

HERMES

Development of a **H**igher **E**ducation and **R**esearch Area between Europe and the **M**iddle **Ea**St

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The main objective of HERMES is to develop training and scientific exchanges between European and the Middle East higher education institutions resulting in a strong sustainable contribution to the construction of a Euro-Med Higher Education and Research Area. The specific objectives are:

- To develop a sustainable international cooperation between the partner universities by facilitating students and staff exchanges on the north and east of the Mediterranean sea;
- To develop higher education teaching and learning capacity through the transfer of know-how and the exchange of best practices;
- To develop the networking of research labs in order to promote research and innovation;
- To promote mutual enrichment and intercultural understanding;
- To contribute to improving the employability of the individuals by giving them the appropriate skills as regards to the labour market and an international experience in the context of globalisation;
- To help in the development of transparent and fair educational systems and the compatibility between institutions (mutual recognition of qualifications/periods of study).

Number of mobility flows: 180 (144 from the Middle East to Europe, 36 in the other direction)

Duration: 48 months (from 15 July 2013)

Budget: 2 998 075 € (EU grant)

Start of the mobility flows: September 2014 (1 or 2 semesters for Undergraduate and Master; 18 to 33 months for PhD; 10 months for Post-Doc; 2 months for Staff).

The partnership will manage mobility flows between Europe and the Middle East. The participants will receive mobility grants for their stay. Return ticket and health insurance are also paid.

Partners

The HERMES consortium is composed of 20 universities, 9 from Europe and 11 from the Middle East (Lebanon, Jordan, Palestine, Syria).

France: Aix-Marseille University - University of Toulon

Spain : University of Cadiz - University of the Balearic Islands

Italy: University of Genoa - University of Turin - University of Palermo

Cyprus: University of Cyprus

Greece: Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Lebanon: Saint Joseph University - University of Balamand - Holy Spirit University of Kaslik

Jordan: Philadelphia University - Princess Sumaya University for Technology - University of Jordan - Yarmouk University

Palestine: An Najah National University - Islamic University of Gaza - Birzeit University

Syria: Arab International University-Damascus

The partnership also includes 10 associated partners such as public bodies and associations from Europe and the Middle East: TETHYS network, Ville de Marseille, AUF, AArU Association of Arab Universities, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mediterranean Universities Union UNIMED, Foundation University-Entreprises of Balearic Islands, Direction of cooperation and immigration and Training and Culture of the Government of Balearic Islands, Confederation of Balearic business association.