

# Tempus Newsletter

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Since June 2002, Lebanon has become one of nine Mediterranean countries covered by Tempus, the inter-university cooperation programme set up by the European Commission to help in the reform and development process in the sector of higher education.

Starting in 1990 for Eastern and Central Europe, Tempus was then gradually extended to the Balkans and South East Asia before being further extended to the MEDA region.

This last extension of Tempus programme came in the framework of the Barcelona Declaration of 1995 which laid the foundation for a Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. One of the key objectives of this Declaration is to “Develop human resources, promote understanding between cultures and rapprochement of the peoples in the Euro-Mediterranean region as well as to develop free and flourishing civil societies (social, cultural and human partnership)”.

As for Lebanon in particular, the programme was also highlighted by the Association Agreement between the European Community and Lebanon aiming at:

- Providing an appropriate framework for political dialogue between the parties and at all levels.
- Gradually establishing a free trade area.
- Promoting economic, social, cultural and monetary cooperation as well as cooperation in other areas which are of mutual interest.

At a time when Lebanon is witnessing an expansion of its higher education system, problems like restructuring, benchmarking, introducing of new technologies and of new teaching methodologies, compatibility with regional and international trends, the lack of a national strategy for higher education, arise and create new challenges to both public and private sectors. Tempus provides higher education institutions with real opportunities to tackle these problems through a cooperation scheme involving partners from the European Union. Despite the fact that openness to the international trends is not new in all Lebanese ways of life, particularly in education, the challenges that Lebanese higher education institutions are faced with, in an era of globalization, are so great that these institutions cannot succeed by themselves. They need help and that is what Tempus for...

**Tempus**

- Emphasizes the importance of higher education sector in the social and development process in partner countries.
- Encourages different higher education institutions to work together in an atmosphere of cooperation and exchange of know how and expertise.
- Helps in the reinforcement of the platform for dialogue between cultures.
- Participate in creating programmes for training and upgrading of skills.

## **The National Tempus Office of Lebanon<sup>(\*)</sup>**

The year 2004 has witnessed the setting up of a Tempus office in Lebanon. The creation of this office resulted from efforts put forward by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education under the patronage of HEM Samir El Jisr and his Office of External Relations managed by Mrs Bouchra Adra, and in strict collaboration with the Director General of Higher Education Dr Ahmad Jammal. Many administrative and formal obstacles have been overcome thanks to the collaboration of the European Delegation in Beirut under the impulse of HE Ambassador Patrick Renaud and his team; Mrs Pikaar and Mrs Alves have spared no effort making use of their legislative, relational and diplomatic competencies in order that the procedures be finally materialised in an office, a unit par excellence of communication and dissemination of information: the National Tempus Office (NTO) represented by Dr Aref Alsoufi and located at the second floor of the UNESCO Palace.

## **WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM TEMPUS**

- \* Academics and administrative staff of higher education institutions
- \* Personnel from Ministries & other public authorities
- \* Students & students associations
- \* Others like: Media associations, Professional associations, Chambers of commerce, Social partners, Training organizations, Non-governmental organisations.

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# TEMPUS ACTIVITIES

## JEP

### *Joint European Project*

The main core of Tempus activities.

#### **Areas of interest:**

- \* Curriculum Development
- \* University Management
- \* Training Courses for “Institution Building”

#### **Consortium needed:**

A minimum of 1 higher education institution from Lebanon, and two partners from two different European member states, one of them should be a university.

#### **Deadline:**

15 December of each year.

#### **Duration:**

2 or 3 years.

#### **Budget:**

Up to 500 000 for a 3-year project and up to 300 000 for a 2-year project.

#### **Priorities:**

National priorities are pre-defined by The Lebanese educative authorities and will be taken into consideration at the selection process.

## SCM

### *Structural and Complementary Measures*

For short-term responses and reform needs at national level.

#### **Areas of interest:**

- \* National reform.
- \* Development of a specific aspect of higher education.
- \* Dissemination of results targeting Tempus objectives.

#### **Consortium needed:**

A minimum of 1 higher education institution from Lebanon, and 2 partners from 2 different member states, one of them should be a university.

#### **Deadlines:**

15 February and 15 October of each year.

#### **Duration:**

Up to one year.

#### **Budget:**

Up to 150 000 for Structural Measures and up to 100 000 for Complementary Measures.

#### **Priorities:**

National priorities are pre-defined by the Lebanese educative authorities and the projects should be aligned with these priorities.

## IMG

### *Individual Mobility Grant*

Intended to help individuals to carry out missions for a limited period of time aiming at :

- \* Preparing a JEP proposal.
- \* Participating in a specific event.
- \* Retraining period or study period, collaboration on a specific academic subject, dissemination of good practice.

#### **Deadlines:**

15 February, 15 June and 15 October of each year.

#### **Duration:**

Missions can last up to 8 weeks.

An individual mobility grant covers the travel and the cost of stay during the designated mission but not the fees or any other kind of subscription.

A successful applicant has to skip two following deadlines in order to be eligible for a next mobility grant.

An important over-arching priority for Higher Education in Lebanon is to put in place a homogeneous evaluation system across the higher education institutions, and to develop a “culture” and a “system” for quality assurance.

### **Joint European Projects**

Joint European projects will be oriented towards restructuring curricula in accordance with regional and international trends, in particular with a view to the new European LMD system. Academic content will be developed towards a credit system to ensure mobility and recognition at national, regional and international level with a focus on developing new teaching methodologies and techniques.

The following priorities apply:

#### ***Curriculum Development***

- Environmental sciences
- Public health
- Tourism
- Inter-cultural studies
- Promoting the development of doctoral programmes

#### ***University Management***

- Strengthening of management capacities in the fields of administration and finance.
- Creation of internal quality assurance mechanisms.

#### **Training Courses for Institution Building**

No specific priorities.

### **Structural and Complementary Measures**

Structural and Complementary Measures should focus on developing a national strategy on higher education in Lebanon, to which higher education institutions can align their educational and administrative policies.

- Student mobility and mutual recognition of diplomas among different co-existing education systems in Lebanon.
- Benchmarking for higher education.

# How has Lebanon benefited from Tempus...

10 JEPs + 2 SCMs + 78 IMGs

## Joint European Projects

Since June 2002, Lebanon has benefited from 10 JEPs (5 from the selection of 2002 which started running last year and 5 from the selection of 2003 which would start their activities from the academic year 2004-2005). 4 of these projects involve Lebanon as an only beneficiary country, while the other 6 involve Lebanon as a partner country.

The deadline for the JEPs of 2004 is as of next 15 December and the selection will be finalized by June 2005.

### Projects involving Lebanon as a sole beneficiary country.

JEP30010 - Selection 2002	JEP30067 - Selection 2002
<p>Le Centre Interculturel Méditerranéen Euro-Libanais de Beyrouth (CIEL)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The project aims at creating a center for Euro-Mediterranean studies at the University of Saint Joseph in Beirut with double functionality:            “ Observatory for the intercultural dialogue” and            “ Training in multi-culturality and dialogue”.</p> <p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Set up and develop a new cultural and training course materialised by a Master of double entries.</li> <li>2- Encourage the exchanges between actors of different systems of education.</li> <li>3- Stimulate the use of new methods and technologies like open and e-learning, in order to optimize the available educative resources.</li> <li>4- Support professional and multicultural formation of Arab youth as well as adults interested in an enrichment of their cultural horizon.</li> </ol> <p><b>Beneficiary Institution:</b> University Saint Joseph, Lebanon.</p> <p><b>Partners:</b>            Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano (IT)            Fachhochschule Rheinland-pfalz Abteilung Koblenz - Koblenz (DE)            Universidade do Porto - Porto (PT)            Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Barcelona (ES)</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> 483948.60</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3 years</p>	<p>Mastère Recherche sur la ville au Liban.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Create a research Master on the city at the Lebanese University, based on a DESS on urbanism (professional Master), element of a future doctorate on Sciences and Jobs of the City of Beirut.</p> <p><b>Beneficiary Institution:</b> Lebanese University, Lebanon.</p> <p><b>Partners:</b> Institut National des Sciences Appliquées de Lyon (FR)            Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia - Venezia (IT)            Université de Liège - Liège (BE)            Université Lumière (Lyon II) - Lyon (FR)</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> 275205.00</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3 years</p>

JEP31074 - Selection 2003	JEP31125 - Selection 2003
<p>Collaborative IT Program for Education and Research.</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a model for graduate IT curricula in the Middle East.</li> <li>2. Start a new graduate Masters program in IT at AUB.</li> <li>3. Actively engage with industry to foster applied research.</li> <li>4. Stimulate student and faculty mobility.</li> <li>5. Help in starting a doctorate program in IT at AUB.</li> </ol> <p><b>Beneficiary Institution:</b> American University of Beirut - Beirut (LB).</p> <p><b>Partners:</b> Technische Universitaet München SIEMENS A.G. - München (DE) University of Southampton - Southampton (GB)</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> 469,000.00 Euro.</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3 years</p>	<p>Master en Biodiversité Végétale et Biotechnologie au Liban.</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Former des cadres et des ingénieurs aux biotechnologies végétales axées sur la valorisation de la biodiversité naturelle et agricole libanaise, dans une perspective d'agriculture durable et de compétitivité économique internationale.</p> <p><b>Beneficiary Institution:</b> Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik - USEK - Jounieh (LB).</p> <p><b>Partners:</b> IUT de L'Université Paris-Sud (Paris XI) Orsay. Faculté Universitaire des Sciences Agronomiques de Gembloux - Gembloux (BE). Ministère de L'Agriculture - Institut de Recherches Agronomiques du Liban (IRAL) - Zahlé (LB). Ministère de la Région Wallonne - Centre de Recherches Agronomique de Gembloux (CRA) - Gembloux (BE).</p> <p><b>Individual experts:</b> Monneveux Philippe - Montpellier (FR) Valles Xirau Joan - Barcelona (ES)</p> <p><b>Budget:</b> 494,750.00 Euro</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3 years</p>

### Projects involving Lebanon in a regional partnership

JEP30003 - Selection 2002, Micro-Finance at the University: A project of 3 years of budget 491 499 . 75 . The beneficiaries are Haigazian University with 10 other universities from MEDA countries. The consortium includes universities from Italy, Greece, Spain and UK.

JEP30078 - Selection 2002, Formation d'intégrateurs des systèmes industriels: A project of 2 years of budget 296807.00 . The beneficiaries are the Lebanese University with institutions from 3 MEDA countries. The consortium includes universities from France, Germany, Belgium and UK.

JEP30092 - Selection 2002, Evaluation de la qualité - région MEDA: A project of 2 years of budget 297000.00 . The beneficiaries are the Lebanese University and the University of Saint Joseph with 12 universities from 6 MEDA countries. The consortium includes universities from France, Germany and Denmark.

JEP31084 - Selection 2003, Enhancing regional academic cooperation in the Mediterranean: development of postgraduate curriculum for tourism and hospitality studies: A project of 3 years, of budget 471,050.00 . The beneficiaries are the Lebanese University with 2 universities from 2 MEDA countries. The consortium includes institutions from Greece, Portugal and experts from Britain and Switzerland.

JEP31158 - Selection 2003, Formation Internationale à distance aux e-Services: A project of 3 years, of budget 427,500.00 . The beneficiaries are the Saint Joseph University with INSAT from Tunisia. The consortium includes institutions from France and Belgium.

JEP31013 - Selection 2003, Modern Management Training Program in Egypt, Morocco, Jordan and Lebanon: A project of 3 years, of budget 496,505.00 . The beneficiaries are partners from 3 MEDA countries. The consortium includes institutions from Sweden and Greece.

## Structural and Complementary Measures

The eligibility of Lebanon for this type of Tempus activities started in 2004 and two projects were selected at the first round. These are:

Project number	MEDA countries involved	Title
M011A04	Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia	Conferences of General Secretaries of Mediterranean Universities
M01404	Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Tunisia	Higher Education for Good Governance: Inventory of Academic Resources

## Individual Mobility Grants

Among all activities financed by Tempus, these are the most popular. Without counting the outcome of the Octobre 2004 round of selection, 78 IMGs have so far been offered to finance missions carried out by lebanese academics in Europe or by European academics in Lebanon. The repartition of those grants between the Lebanese higher education institutions is as follows: Lebanese University 55, Balamand 5, USEK 4, Saint Joseph 4, LAU 3, NDU 2, IUL 2, AUB 1, BIU 1, MECAT 1.

## Erasmus Mundus

Erasmus Mundus is a five year (2004-2008) co-operation and mobility programme in the field of higher education with a planned financial envelope of 230 million Euro. It will support about 100 Masters Courses of outstanding academic quality. The programme will also provide grants for some 5,000 graduate students from third countries to follow these Masters Courses, and for more than 4,000 EU graduate students involved in these courses to study in third countries. The programme will also offer teaching or research scholarships in Europe for over 1,000 incoming third-country academics and for a similar number of outgoing EU scholars. Last but not least, Erasmus Mundus will support about 100 partnerships between Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses and higher education institutions in third countries.

The Erasmus Mundus programme is being implemented as of the academic year 2004/2005.

### Masters Courses without a preparatory year

CoMundus - European Master of Arts in Media, Communication and Cultural Studies (<http://www.mediastudieseurope.net>)

EMMS - Joint European Masters Programme in Materials Science (<http://www.ua.pt>)

EuMI - European Master in Informatics (<http://www.unitn.it>)

European Joint Master in Water and Coastal Management (<http://www.ualg.pt/EUMScWCM>)

EURO-AQUAE - Euro Hydro-Informatics & Water Management (<http://www.unce.fr>)

European Master in Law and Economics (<http://www.eurl.nl>)

European Masters Program in Computational Logic (<http://www.tu-dresden.de>)

HEEM - European Masters Degree in Higher Education (<http://www.uio.no>)

IMRD - Erasmus Mundus International Master of Science in Rural Development (<http://www.agri-econ.ugent.be/la01ven/>)

International Master in Quaternary and Prehistory (<http://www.unife.it>)

Master der Europäischen Rechtspraxis (<http://www.jura.uni-hannover.de>)

MSc EF Master of Science in European Forestry (<http://www.joensuu.fi>)

NOHA MUNDUS - European Masters Degree in International Humanitarian Aid (<http://www.deusto.es>)

tropEd - European Master of Science Programme in International Health (<http://www.troped.org>)

### Masters Courses with a preparatory year

ALGANT - Algebra, Geometry and Number Theory (<http://www.math.u-bordeaux.fr/ALGANT/>)

EMCL - European Masters Clinical Linguistics (<http://www.emcl-mundus.com>)

MEEM - Mechanical Engineering Erasmus Mundus Masters Course (<http://www.insa-lyon.fr>)

MEES - Masters in Earthquake Engineering & Engineering Seismology (<http://www.mees.org>)

MERIT - Masters in Research in Information Technologies (<http://www.upc.es>)

## Beyond 2006...

*A new generation of programmes in the education, youth, culture and audiovisual fields will succeed the current programmes for the period 2007-2013 and will be a step towards achieving the Lisbon objective, i.e. making Europe the most competitive knowledge-based economy by 2010.*

*This new generation will consist of:*

- a new Integrated Programme for mobility and co-operation in lifelong learning for the EU Member States, the EEA/EFTA countries and the candidate countries, covering education and training together; and*
- a new Tempus Plus programme for cooperation between Member States and countries bordering the Union and the existing Tempus countries, covering the whole spectrum of education and training.*

*The Integrated Programme for lifelong learning would see a very significant increase in decentralised mobility actions for individual citizens and in partnerships between institutions. Its targets would include:*

- At least 10% of school pupils and teachers involved in Comenius 2007-13.*
- At least 3 million Erasmus students by 2010.*
- At least 150,000 Leonardo trainee placements per year by 2013.*
- At least 50,000 adults learning and teaching abroad per year by 2013 and the participation of at least one in five structured adult education providers in European cooperation by the end of the programme.*

*The Integrated Programme will be divided into four sectoral programmes: Comenius for school education; Erasmus for all forms of learning at university level; Leonardo da Vinci for initial and continuing vocational education and training; and Grundtvig for adult education. It will also contain a transversal programme, focusing on policy development, language learning, new information and communication technologies (ICT), and dissemination. The Integrated Programme will also include a new Jean Monnet programme, focusing on European integration.*

*The new Tempus Plus programme will build on the successful Tempus approach, which has hitherto been limited to higher education and has led to system development and reinforced cooperation between Member States and partner countries. Tempus Plus would extend such action across the spectrum of lifelong learning: to schools, to vocational education and training, and to adult education. The programme will consist of measures to support system modernisation, to fund the mobility of individuals, and to support multilateral projects. The programme target would be:*

- To support the mobility of at least 100,000 individuals by 2013.*

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