

Editorial

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Despite all the adverse circumstances at international, European and national level, the EU-funded programme Erasmus+ continues to support higher education in the partner countries including Lebanon in the fields of education, vocational education, youth and sport through a diversity of actions. A summary of these opportunities offered by the programme is given down at the end of this newsletter.

The Upcoming 2023 call for proposals is expected this year to be published late in November. As a preparation to this call, the national Erasmus+ Office is launching a series of information events to present the programme and its offerings that target institutions as well as individuals. This information campaign includes targeted events for VET, Youth and students in addition to general events targeting geographical regions of Lebanon (Middle, South and North). For more information, stakeholders are advised to keep connected to www.erasmusplus-lebanon.org.

Erasmus+ CBHE projects News

LEBPASS roundtable July 4

A roundtable was organised by the CBHE project LEBPASS (Lebanese Diploma Supplement: <https://lebpas.org/>) at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education on 4 July 2022 for the purpose of discussing the Diploma Supplement, a main deliverable of the project. LEBPASS is a national project coordinated by the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik in partnership with Beirut Arab University, Lebanese American University, Lebanese University, Lebanese Canadian University, AUF and MEHE. An audience of 46 representatives of Lebanese Higher Education institutions attended the event and contributed actively to the discussions. During this event, the DGHE, Dr. Mazen El Khatib, expressed the intent of the ministry to endorse the DS and make it a requirement for licensing programmes at higher education level while focusing on the importance of the DS as it is implemented in Europe.



International Conference on Maritime, Humanitarian, & Agro-food Supply Chain and Logistics: Disruptions, Implications, & Opportunities

In the framework of the Erasmus+ CBHE project “Global Supply Chain Management for Southern Mediterranean (GLOB-SM)”, an international conference on Maritime, Humanitarian, & Agro-food Supply Chain and Logistics: Disruptions, Implications & Opportunities was hosted and organised by the American University of Beirut (AUB), the coordinator of the project. The project includes a number of partners from Lebanon, the region and Europe: Kedge Business School (KBS), University of Antwerp (UA), Princess Sumaya University of Technology (PSUT), Talal Abu-Ghazaleh University College for Innovation (TAGUCI) and Saint-Joseph University (USJ). The opening session was led by AUB President Fadlo Khuri, and included opening notes from each of Dr. Ammar Olabi, Interim Dean of FAFS at AUB; the conference Keynote Speaker, HE Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Founder and Chairman of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Global; the Programme Assistant at the Economy, Green Deal, and Local Development section of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, Ms. Orla Colclough and Dr. Aref Alsoufi, the National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) Coordinator in Lebanon. The NEO Lebanon also gave an overview of the Erasmus+ opportunities. Following the opening sessions, three-panel discussions were held included panellists from AUB, USJ, Jordanian and European partners, in addition to Mr. Khaled Sinno (CEO of Karma Lebanon SAL) and Mr. John Chedid (Country Manager at DHL).



For more information: [International Conference on Maritime, Humanitarian, & Agro-food Supply Chain and Logistics: Disruptions, Implications, & Opportunities](#)

MORALE national seminar at LU September 6

In the framework of the CBHE project MORALE, a 3-day National Seminar was organised on 6,7 and 8 September 2022 at the Central Administration of the Lebanese University (Museum Square, Beirut). The project MORALE (<http://www.moraleproject.org/>) was selected for funding by Erasmus+ in 2018 and is managed by Beirut Arab University. It includes in its membership the LU and MUBS from Lebanon in addition to partners from Syria, Germany, Spain, Italy and Greece. The seminar aimed to bring together academics, researchers, students and NGO staff to discuss the competences needed by the NGOs in their field work, the Lifelong courses developed by the project and to network between the different stakeholders targeted by the project. Dr. Bassam Badran (LU President), Dr. Aref Alsoufi (Erasmus+ Lebanon) and Ms. Orla Colclough (EU Delegation) intervened at the opening of the seminar.

NEO Lebanon Activities

CBHE projects network launching event: 28 July 2022

In preparation to launching the Lebanese Network of Erasmus+ CBHE Project Implementers, the National Erasmus+ Office Lebanon organised an online preparatory meeting on 28 July 2022 that was attended by around 25 participants from CBHE project implementers from different HEIs in Lebanon. The aim of the meeting is to collect from Lebanese CBHE project partners and coordinators their input on the importance of such network, its structure and management, its possible activities and its

AGENDA	
10:00 – 10:10:	Introduction by NEO Lebanon - Aref Alsoufi
10:10 – 10:30:	Presentation of the survey results
10:30 – 11:00:	Open Discussion (comments/additional input survey; governance; future steps...)

impact on running and future CBHE projects. This network is expected to: provide a ground for an Erasmus+ Community in Lebanon; allow for an exchange of good practices; improve the quality of the future proposals; improve the training on CBHE projects; attract and assist newcomers; improve the relevance of the projects; enhance the visibility of the projects results and create synergies between the different EU-funded projects. Further actions are foreseen in the coming months for this network to gain momentum.

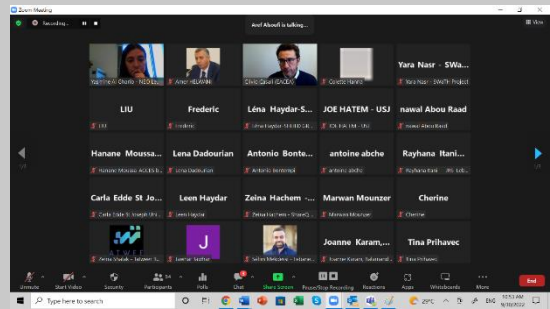
Online Meeting on Inclusion in Erasmus+ CBHE projects

The National Erasmus+ Office Lebanon organised an online meeting about Inclusion in Erasmus+ CBHE projects on 30 September 2022. Around 90 people registered to the event which was attended by 58 participants from Lebanese Higher Education Institutions and NGOs. The meeting gathered 7 CBHE projects that target the aspect of inclusion in its different dimensions: woman participation, student involvement, geographical disparity, people with disabilities, refugees and others.

The projects presented how each serves the purpose of inclusion, difficulties they face to reach this purpose, and finally presented recommendations about how to enhance inclusion in the future proposals.

The meeting was also a good opportunity for new stakeholders from the higher education sector and organisations active in the field of social work to network with each other, understand the scope of this EU-defined overarching priority and to see the possibility of working out new proposals in this area of interest.

For more information: <https://erasmusplus-lebanon.org/event/14360>



Six international actions of Erasmus+

Summary of the 6 actions targeting 3 groups beneficiaries; HEIS, Youth organizations and VET institutions

1- Capacity Building in Higher Education CBHE

The Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) action supports international cooperation projects based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of higher education. It supports the relevance, quality, modernisation and responsiveness of higher education systems and institutions in third countries not associated to the Erasmus + programme. The objectives of this action are achieved through 3 strands or types of projects. These are: fostering access to cooperation in higher education, partnerships for transformation and structural reform projects.

For more information about this action and its 3 strands: Capacity building in Higher Education | Erasmus+ (europa.eu)

27 Erasmus+ CBHE projects are funded in Lebanon since 2015. For more information: <http://erasmusplus-lebanon.org/content/839>.

2- International Credit Mobility ICM

ICM is short-term higher education mobility for students, academic and administrative staff that can be implemented at all levels: Bachelor, Master and PhD candidates and in any subject or academic discipline. ICM can also support traineeships for students and training for staff. The study periods and traineeships of extend between 2 – 12 months.

For more information about this action: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-1>

In Lebanon 4632 mobilities are implemented between 2015 and 2020 out of which 2972 mobilities are outgoing and 1660 mobilities are incoming. <http://erasmusplus-lebanon.org/content/840>

3- Erasmus Mundus EM

EM is a high-level integrated & transnational study programme at MA level. It is a Master programme of excellence open to all disciplines and delivered by an international consortium of HEIs from different countries worldwide & other educational and/or non-educational partners. It offers high-level scholarships to excellent students worldwide.

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-individuals/students/erasmus-mundus-joint-masters-scholarships>

4- Jean Monnet JM

JM is a worldwide network since 1989. It supports teaching and research in the field of EU studies through its modules, chairs, and centers of excellence. There are 90 countries worldwide and more than 1000 universities that are currently offering JM courses.

For more information:

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/jean-monnet-actions>

https://www.eacea.ec.europa.eu/grants/2021-2027/erasmus/jean-monnet-activities-database_en

5- Capacity building in the field of youth CBY

These are capacity-building projects of international cooperation based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of youth in Programme and third countries not associated to the Programme. They aim to support the international cooperation in the field of youth in non-formal learning, as a driver of sustainable socio-economic development and well-being of youth organisations and young people.

For more information: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/capacity-youth#:~:text=Capacity%2Dbuilding%20projects%20are%20international,not%20associated%20to%20the%20Programme.>

6- Capacity Building in Vocational Education and Training CBVET

CBVET is an international cooperation projects-based on multilateral partnerships between organisations active in the field of VET. This action aims at reinforcing links between VET system and labour market so as to better align VET to local labour market opportunities, increasing the links between VET profiles and

local/regional/national strategies and priorities, increasing the capacities of VET providers, especially in the fields of management, governance, inclusion, quality assurance, innovation and internationalisation...

For more information: <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/programme-guide/part-b/key-action-2/capacity-building-vet#:~:text=education%20and%20training-.Capacity%20building%20in%20the%20field%20of%20vocational%20education%20and%20training,not%20associated%20to%20the%20Programme>

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