

Strategic Plan for the Reform of Environmental Studies in the Higher Education System of Palestine

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Objective of the Project:

- To Evaluate the current status of environmental higher studies in Palestine.
- To disseminate best practices adopted by EU partner countries.

To develop a strategic plan to foster gradual change in environmental studies based on international experience.

- To enhance awareness, develop partnerships with enterprises and improve communication among different societal groups, women in particular, and other stakeholders.
- To strengthen cooperation on environmental issues between enterprises such as Universities, Palestinian Water Authority, Ministry of Higher Education, Environmental Quality Authority. Research Centers, NGOs, etc.
- To change the attitudes of the different stakeholders towards environmental issues, and the need to protect our ecosystem to get sustainable resources for the next generation through capacity building programmes.

Beneficiaries:

The project activities will be carried out in six Universities:

- Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine (BZU), Coordinator.
- Al-Najah University, Nablus, Palestine (NAU).
- Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, Palestine (AQU).
- Ministry of Higher Education, Palestine (MoH).
- National Technical University of Athens, Athens, Greece (NTUA).
- Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm Sweden (KTH).
- Loughborough University Loughborough, UK (LOU).

Main Tasks:

Task 1.

Assessment of the present higher environmental education situation and its partnerships with different enterprises.

Task 2.

Conduct needs assessment to develop partnerships between environmental higher education institutes and enterprises.

Task 3.

Understand the European experience in environmental higher education and develop partnerships with enterprises.

Task 4.

Capacity building of Palestinian academics to create convergence with the EU Environmental Higher Educational system and partnerships with enterprises.

Task 5.

Organizing an international conference on reform of environmental higher education and development of partnerships with enterprises.

Task 6.

Development of a national plan to reform environmental education and partnerships with enterprises.

Task 7.

Awareness raising among different societal groups on environmental issues.

Expected Outcomes of the Project:

- Training Palestinian Partner Staff and Students at KTH, LOU and NTUA.
- Capacity building of Palestinian academics to create convergence with EU Environmental Higher Education System.
- Developing partnerships between environmental higher education and enterprises in Palestine.
- Organizing an international conference on Reforms in Environmental Studies.
- Raising awareness among different social groups on environmental issues.
- Formulating a national strategic plan for environmental education reform.
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- Establishing Environmental Clubs at Palestinian Universities.