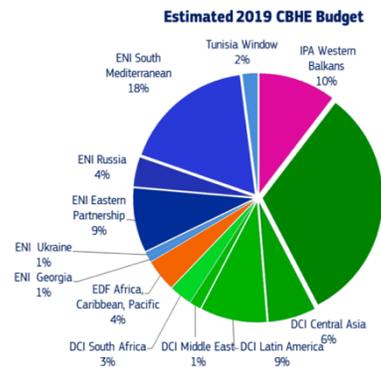


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Welcome to the NEO – Egypt Newsletter. This is Issue number VI of the bimonthly newsletter.

The highlights of January and February events focused on the promotion campaign in Egypt, with special emphasis on “How to Write a Proposal” Campaign in Egyptian Universities before the deadline of the 2018 Call (beginning of February 2019). The 2018 call was published in October 24th 2018, with an overall expected budget of €3 billion.



The deadline for applications was 7 February 2019 at 12:00 (Brussels time, CET). CBHE projects can start on 15 November 2019 or 15 January 2020, and run for 24 or 36 months.

How to write a ERASMUS+ Proposal Workshops

Proposal writing workshops are organized by NEO-Egypt on KA2 – Capacity Building in the field of Higher Education Program - CBHE in selected universities to act as a hub for closer universities grouped according to geographical location in order to cover all Egyptian Universities. Additionally, NEO-Egypt carries out various workshops on CBHE in universities as per their request.

3 January 2019: How to Write a Proposal workshop – Suez Canal University.



6 January 2019: How to Write a Proposal workshop – Fayoum University.

8 January 2019: How to Write a Proposal workshop – 6 October University.

16 January 2019: How to Write a Proposal workshop – Mansoura University.

19 January 2019: Proposal Writing Session in Developing Education Methods, Leadership Skills, Scholarship and Professional Networks – Ain Shams University.



NEO Promotional activities in January and February

13 January 2019: Information session - Port Said University.
13 – 14 February 2019: First International Cooperation Forum – Assiut University
26 – 28 February 2019: EduGate Forum – Kempinski Hotel, New Cairo.

Grantholders and NEOs meeting – Brussels 28 – 30 January 2019

The annual grant holders meeting took place in Brussels from 28 to 30 January 2019. The overall aim of this meeting is to address the practical



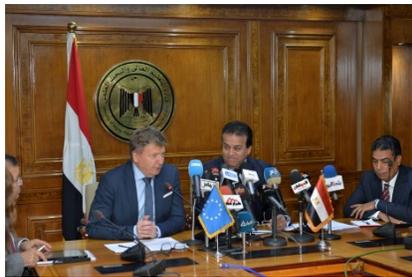
management of the grant agreement (rules and reporting requirements) and the life cycle of the projects.

The meeting was also an excellent opportunity for new and experienced practitioners to exchange knowledge and to network with other projects.



Press Conference

One of the major highlights for the Erasmus+ programme in Egypt during the months of January and February was the holding of a joint press conference between the European Union



Delegation to Egypt and the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Egypt. H.E. Prof. Khaled Abdel Ghaffar, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and H.E. Ambassador Ivan Surkoš, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Cairo held a press conference on February 10th 2019 at the Ministry of Higher Education Premises, reiterating the importance of the Higher Education component for EU-Egypt cooperation.

During the press conference Prof. Abdelghaffar stressed that *“Egypt is keen to strengthen cooperation with the EU and its Member States to maximize the benefits from the EU-funded projects in areas of higher education, science and technology*



and innovation, and participation in EU initiatives to assist Egyptian researchers and to open new scopes for cooperation with Egyptian universities, centres, institutes,

and think tanks”

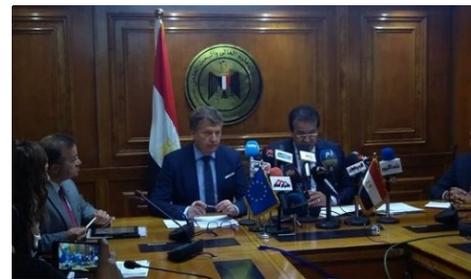
On his part, the EU Ambassador reiterated that *“the EU and its Member States committed to support and encourages bilateral cooperation with Egypt as a strategic partner in the region. He further expressed that he is looking forward for more cooperation and benefit from EU-funded programmes in higher education and scientific research and innovation”*.

This is the second meeting between H.E. the EU Ambassador and H.E. the Minister since the beginning of 2019. The press conference encouraged also the participation of Erasmus+ and the projects funded by the programme in the World forum for Higher Education and Scientific Research to be held on 4-6 April 2019 under the aegis of Mr. President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The press conference further tackled boosting the measures of managing the projects funded by Erasmus+ in Egyptian universities and facilitating the task of staff-members to be carried out through these projects with the purpose of maximising the benefits from the funding offered to the various programme.

Erasmus + is an extension of the EU higher education programme

“Tempus”, which was introduced in Egypt during the period of 2007-2013, where more than €51 Million was provided for



Higher Education Institutions in Egypt to carry out joint and structural projects with European partners and universities. During that same period (2007-2013) eight large student and academia exchange projects were implemented on various educational levels (BSc, MA and Ph.D. fully funded scholarships, and scientific missions for professors) through Erasmus Mundus – External cooperation window, which funded 988 scholarships.

Since its introduction in Egypt, the ERASMUS+ programme has funded 31 projects over 2014-2018 with a total cost of €29 million in various Egyptian universities, in addition to providing opportunities of exchange for almost 4000 students and staff members from Egyptian and European universities.

The EU has praised the effective role of the National Office for EU Programme on Higher Education in raising awareness about the available opportunities through the programme in Egyptian universities and assisting all staff-members through the different stages of projects lifecycle (from proposal to monitoring stages).

National Erasmus+ Office (NEO)

The National Erasmus+ Office (NEO) assists the Commission, the EACEA and the Egyptian authorities in the implementation of the Erasmus+ Program. The NEO follows closely the education policy developments in the Egypt, particularly in the field of higher education.



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