring, Dental studies, Medical diagnostic and treatment technology, Therapy and rehabilitation, Pharmacy, Health (others)
Social services	Child care and youth services, Social work and counselling, Social services (others)
Engineering and engineering trades	Mechanics and metal work, Mechanical Engineering, Electricity and energy, Climate engineering, Electrical power generation, Electronics and automation, Communication systems, Computer engineering, Electronic engineering, Robotics, Telecommunication technology, Chemical and process, Motor vehicles



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Category B - Improving quality of education and teaching (2)

Bologna process (***cycle system, credit transfer, Diploma supplement, etc.***)

Learning and teaching tools, ***methodologies & pedagogical approaches including learning outcomes and ICT-based practices (inter alia, flexible learning paths, blended courses, virtual and real mobility, practical placements etc.)***

Category C - Improving management and operation of higher education institutions (4)

Governance, strategic planning and management of HEIs (***including human resource and financial management***)

Quality assurance processes and mechanisms

Development of research and innovative capacities (***excluding research activities***)

Category D - Developing the Higher Education sector within society at large (2)

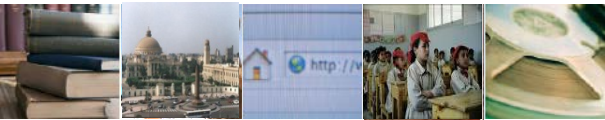
Lifelong learning, continuing education

University-enterprise cooperation, employability of graduates



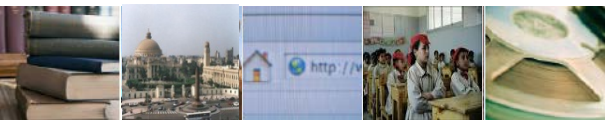
List of Winning Projects in 2015

N°	Application Title Action Code	Name of Organisation	EU Grant
1	Raising the Quality of Teacher Education Programmes in Palestine	Canterbury Christ Church University	879,075.00
2	The Mediterranean Public HEALTH Alliance (MED-HEALTH)	AN-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY	740,908.00
3	Development of Health Informatics integrated curricula in Computing and Health-oriented undergraduate degrees	THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BIR ZEIT UNIVERSITY	989,316.00
4	Master in Health Informatics	UNIVERSIDAD DE ALCALA	976,987.80
5	Modernization of teaching methodologies in higher education: EU experience for Jordan and Palestinian territory	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN	990,590.00
6	Develop Business and Economic Research Centers Capacity at Palestinian Higher Education Institutions	Islamic University of Gaza	832,191.00
7	A bottom-up approach for opening up education in South-Mediterranean countries	UNIMED UNIONE DELLE UNIVERSITA DELMEDITERRANEO ASSOCIAZIONE	871,229.00



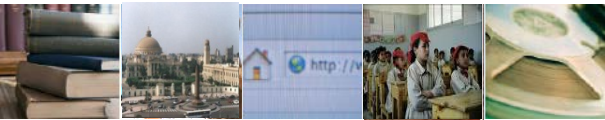
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1	IELTS: to introduce an English language program based on IELTS to replace the current English 1 & 2	Palestine Technical University (PTUK)	Dr. Kalid Shadeed k.shadeed@ptuk.edu.p s
2	A joint project with the master program on urban planning and landscape architecture with three components 1) joint research about urbanization and urban growth management 2) curriculum development for grad courses dealing with sustainable city and green city 3) summer courses with local students and partner students (student exchange)	Birzeit University	Dr. Salem Thawaba s.thawaba@gmail.com



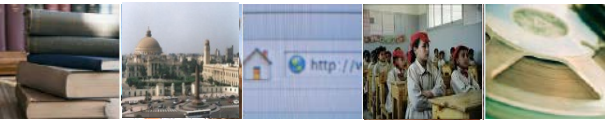
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3	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1- Antimicrobial and anticancer activity of Palestinian medicinal plants2- Use natural preservatives in pharmaceutical pediatric preparations3- Evaluation of the Effectiveness and Safety of innovator and generic medications of Antiepileptic Medications in Patients with Epilepsy in Palestine	Birzeit University	Dr. Hani Shtaya hshtaya@birzeit.edu
4	Law & Technology (Master program)	Birzeit University	Prof. Amer Khalil amkhalil@birzeit.edu



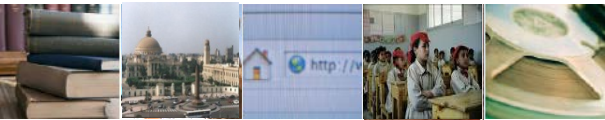
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5	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1- Establishment of a new BSc program in Environmental Engineering at the Faculty of Engineering in collaboration with your universities2- Establishment of a new M.Sc. program in Water and Environmental Management in collaboration with your universities	Birzeit University	Dr. Maher Abu-Madi, abumadi@birzeit.edu
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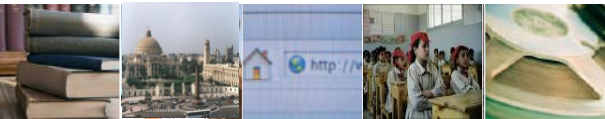
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6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborating with your universities towards enhancing Bethlehem University capacity to cater students' with career development needs • Reviewing and enhancing Bethlehem University current and future initiatives in its services, to students, at curricular and co-curricular levels <p>3) Transferring an international university's experience in establishing infrastructure at Bethlehem University such as a specialized center and/or in capacity building to institutionalize an entrepreneurial culture via teaching and learning approach.</p> <p>4)_ Strengthening Blehem University's collaboration with local and international private sectors towards qualifying students' projects to fit in the real word business demand</p>	Bethlehem University	<p>Mr Mahdi Kleibo mkleibo@bethlehem.edu</p> <p>External Academic Relations Coordinator</p>



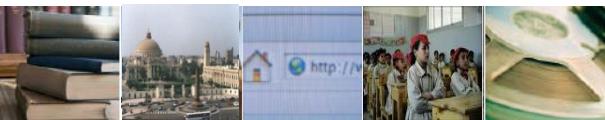
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7	<p>1) Faculty exchange to enhance pedagogy and teaching methodologies especially in those areas that involve practicums.</p> <p>3) Joint research or degree in the area of Tourism and hotel management</p> <p>4) Summer internships for Hotel Management students in Europe.</p> <p>5) Assistance in providing qualified PhD Holders to take part in teaching the Masters students in areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Tourism governance b) Tourism policy planning c) Tourism and cultural heritage. 	Bethlehem University	<p>Mr Nabil Michael El-Mufdi</p> <p>nabilm@bethlehem.edu</p>



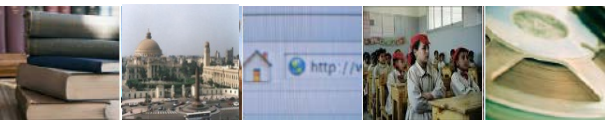
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8	<p>The Faculty of Education is interested in the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) joint master program in special education, learning disabilities or Mild Intervention or Education creative pedagogues or Education in planning and curriculum design. 2) Master degrees for four of graduates in the Early Childhood Education and Teaching subjects of English and History and Geography 3) Exchange programs for students and Faculty members of the Lower Primary stage and students of Upper Primary in teaching English and teaching History and Geography subjects. 4) Joint researches focussing on teaching and learning, creative pedagogies, practice in schools. 	Bethlehem University	<p>Dr Hala Al-Yamani</p> <p>halay@bethlehem.edu</p> <p>Associate Professor</p>



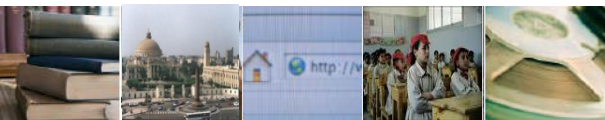
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9	<p>The UNESCO Biotechnology Center wants to establish two glass-green houses at Bethlehem University. This kind of greenhouses could serve conducting experiments on stress physiology of local plants for a long time.</p>	Bethlehem University	<p>odarissa@bethlehem.edu</p>
10	<p>Water & Soil Environmental Research Unit is developing its technical ability in analysis continuously. They aim for receiving training and exchange of faculty with other universities and exchanging experiences in teaching and research, these activities are very crucial for faculty developments.</p>	Bethlehem University	<p>Dr Alfred Francis WSERU Director</p> <p>abedrabo@bethlehem.edu</p>



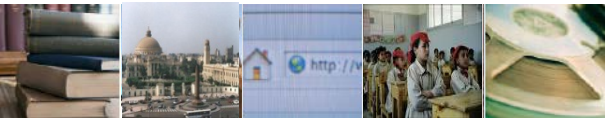
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11	<p>The Department of Physics is looking to initiate collaboration with one of the your universities in two main areas :</p> <p>1) Research in the field of nanotechnology at the service of Renewable energy. This could help on improving efficiency of organic solar cells</p> <p>2) Research in the field of Quantum chemical computation (simulation or modelling) to study more thoroughly the structures of organic substance</p>	Bethlehem University	Dr Haifa Raji Konkar hkuncar@bethlehem.edu



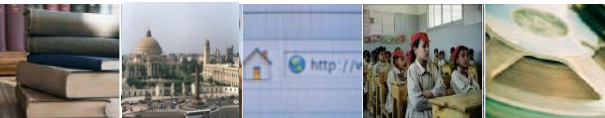
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13	<p>Cytogenetic Services & Palestine Museum of Natural History</p> <p>1-They are seeking your partnerships for their faculty and expertise exchange in areas such as biodiversity, environmental conservation, and medical genetics (including toxicology)</p> <p>2- They are also looking for European partners for research and development especially in areas like biodiversity, permaculture, and genetics.</p>	Bethlehem University	<p>Pro Mazin Qumsiyeh Director mazin@qumsiyeh.org</p>
14	<p>Social Sciences Department are in need to develop joint BA and MA programs and curriculum</p>	Bethlehem University	<p>Ms Minerva Qassis-Jaraysah minervaj@bethlehem.edu</p>



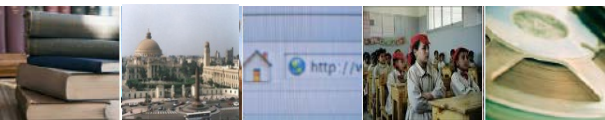
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15	The English Department is willing to have Exchange programs in the areas of communications and language and linguistics highly encouraged for both the faculty and students.	Bethlehem University	Ms Hanadi Younan Dean & Chairperson of English Department hyounan@bethlehem.edu
16	1- The faculty of nursing is looking to find a university who has an advance lab simulation so as to send Seven faculty members to be trained in use of simulation equipment. 2- To have joint staff mobility training exchange.	Bethlehem University	Ms Mariam Awad Dean of the Faculty of Nursing & health Sciences Email mawad@bethlehem.edu



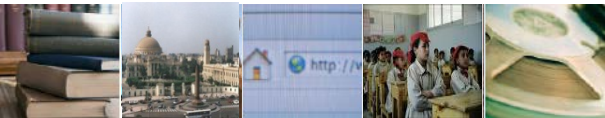
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17	A capacity building project that tries to enhance teachers' knowledge on how to employ technology in teaching.	Palestine Polytechnic University, PPU	<i>Mohammed H. Tamimi, PhD</i> <i>Language Center</i> <i>Coordinator</i> tamimim@ppu.edu



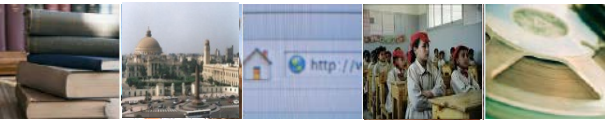
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19	Use ICT in teaching foreign language teachers	PPU	<i>Dr. Mohammed H. Tamimi</i> Language Center Coordinator tamimim@ppu.edu u
20	Eco-Cultural Heritage Tourism Program (ECHT) The program ECHT poised to provide learners archeological (natural and cultural) and environmental knowledge, skills, and training for developing, leading and managing ecotourism.	Al-Quds University	Amer Kanan, PhD akanan@staff.alquds.edu amerkanan@gmail.com +970 599 721143 Environment Dept.



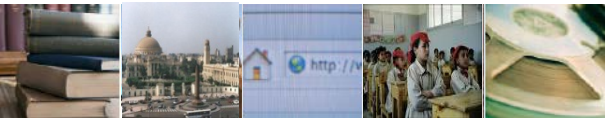
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21	<p>Sustainable Energy and Environment Program (SEE)</p> <p>The SEE program shall focuses on leading the transition to a more sustainable energy future. Graduates are expected to implement practical solutions to energy and environmental concerns.</p>	Al-Quds University	<p>Amer Kanan, PhD akanan@staff.alquds.edu u amerkanan@gmail.com +970 599 721143 Environment Dept.</p>



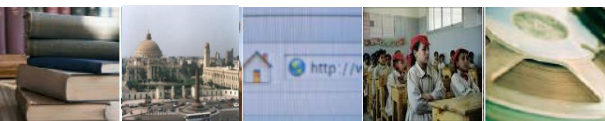
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22	<p>A food engineering program: The objective of this Degree program is to prepare the students for the professional practice in the food and technology industry.</p>	Al-Quds University	Dr. Saleh Sawalha, Assistant professor Food Science and Technology Department E: ssawalha@staff.alquds.edu Mobile: +972597311622



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24	Enhance Teaching Methods in Physical Education in line with the International Sport Federation Program	Al-Quds University	Dr. Mazen Khatib mazen.khatib@staff.alquds.edu



List of IUG proposals titles to participate in E+ -KA2 – capacity building of higher education

No	Project name	Contact
1.	Reinforcing "Knowledge Triangle" in Higher Education Institutes in the Middle East.	Ms. Wala Safi Academic Partnerships Officer External Relations Affairs Islamic University of Gaza
2.	Developing Master Program in Critical Care Nursing	Mobile: +970598826801 Tel. +970 (8) 26 444 00 Ext. 1017
3.	Professional Diploma in Disaster and Crisis Management“For Health Professionals”	Email: extr@iugaza.edu.ps
4.	Research Capacity Building at Palestinian HEIs through Internationalization. Agribusiness and Food Technology Management Master Joint Program	polytechnic



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