

National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) - Lebanon

HERE Open Call 2020

Enlargement of the Lebanese team of Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs)

Preamble

The Lebanese National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) is established by a contract between the EU Commission and the Lebanese Association for Inter-university Cooperation (LAIC). NEO Lebanon is implementing the EU Erasmus+ programme in Lebanon through a MoU with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. It contributes to the following overall objectives: to improve the awareness, visibility, relevance, effectiveness and impact of the international components of the Erasmus+ programme, to contribute to its promotion and dissemination in Lebanon and to monitor the implementation of the funded projects in Lebanon.

The Erasmus+ Higher Education Reform Experts

The network of Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) was established in 2008 in the framework of the Tempus programme and continues to be supported through Erasmus+.

These experts, appointed by the Education, Audiovisual, and Cultural Executive Agency (EACEA) of the European Commission in Brussels, constitute a pool of expertise to promote and enhance the modernisation of higher education. They participate in the development of policies and reforms in their countries and contribute to the training of local stakeholders. Their activities consist, for example, in organising and participating in seminars, writing articles and reports, or providing advice to individual or groups of institutions and policy makers.

The current network includes around 250 experts from 27 Erasmus+ Partner Countries, whose activities are managed at the local level by the National Erasmus+ Offices, in cooperation with the relevant national authorities. International meetings and training events for the network are coordinated by EACEA, in cooperation with the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission, and with the support of a service provider, the SPHERE team, an alliance between the European Universities Association and the University of Barcelona.

The role of the national Higher Education Reform Experts (HEREs) is to:

- provide a pool of expertise to promote and enhance progress towards the higher education modernisation agenda at local and national levels,
- participate actively in the development of policies and reforms in their countries
- promote the approaches and the tools available to non-academic bodies such as industrial, cultural or social organizations
- contribute to the training of experts in their countries but also outside when needed

The experts should work closely with their national authorities, benefit from their support and interact positively. In operational terms, the experts can rely on the local NEOs and benefit from their operational support. The approach is seen as a peer to peer exercise. Therefore, the experts are professionals in higher education and most of them are working at university or have a university experience.

NEO Lebanon is opening the opportunity for staff members with the below profiles to express their interest for joining the Lebanese HERE team and work with it on a voluntary basis for the period up to the end of 2020.

Required Qualifications, Skills, and Experience

Members of the national team of HEREs should hold (or have held) one of the following positions (or a combination thereof):

- University Presidents
- Vice-Presidents
- Deans and Heads of Departments
- Senior Academics, Directors of Study
- Responsible of administrative services (such as International Relations Offices, Quality Assurance departments, Career orientation services, etc.)
- Ministry officials dealing with higher education
- Other Higher Education experts and researchers
- Experts from socio-economic sector active and interested in higher education reform issues
- Senior university students or representatives of student associations.

Whatever their status or functions, HEREs must be highly motivated and concerned by their overall mission, available to attend and actively participate in the proposed events, willing to report widely about the results and to initiate activities locally. They have to sign a Code of Conduct; and the institutions to which they belong should be well aware of their TOR and their commitment. High proficiency in English is a must and French is an added value.

Responsibilities

In order to fulfil their mission, the team of HEREs will perform activities at national and international levels.

Activities at international level will include thematic seminars, study visits, international large-scale conferences, technical assistance missions, surveys and publications.

HERE teams will have to perform counselling and advisory activities at national level. More concretely:

- a) At institutional level, HEREs' work will consist in counselling, advising and providing assistance to higher education institutions with regards to the introduction and implementation of reforms.
- b) At national level, HEREs will support national authorities in designing, implementing and monitoring policy reforms and in dealing with emergency situations related to and affecting the field of higher education.

Application

Please write no more than one page (300-500 words) stating your interest in this position and send it together with your CV to the email address shown below. The statement must indicate your previous experience related to the above requirements and your motivation to work on a voluntary basis as HERE. This should be submitted **no later than 31 October 2019**.

Note: The HEREs work will be done on a voluntary basis with a good availability to carry out national and international missions required by the team ; however, the cost of authorized travel as described above will be covered by the Erasmus+ programme.

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