

## National Erasmus+ Office in Palestine (NEO)

National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) is the official representative of Erasmus+ Programme in Palestine that follows the proper implementation of 36 projects. The NEO is responsible for the local management of the international dimension of the higher education aspects of the Erasmus+ Programme outside the EU in the Southern Mediterranean, Western Balkans, Eastern Europe, Russian Federation and Central Asia. It secures funding of all projects running at the Palestinian universities with a portfolio that exceeds 36 million euros. The NEO helped in establishing more than 6 MA programs and sent to Europe and the other countries hundreds of university students and staff to do their MA, PhD and other programmes.

## Erasmus+ Programme

Erasmus+ is the European Union (EU) programme of 16.5 billion Euros from 2014-2020. It supports projects, partnerships, events and mobility in the areas of education, training, youth and sport.

The programme was developed by the EU in Brussels and is implemented by the National Erasmus+ Office in Palestine (NEO). It is worth noting that Erasmus+ programme has representation offices in 46 regional and European countries.

### ***Aim of the National Erasmus+ Office in Palestine***

The NEO contributes to improve the awareness, visibility, relevance, effectiveness and impact of the international components of the Erasmus+ programme and contribute to its promotion and dissemination in Palestine.

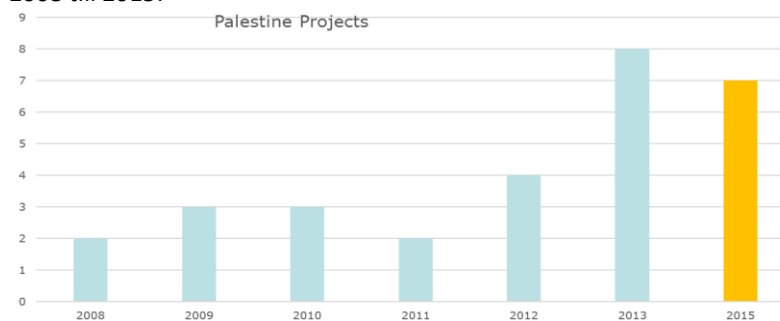
- NEO helps developing the capacities of the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Palestine.
- NEO helps strengthening the relations between the Palestinian and European HEIs

- NEO Opens opportunities for mobility exchange for students and staff.
- Every year, Palestine wins a fund of 7-9 million Euros from Erasmus+ different programmes.

### **Statistics**

- Palestine has won 29 projects till 2016, 7 projects as grand holders, with an estimated budget that exceeds 12 million Euro.
- Initial statistics for the 2016 Call of Erasmus+ Capacity-Building in Higher Education action:
  - Applications coordinated by country concerned: 16
  - Applications as coordinator or partner: 37

The following table shows the No. of projects that Palestine has won from 2008 till 2015:



### **International Credit Mobility (KA107)2015 Selection Results for Palestine**

Palestine has won 42 projects including 325 mobility for students and staff: 272 incomings to EU and 53 outgoing from EU in the Erasmus+ Credit mobility action in Palestine under the 2015 call for proposals (2 rounds)

## Jean Monnet

Under the results of the Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Activities Call, Palestine is the only country in the Southern Mediterranean region that won a Jean Monnet project entitled: "EU Studies: Building the Foundation for 2015 call.

### Higher Education Reform Experts

The NEO founded the National Team of Higher Education Reform Experts. Its main mission is to provide a pool of expertise in order to promote reforms and enhance progress in Higher Education in Palestine and therefore participate in the development of policies and reforms.

The following is a list of the Erasmus+ HEREs committee members:

Dr. Kherieh Rassas, Prime Minister Special Advisor and Vice President for External Affairs at An-Najah National University.

Dr. Anwar Zakariya, Assistant Deputy Minister / Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

Dr. Mohammed Isbu', Head of Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission in Palestine (AQAC).

Dr. Safa Nassereldin, Vice President for Al-Quds Affairs at Al-Quds University.

Dr. Marwan Awartani, President of Palestine Technical University-Khadoorie

Dr. Imad Ibrik, EU Projects Coordinator, An-Najah National University

Dr. Mustafa abu Safa, Vice President of Polytechnic

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