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TITLE:	Enhancing Quality of Technology-Enhanced Learning at Jordanian Universities
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DESCRIPTION: EQTeL aims to improve the quality and relevance of technology-enhanced learning (TeL) at Jordanian higher education institutions and to enable the country's easier inclusion into European Higher Education Area. The main project objective is to improve, develop and implement accreditation standards, guidelines and procedures for quality assurance of TeL courses and study programs at a national level.

The new standards will assimilate the quality of Tel courses offered by higher education institutions in Jordan, and would consequently be incorporated into existing legal acts and regulatory documents at both institutional and national levels. Implementation of the new standards will be ensured through establishing a capacity building programme that provides extensive training for all levels of staff involved in accreditation or delivery of TeL programs, from teaching staff, trainers, evaluators, official accreditation reviewers and higher education public authorities.

This will result in improving staff competences in defining and applying a standardized quality assurance system; defining national standards for TeL taking into account quality references and guideline commonly shared with Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research as well as the Higher Education Accreditation Commission . The project will also seek the possibility to develop a close connection with the Bologna 3-degree cycle structure to allow for better definition and positioning of the training programmes. This is in agreement with the European Neighbouring Policy and the Catania Declaration of January 2006.

Internal and external mechanisms for "Quality Control and Monitoring" of the project will be realized, continuously maintained and evaluated at several levels. The project may make a wide impact on the national accreditation system in Jordan, and thus synergy of universities, the ministry and HEAC is the best guarantee for the sustainability of project beyond its life time.

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