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Welcome to the Higher Education Reform Experts – Jordan (HEREs – Jordan) Newsletter. This is the third issue of a series of annual Newsletters that are issued by the HEREs–J team and the NEO –Jordan.

Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs)

The main goal of the national teams of Higher Education Reform Experts is to provide a pool of expertise and act as a think tank promoting and participating in the development policies and reforms of higher education, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Higher Education.

The National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) is responsible for the management of the HEREs events and provides assistance to the team for carrying on training, studies, etc.



HEREs Activities

In addition to their role as Think Tank, the Higher Education Reform Experts participate regularly in various national and international events organized within the framework of activities of the SPHERE consortium "Support and Promotion of Higher Education Reform Experts" led by the University of Barcelona (UB) and the European Universities Association (EUA). Those national and international events are categorized as follows:

■ Thematic seminars

Aiming at providing new knowledge and practical experience through field visits at higher education institutions or other relevant stakeholders. They also provide a platform for questions, discussion and exchange of practices on specific topics and processes.

28 - 29 May 2018: HERE Seminar: Research-based teaching and learning: From national and institutional policies to practice, Podgorica, Montenegro.



The seminar discussed institutional missions: connecting research and teaching, disparities between teaching and research careers, adopting and implementing research-based learning and student enquiry approaches, supporting teaching staff to integrate research into curricula and national approaches, policies and incentives.

■ Study visits

Focus on specific topics and fields of interest, common to various Partner Countries. The visits provide an opportunity to meet with academic and non-academic staff directly responsible for the introduction and the implementation of specific reforms or policies in the field of higher education.



19- 20 April 2018: "Developing entrepreneurial skills: a

new challenge for universities - Montpellier, France. The visit aimed to assist HERE partner country universities of diverse capacities to improve their



ability to provide knowledge-based entrepreneurial skills and opportunities to students and researchers and highlight the role of universities in the entrepreneurship 'ecosystem'.

■ Technical Assistance Missions (TAMs)

Technical Assistance Missions (TAMs) provide targeted technical assistance to the HERE team and NEO on issues related to the development of higher education reform policies and new trends in higher education.



17–18 July 2018: A Technical Assistant Mission (TAM) titled “Realization of the Jordanian Diploma Supplement” was held in Amman, with the participation of Mr Huw Landeg Morris, Director of Academic Partnerships, Swansea University, UK.



The 2-day seminar aimed to understand the meaning of Diploma Supplement (DS) and its sections, figure out the way that the DS describes, in terms of competences and learning outcomes, illustrate how the DS can be developed as a standalone document, and develop a template of DS for Jordan.

Planned Activities in 2018

TAMs

24 - 25 September 2018 (TAM) TAM on "Research Based Teaching".

TAM on "Human Resources Management at HEIs and the Ministry of Higher Education - the EU experience", date to be determined.

International and Regional Activities

3 –4 September 2018 (study visit): Learning and teaching: Professional development of staff in higher education, London, UK.

2 – 3 October 2018 (study visit): Joint degrees: strategic and operational implementation: one size does not fit all, Coimbra, Portugal.

1-2 November 2018 (Regional TAM) “Technical and Vocational Education in the South Mediterranean Region”, Egypt, date still to be confirmed by NEO Egypt.

13- 14 November 2018 (Regional TAM) “Higher Education Policies in the South- Mediterranean Region”, Palestine.

12 – 13 December 2018: HEREs Annual Conference, Rome.

Members of the HEREs:

The Jordanian HEREs team consists of 10 members, representing public and private HEIs as well as different stakeholders of higher education in Jordan.



The HEREs Jordan team is currently composed of (in alphabetical order)

- Prof. Abdallah Al-Zoubi, **Princess Sumaya University for Technology**
- Prof. Abeer Bawab, **University of Jordan**
- Dr. Ammar Al-Maaytah, **Jordan University of Science & Technology.**
- Miss Bushra Akileh (student), **University of Jordan.**
- Miss Eman Al-Ghzawi (student), **Yarmouk University.**
- Dr. Fedai Al-Tamimi, **Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.**
- Dr. Ghadeer Al-Shaba'an, **Al-Balqa Applied University.**
- Prof. Hasan Al-Shalabi, **Al-Hussein bin Talal University.**
- Prof. Raeda Al-Qutob, **University of Jordan.**
- Prof. Thafer Assarairah, **Mutah University**

National Erasmus+ Office (NEO)

The National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) assists the Commission, the EACEA and the Partner Country authorities concerned in the implementation of the Erasmus+ Programme. The NEO follows closely the policy developments in the Partner Country, particularly in the field of higher education.



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