

Project Information

Reference Number	619258-EPP-1-2020-1-DE-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP
Application Title	the Academic Alliance for Reconciliation in the Field of Higher Education in Peace, Conflict Transformation, and Reconciliation Studies in the Middle East and North Africa
Application Acronym	AARMENA
Action Code	CBHE-JP
Project Start Date	15-janv.-2021
Project End Date	14-janv.-2024
Duration (months)	36
Grant Requested	700.561,00
EUD Consultation	YES

Coordinator

Name of Organisation	FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER-UNIVERSITAT JENA
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International Dimension

Regional Focus	Intra-Regional
Involved Regions	R3
Application Country	DE
Partner Countries	PS (2), JO (2), DZ (2)
Programme Countries	DE (1), AT (1)

Project Characteristics, Aims and Objectives

Project Type	Multi-country project
Specific Activity	Curriculum development
Subject/Thematic Area	Social and behavioural sciences
CBHE Actions	Foster regional integration and cooperation across different regions of the world through joint initiatives, sharing of good practices and cooperation
	Improve the level of competences and skills in HEIs by developing new and innovative education programmes
CBHE Aims and Objectives	Support eligible Partner Countries to address the challenges facing their higher education institutions and systems, including those of quality, relevance, equity of access, planning, delivery, management, governance
	Support the modernisation, accessibility and internationalisation of the higher education field in the eligible Partner Countries

Project Summary

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is currently more affected by wars and gross human rights violations than any other region in the world. To address this critical reality, innovative and promising approaches to the promotion of peace must be developed and integrated into the higher educational system within the region. Both Reconciliation and Conflict Transformation Studies are state-of-the-art approaches to transforming violent conflicts and triggering a social and cultural change. The development of Peace, Reconciliation, and Conflict Transformation Studies in the MENA region would transform the discipline, as well as the communities positively affected by their incorporation.

The importance of this integration was acknowledged after the inauguration of the AAR where 45 Professors from 30 different Arab universities in the MENA region became members of the AARMENA. Today, we are working together to build capacity in the field of Higher Education (HEI) in Peace, Reconciliation and Conflict Transformation Studies in the MENA region.

The program countries are Austria and Germany, in collaboration with the University of Innsbruck and Freidrich Schiller University. The partner countries are Jordan (University of Jorda, Petra University), Palestine Authority (Al-Istiklal University, Al-Azhar University), and Algeria (University of El Oued, Lamine Debaghine -Setif2). Our aim and focus are on the following :

- The reinforcement of the existing network of cooperating partners through further regional, as well as international, cooperation to develop a program in Peace, Conflict Transformation, and Reconciliation Studies in HEI
- Cooperation of UIBK UNESCO Chair for Peace Studies with Jena Centre for Reconciliation Studies JCRS in developing interactive reconciliation workshops and sessions for a teaching program in the hosting HEI's.
- To advance curriculum development in Peace, Conflict Transformation, and Reconciliation Studies as academic degree in HEI.

Project Partnership

Role	Region	Participant Organisation Name	Country
Contractor	EU	FRIEDRICH-SCHILLER-UNIVERSITAT JENA	DE
Partner	R3	AL AZHAR UNIVERSITY GAZA	PS
Partner	R3	AL-ISTIQLAL UNIVERSITY	PS
Partner	R3	PETRA FOR EDUCATION	JO
Partner	R3	UNIVERSITE D EL OUED	DZ
Partner	R3	UNIVERSITE SETIF 2	DZ
Partner	R3	UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN	JO
Partner	EU	UNIVERSITAET INNSBRUCK	AT