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Develop the Capacity of Business and Economic Research Centers at Palestinian Higher Education Institutions "BERC"



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6th Management Meeting

AUG conducted the sixth management meeting on 25th April 2017 to follow up the implementation of progress at partners' institutions and updates regarding upcoming activities. During the meeting, Eng. Hatem Sultan from UCAS introduced the National Workshop Recommendation; Dr. Yousef Sabbah from AUG presented the National Workshop Recommendations. Dr. Khalid Dahleez from IUG presented a brief about implemented activities after the 5th management meeting at IUG, Dr. Yousef Sabbah from QOU presented the implemented activities at QOU, Dr. Omar Omran from BZU presented the implemented activities at BZU, Dr. Mahmoud Sabra from AUG introduced AUG implemented activities at AUG and Eng. Amani From IUG talked about the progress report and the quality report. Dr. Sabra talked about Future Activities, They agreed on Drafting the consortium meeting Agenda (18 May/2017), at the end Travel Arrangement and Backup Plan discussed.



7th Management Meeting

Business and Economic Research Centers at Palestinian Higher Education Institutions Project "BERC" has held the seventh project's committee meeting on Thursday 18th May 2017 in the Islamic university of Gaza, with the presence of all partner universities (Al-Azhar university, University College of Applied Sciences, and Al-Quds Open University- Gaza) concurrently with University of Almeria - Spain, and with the presence of the west bank's universities (Al-Quds Open University, and Birzeit University) and the European universities (L'Aquila University- Italy, Royal Institute of Technology- Sweden, Huddersfield University-UK) in the University of Almeria-Spain, and it was held via skype.

The meeting included some presentations by the projects partner universities about the progress in the projects implementation as follows: Dr.Khaled Dehleez presented the Islamic University of Gaza, Dr.Samia Albotmeh presented Birzeit University, Dr.Abdul Rahman Ahmed presented Al-Quds Open University, Dr.Mahmood Sabra presented Al-Azhar University, and Dr.Hatem Abu-Sultan presented the UCAS.

The second subject discussed in the meeting was the upcoming activities in the project's life, which was spoken by Eng.Amani Al-Maqadma, which includes restructuring the budget so it contains the excess costs resulted from not being able to travel for receiving the training programs which was held in Sweden, Spain and Italy. Additionally, the event also discussed the possibility of the European companies to come to Gaza, to compensate the training programs that Gazan participants did not go to, as an alternative plan for the Gazan participants' inability to attend, after the companies approve and accept such decision. The activities that should be implemented by every European university during the projects life cycle was discussed as well, as follows: Huddersfield University- UK is responsible to prepare for the training program which is supposed to be held in the coming September. Royal Institute of Technology- Sweden, is responsible to present the feasibility plan and the external evaluation of the projects activities.



2nd Training Week- UNIVIQ



The second training visit in the BEREC project was hosted by University of L'Aquila -Italy for the period from May. 8th till May. 12nd 2017 in the field of **Research Methods for the Online World** with participation of the Palestinian partners from the BZU and QOU. Whereas Gaza strip participants including IUG project management team, faculty members along with a representative delegation from scientific research affairs of Gaza Strip universities, namely: Al-Azhar University, were not connected to the training events because of closer. During this event each EU partners in particular UNIVIQ conducted many workshops and training session related to the Research Methods. Many international experts in this field were presented to share their experience with West Bank PS partners.

3rd Training Week- Spain

The third training visit in the BEREC project was hosted by University of Almeria-Spain for the period from May. 13rd till 18th May. 2017 in the field of **Research Design and Survey Methods (Survey and online world)** with participation of the Palestinian partners from the BZU and QOU. Whereas Gaza strip participants were not connected to the training events because of closer. During this event each EU partners in particular UAL conducted many workshops and training session related to the Research Design and Survey Methods (Survey and online world). Many international experts in this field were presented to share their experience with West Bank PS partners.

