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Reforming the Governance of PhD Programs at Palestinian Higher Education Institutions (PhDGov)

(April 2024 – March 2027)

Total Budget: €868,474



The PhDGov project focuses on enhancing the governance and management of PhD programs in Palestinian Higher Education Institutions. By leveraging European expertise, the project aims to modernize doctoral education, establish industry partnerships, and reform national governance frameworks. Learn more about how this initiative supports PhD programs and contributes to Palestine's socio-economic development.

Coordinated by: Arab American University in Palestine (AAUP)

Palestinian Partners: An-Najah National University (ANNU), Al-Quds University (AQU), Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie (PTUK), Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR)

EU Partners: RWTH Aachen University (RWTH), Germany, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium.

More at: www.phdgov.ps/en

Strengthening the Practical Skills in the Psychological Sector in the Palestinian Higher Education System for Responding to Societal Challenges and Labour Market Requirements (PSYCHO-PRAC)

(March 2024 – February 2027)

Total Budget: €710,225



The PSYCHO-PRAC project seeks to enhance the quality, modernization, and responsiveness of psychology education in Palestine. Focusing on three Psychology Departments within Palestinian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), the project addresses key gaps in practical training and professional development—particularly the limited access to staff qualification upgrades and international academic exchange.

By strengthening practical competencies in psychological education, the initiative aims to better align academic outcomes with the needs of the Palestinian labour market and societal challenges.

Coordinated by: Libera Università degli Studi di Enna "Kore", Italy

Palestinian Partners: Al-Azhar University – Gaza, Al-Istiqlal University, Al-Quds University, Gaza Community Mental Health Programme, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MoHESR).

European Partners: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Spain, Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud (CISS), Italy.

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Open Educational Platform to Accelerate Market Adoption of Sustainable Energy Research Outcomes around the Mediterranean (SERMED)

(June 2024 – May 2027)

Total Budget: €799,965



SERMED is an international project funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme, aiming to enhance the capacity of universities to deliver education that aligns with local labor market needs in the field of clean and renewable energy (RE). The project focuses on the design, management, maintenance, and development of RE systems and automation technologies.

By building an open educational platform, SERMED supports knowledge transfer and accelerates the adoption of sustainable energy solutions across the Mediterranean region.

Coordinated by: Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza, Italy

Palestinian Partners: Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie, Palestine Polytechnic University

Associated Palestinian Partners: Taqaddom Scales, HEPCO, Jerusalem District Electricity Company, Best Free Solar, 4season for renewable energy, Tubas district electricity company, Eng. Anwar for Advanced Automation Solution, YATHREB, Ajjaw for Energy Solutions, Alakhras Company, PV Plus

European Partners: École Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris, France, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya, Spain.

Other Partners: American University of Beirut, Lebanon, Université Libanaise, Lebanon

Associated Partners – Lebanon: Takom Energy, Earth Technologies SAL, Energy Efficiency Group, NovaEnergia, Associated Mechanical Engineers, Aman Eddine for Trading and Contracting, Heatechs, Engineering Services Company

Associated Partner – UAE: Consult Emdec – Fzco.

Associated Partner – Italy: Studio Santi.

More at: <https://www.ser-med.com/home>

Building Capacity in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology Education and Research through partnership program in Africa, Middle East and Europe for Agricultural transformation (BREEDTECH)

(March 2024 – February 2027)

Total Budget: €787,575



BREEDTECH project, formally titled “Building Capacity in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology Education and Research through Partnerships in Africa, the Middle East, and Europe for Agricultural Transformation,” is a three-year, cross-regional project funded by Erasmus+ Capacity Building for Higher Education (CBHE). This project unites higher education institutions and a private firm from Kenya, Ethiopia, Palestine, Italy, Sweden, and Serbia.

BREEDTECH builds capacity in plant breeding and biotechnology education and research across Africa, the Middle East, and Europe, fostering collaboration between African and Palestinian HEIs and European research communities. This initiative engages researchers and academics in exploring essential concepts, advanced tools, and digital technologies in plant breeding and biotechnology.

Coordinated by: Egerton University, Kenya

Palestinian Partners: Al-Quds Open University, AN-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

EU Partners: Pixel – Associazione Culturale – Italy, Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet (Slu) – Sweden, Scuola Superiore Di Studi Universitari E Di Perfezionamento – Italy, Institut Za Ratarstvo I Povrtarstvo (National Institute Of Field And Vegetable Crops) – Serbia, Universität für Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU) – Austria.

Other Partners: Laikipia University, Kenya, Haramaya University, Ethiopia, Oda Bultum University, Ethiopia

More at: <https://breedtech.edu.ps/about-us/>

Food Law At Vocational Education and Training (FLAVEaT)

(December 2023–November 2026)

Total Budget: €400,000



This project aims to strengthen the food industry in Jordan and Palestine by enhancing vocational education and training (VET) focused on food legislation, safety, and quality assurance. With rising concerns over food safety and an increasing demand for skilled professionals in the sector, the project seeks to build the capacity of VET providers and align training programs with EU best practices. This will help improve regulatory compliance, boost employability among youth, and support the development of a more secure and competitive food industry in the region.

Coordinated by: Virtual Campus Lda, Portugal.

Palestinian Partners: Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie, Palestine Technical College, Nablus University for Vocational and Technical Education

EU Partners: AINIA, Spain, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "Giuseppe Caporale", Italy, Dimioyrgiki Skepsi Anaptyxis (Creative Thinking Development), Greece.

Other Regional Partners: Jordan University of Science and Technology, Jordan, Al-Balqa Applied University, Jordan

More at: <https://flaveat.eu/>

Improving the Digital Skills of the Workforce in the Shoe and Leather Goods Industry in Jordan and Palestine (DISHOLEA)

(March 2024 – February 2027)

Total Budget: €399,580



The footwear and leather goods sector plays a key role in the economies of Jordan and Palestine, with deep-rooted traditions and growing industrial potential. As more companies transition to the Full Package production model—managing everything from design to delivery—the demand for digitally skilled professionals has become urgent.

The DISHOLEA project addresses this challenge by upskilling the workforce through advanced training in digital design, production technologies, and automation, aligning with EU best practices. This initiative not only boosts sector competitiveness but also opens new career pathways for youth and contributes to sustainable economic growth.

Coordinated by: TASEV Shoe and Leathercraft Technology Vocational and Technical Anatolian High School, Turkey

Palestinian Partners: Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie, Nablus University for Vocational and Technical Education, Palestinian Leather Industries Federation

EU Partners: University of West Attica (PANEPISTIMIO DYTIKIS ATTIKIS), Greece, Dimioyrgiki Skepsi Anaptyxis, Greece, Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche, Spain

Regional Partners – Jordan: Jordan University of Science and Technology, Al-Balqa Applied University

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