



UNIMED meets Palestinian universities

Tuesday, 26th June 2018

9h00 am -13h00 pm

An-Najah National University, Nablus - Palestine

UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union- is an association that brings together 108 universities from 23 Mediterranean countries and whose aim is to strengthen cooperation, research and training in the Euro-Mediterranean region. With eleven-member universities, Palestine is the more represented country in UNIMED from the Southern Mediterranean shore and has a seat on the Board of Directors.

Therefore, it is very important for UNIMED to strengthen the cooperation with Palestinian universities and to work together for a more fruitful collaboration in the coming years. It is in this spirit that UNIMED is organizing the above-mentioned meeting, in the framework of a cycle of meetings at local level in the Southern Mediterranean countries, with the aim of presenting UNIMED's activities, allow the universities members of the network to meet each other, and discuss about priorities and new prospects of cooperation. It will be an important occasion to debate on the opportunities offered by the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and to identify new areas of collaboration.

The meeting will focus on the main key points:

- UNIMED introduces itself: networking activities, what we do and how we work
- Some examples of current UNIMED projects
- Overview of Erasmus+ programme and future trends for the Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation
- Presentation of the needs and priorities of the Palestinian Universities and cooperation opportunities within UNIMED network

PROGRAMME

- 8:30 - 9:00 am **Arrival of participants and registration**
- 9:00 - 9:30 am **Opening and institutional greetings**
Mohammed AMLEH, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, An-Najah National University
Marcello SCALISI, UNIMED Director
- 9:30 - 10:00 am **Sharing experience of Palestinian universities within UNIMED**
Improving Governance Practices at Palestinian Higher Education Institutions: the case of UniGov project
Muhammad NAJJAR, Director of Project Management Unit (PMU), An-Najah National University, Palestine
Riccardo MUSSARI, Professor of Public Financial Management, University of Siena, Italy
Muath SABHA, Professor, Arab American University, Palestine
- 10:00 - 10:15 am *Opening up Education in South-Mediterranean countries: the experience of OpenMed project*
Saida AFFOUNEH, Director of eLearning centre, An-Najah National University, Palestine
Rania QASIM, Center for Continuing Education (CCE), Birzeit University, Palestine
- 10:15 - 11:00 am **UNIMED presents itself: networking activities, what we do and how we work**
Marcello SCALISI, UNIMED Director
Silvia MARCHIONNE, Project Manager
- 11:00 - 11:30 am **Coffee break**
- 11:30 - 13:00 pm **Exchanges around opportunities for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation and the cooperation within UNIMED network**