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Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Strand 1

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

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	Title of proposal	Avempace II	
		Name of organisation	Country
	Applicant	Technische Universität Berlin	Germany
	Co-coordinator	Princess Sumaya University for Technology	Jordan
	Partner 1	Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz	Austria
	Partner 2	University of Deusto	Spain
	Partner 3	Université Montpellier I	France
	Partner 4	Sciences Po, Paris	France
	Partner 5	Bonn-Rhein-Sieg Univ. of Applied Sciences	Germany
	Partner 6	Sapienza University of Rome	Italy
	Partner 7	Warsaw University of Technology	Poland
	Partner 8	University of Barcelona	Spain
	Partner 9	Cardiff Metropolitan University	United Kingdom
	Partner 10	Tafila Technical University	Jordan
	Partner 11	Yarmouk University	Jordan
	Partner 12	Birzeit University	Palestine
	Partner 13	Islamic University of Gaza	Palestine
	Partner 14	Université St. Joseph	Lebanon
	Partner 15	Aleppo University	Syria
	Partner 16	Damascus University	Syria
	Partner 17	Tishreen University	Syria
	Partner 18	Arab International University	Syria
	Associate 1	Association of Arab Universities	Jordan
	Associate 2	Amman Chamber of Industry	Jordan
	Associate 3	German Jordanian University	Jordan
	Associate 4	American University of Madaba	Jordan
	Associate 4	Jordan Women Union	Jordan
	Associate 5	Student Union of Islamic University of Gaza	Palestine
	Associate 6	Palestinian Federation of Industries	Palestine
	Associate 7	BALKIS	Syria
	Associate 8	IEEE Education Society	USA
	Countries targeted	Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria	
	Project duration (months)	48	
	Amount requested (EUR)	€ 4.428.000,00	

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Project objective:

The objective of the partnership coordinated by Technische Universität Berlin is to create a network of Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian, Syrian and European universities promoting the EHEA and academic excellence through joint research, education, and exchange of experience by awarding individual mobility grants to contribute to a sustainable development of Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria in the field of higher education and improve the career prospects of the scholars in their home countries. AVEMPACE II will help develop human resources in Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria and will strengthen the international institutional cooperation capacity of the universities involved. AVEMPACE II will also contribute to the mutual enrichment of the European and Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian societies by offering its participants a new window to the world, creating an int. network of open-minded, internationally experienced and responsible scholarship holders in the long run.

Brief description:

AVEMPACE II brings together nine public and one private European universities including comprehensive and specialised universities, with two public and one private-non profit Jordanian universities, three public and one private Syrian universities, one private Lebanese universities, one public university in the West Bank and one independent university in Gaza, all of whom have the required technical capacity and operational expertise to manage a successful implementation of the mobility flows. A sound geographical distribution is guaranteed in Syria with partner universities from Aleppo in the North, over Damascus to the Daraa Province in the South and Latakia on the Mediterranean. The Jordanian partner universities cover all regions between Irbid in the North and Tafila in the South. The campuses of the Lebanese Partner university cover the 3 largest cities in Lebanon: Beirut, Tripoli in the Northern Governate, Sidon in the Southern Governate and Zahle in the Beqaa Governate. Palestine is represented with the Islamic University in Gaza and Birzeit University in the West Bank. The EU partner universities are distributed over seven European countries from Warsaw to Cardiff in the North, and from Bilbao to Rome in the South.



Distribution of the partner universities in Europe and in Jordan (green), Lebanon (blue), Palestine (red) and Syria (yellow)

AVEMPACE II will allocate 200 individual scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students, doctorates, post-doctorates and staff members by means of a transparent selection system. Scholarships for Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian students and members of staff are available in a great variety of 104 out of 125 academic fields from the list of thematic fields of study from agricultural sciences to communication and information sciences in English, French, German, Italian, Polish or Spanish. The Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian universities offer 113 different subjects to European scholars in Arabic, English, French or German. The wide variety of subjects offered by this partnership will aid the mobility especially at the research levels. These mobilities (PhD, PostDoc, Staff) will increase the quality of both partners involved, by introducing innovative ideas in labs, sharing good practices, and learning the skills and up-to-date knowledge in the field. We work towards the returning scholars to be the lecturers/assistant professors of the future and promote the ideas and experiences they have gained during their stay at the EU universities.

AVEMPACE II will enable Jordanian, Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian universities and their students and staff members to get in close contact with the European Higher Education Area, the Bologna Process and collaborate in finding new approaches that fit the current and are set for the future needs of their countries.

AVEMPACE II respects all the regulations of the EM rules. Target Group 1 (TG1) scholars will be recruited exclusively from the partner universities in Europe, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria, forming the mainstay of AVEMPACE II. Target Group 2 (TG2) will be reached through close collaboration with the associate partners, local media and staff members of all partner universities. AVEMPACE II is respecting social equity sets proactive measures to encourage vulnerable groups as well as the socially or economically disadvantaged. With the partnerships experience and knowledge in promotional campaigns and recruitment of TG1 and TG2, associated partners, the national Tempus offices and the support of the Ministries of Higher Education, and through consultation with supportive organisations, we will explore the recruitment of Target Group 3 (TG3) candidates. Applicants from TG3 will be taken into special consideration upon the promotion and selection procedures and will receive special support by the consortium.

Extensive market research has been carried out on the educational needs of Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria. This in-depth research, at both the national and local level, coupled with feedback from the partners suggested a focus to the choice of thematic areas. The result of this research was for the partnership to identify several subjects needed at the local and national levels. These are focus subject areas that directly lead to the labour market, innovation, entrepreneurship and soft skills. These focus subjects do not exclude other areas as some universities have special needs that are mirrored in EU partners. The focus subjects will provide a top priority for our marketing campaign that should result in an increased number of mobilities and more beneficial mobility flows.

In order to avoid discrimination based on sex, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation, the promotion of this proposal, communication with potential applicants, distribution of information and selection procedures will be carried out as clearly and transparently as possible.

Mobility Flow:							
Type of Mobility	Outgoing		Third country	Incoming			TOTAL
	Europeans			Third-Country nationals			
	Target Group 1	Target Group 2		Target Group 1	Target Group 2	Target Group 3	
Undergraduates	20		JO	9		1	60
			LB	8		1	
			PS	8		2	
			SY	10		1	
Masters	6	1	JO	4	4	2	50
			LB	3	6	2	
			PS	4	4	4	
			SY	5	3	2	
Doctorates	3	1	JO	4	2	1	30
			LB	2	4	1	
			PS	2	3	1	
			SY	3	2	1	
Post-doctorates	2	1	JO	2	2	0	20
			LB	2	1	0	
			PS	2	2	1	
			SY	3	1	1	
Academic staff	3	3	JO	4	5		40
			LB	3	7		
			PS	4	3		
			SY	4	4		
TOTAL	34	6		86	53	21	200

Third country	Under graduates	Masters	Doctorates	Post-doctorates	Staff	TOTAL
Jordan	10	10	7	4	9	40
Lebanon	9	11	7	3	10	40
Palestine	10	12	6	5	7	40
Syria	11	10	6	5	8	40
TOTAL	40	43	26	17	34	160