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## NEO Information and Dissemination Activities

One of the NEO's responsibilities is to promote the program's many initiatives. During this semester, the following activities were held to raise Erasmus+ visibility and build awareness of the program's various schemes. NEO organized the following activities in line with the introduction of the Erasmus+ request for diverse opportunities:



**Jordan Erasmus + Networking Seminar**

**On 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October**, the National Erasmus+ Office organized a networking seminar between institutions, organizations and companies from Jordan and Erasmus+ EU Member States and the Third Countries Associated to the Program. The seminar aimed at enhancing the cooperation between Jordan and EU Member States and Third Countries Associated to the Erasmus+ Program under different actions of Erasmus+. The event enabled staff from Jordan and those countries to interact, exchange information, and share best practices as well as challenges.

**On November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, NEO Jordan organized a cluster meeting for the International Credit Mobility action. The objective of the meeting is to present the EU experience in Inclusion, share experiences, best practices, and propose solutions and lessons learnt in managing mobilities,



**Erasmus + Cluster Meeting on Inclusion**

## Erasmus+ Info Days



**Main Erasmus+ Info Day at UJ**

Two main info days were organized in the Middle and North of the country. The main goal of these info days is to provide a decent dissemination of new opportunities within the new call and the main adjustments on the program in terms of opportunities and funding. It is worth noting that these activities were attended by about 200 participants from various concerned ministries, governmental bodies, HEIs, enterprises, and NGOs.

**On November 30<sup>th</sup>**, the first main info day was held in Amman at The University of Jordan.

**On December 5<sup>th</sup>**, the second main info day for the North was held at the Al-al-Bayt University.



**Erasmus+ Info Day at AABU**



**How To Write Proposal at Khwarizmi  
University Technical College**

### **Workshop on “How to Prepare Project Proposals”**

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, NEO organized a Workshop at Khwarizmi Technical University College on How to Prepare Proposals for the Capacity Building in the field of Youth action. This workshop was held in light of the open call for proposals' submission. More than 50 people attended the workshops from a variety of organizations including higher education institutes, NGOs, and enterprises.

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## Stakeholder Liaison Meetings

NEO holds several meetings with interested organizations in order to provide the needed support during preparing their application, organizing activities and finding synergies with other initiatives. Following meetings were held during the second half of 2022:



**Meeting with Minister General  
Director of OIED**

On **Dec 26<sup>th</sup>**, Prof. Ahmad Abu El-Haija met with His Excellency the Minister of Education and Higher Education and Scientific Research, and the General Director of the Austrian National Agency of Erasmus+ (OeAD) to discuss ways of cooperation between Austria and Jordan under the Erasmus+ program. It was agreed, in principle, to organize a Networking Seminar in Jordan in late 2023 or early 2024 for higher education institutes and other stakeholders from both countries to enable them to network for the purpose of collaboration.

On **AUG 17<sup>th</sup>**, a meeting was held with representatives of the Military Quality Assurance Laboratories to brief them about how to access Erasmus+ programme through relevant actions.

On **AUG 23<sup>rd</sup>**, an online meeting was held with the Business Development Center to brief them about Capacity Building in the Field of Youth Action and how they can apply for funding as an NGO.

On **Sep 15<sup>th</sup>**, a meeting was held with SALTO-Euro Med to prepare for the Networking Seminar.

On **OCT 3<sup>rd</sup>**, NEO Director, Prof. Ahmad Abu El-Haija held a meeting with Mr. Benjamin Schmaeling, Director of the DAAD Regional in Amman, in order to discuss potential cooperation and synergies between both organizations.

On **OCT 30<sup>th</sup>**, NEO presented opportunities for students through Erasmus in ECOCAR promotion event at Al-Hussein Technical University.

On **Nov 16<sup>th</sup>**, a meeting was held with Saxion University from Netherlands and Ammon University College to guide them how they can enhance the cooperation between them within ICM and other actions open for Jordan.

On **Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**, the Director of Vocational Training, Dr. Ahmed Al-Gharaibeh, and the accompanying delegation met with Prof. Ahmad Abu-El-Haija to see how they can benefit from Erasmus Plus in Jordan.

## NEO's Participation in Local and International Activities

NEO Jordan attended several events in order to stay up to date on new information and announcements pertaining to the Erasmus+ program:



On **Sep 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Department of International Relations at Yarmouk University, in cooperation with the National Erasmus+ Office in Amman and the European Union Delegation (EUD) in Jordan, organized an introductory session on the opportunities offered by the European Union for student exchange, and introducing the Erasmus Student Network (ESN), with the participation of Yassin Khalil, the representative of the ESN in the Middle East and Africa, Paula Pope, Vice President of the ESN, and Tina Braihav the EUD in Amman.

### ESN Event at Yarmouk University

On **OCT 26<sup>th</sup>**, NEO Jordan participated in the organization of a Contact Seminar with the Dutch National Agency for Erasmus+. A delegation of Dutch Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) visited Jordan to identify partners in KA171 (International Credit Mobility) through discussing possible cooperation and exchange of students and staff facilitated by the programme Erasmus+. The aim of this Contact Seminar was to explore the initiation of new partnerships between universities in the Netherlands and Jordan.



### Contact seminar with Dutch HEIs



### Central European Joint Info Day

On **Nov 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**, Erasmus+ National Agencies from four neighboring countries: Austria, Czechia, Hungary, and Slovakia organized the Central European Joint Info Day. The Info Day is set in the context of the Erasmus+ Call for Proposals 2023 and focuses mainly on the international dimension of the programme, i. e., actions supporting cooperation between Programme and Partner Countries in the higher education sector. The Director of NEO Jordan presented the Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education for all participant as Jordan is considered as one of the most active countries in submission of CBHE projects.

On **December 4<sup>th</sup>**, Director of the National Erasmus+ Office, Prof. Ahmad Abu-El-Haija, attended the Surveying and Geomatics Day Program at Jadara University. Prof. Ahmad Abu-El-Haija delivered a presentation on Erasmus+ Program in Jordan: Impact and Priorities.



### Surveying and Geomatics Day Program at Jadara University



**Turkish Main Info Day**

On **7-8 Dec.**, Prof. Ahmad Abu-El-Haija participated in the Main Info Day in Türkiye. Dr. Ahmad delivered a presentation entitled 'Capacity Building for Higher Education' and participated in number of meetings with the HEIs interested in cooperation with Jordan. The info day was attended by about 500 participants that came from all over Türkiye.

On **Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**, The International Affairs Unit at the University of Jordan, in cooperation with the Erasmus Plus National Office and the German Agency for Academic Exchange (DAAD), organized a workshop on writing project proposals and ways to apply for them, in the presence of the Vice President for Accreditation and Quality Affairs, Dr. Inam Khalaf. The Director of the Erasmus Plus National Office, Dr. Ahmad Abu-El-Haija, reviewed the priorities of the new phase of the Erasmus+ program (2021-2027) funded by the European Union with the aim of supporting various fields of education, training, and youth for Jordan, including digital transformation, migration and mobility, governance, peace and security and development. humanity, sustainable growth, and jobs.



**A workshop at UJ**

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## Higher Education Reform Experts (HERE)



Through field visits at higher education institutions or other relevant stakeholders, the HERE team seeks to provide new knowledge and practical experience. They also provide a platform for questions, discussion and exchange of practices on specific topics and processes.

On **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>**, NEO organized a meeting with HERE members at the Higher Education Accreditation Commission. The meeting's main scope was to shed the light on work plan for the activities to be done before end of 2022, in addition to follow up on the role of HERE members in the forthcoming events. Mrs. Ines Alves from the EU Delegation participated (virtually) in the meeting.

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