

Induction Meeting for the ELEGANT Project Liaison Officers, 6 July 2020 (via Zoom)

Present: Prof Nebojsa Stojcic and Prof Iraj Hashi (UNIDU); Dr Ammar Odeh (PSUT); Eng. Samer Suleiman (JUST), Prof Tareq Azab and Dr Mohammed Alweshah (ABAU); Mrs Hikmet Ghanem Daou (MUBS) and Eng. Mostafa Bizri (BAU)

Prof Hashi introduced the Liaison Officers (LOs) to the ELEGANT project as a whole before going into the details of the role of LOs. It was emphasised that while travelling to the EU partners (UNIDU and SU) for training has had to be postponed for the moment (they will take place as soon as travelling abroad became possible), most of the activities of LOs which were designed to take place in their own institutions, can actually be started.

The two main activities of LOs discussed were:

1. Establishing contacts with Companies (and if there are already companies linked to the University, formalise these contacts) in order to: arrange placement or internships for students and find experts in the company who can supervise/mentor student projects and offer some seminars at the University.
2. Develop a series of seminars at their universities on the new forms of industry related education, developments at the frontiers of knowledge, skill gaps faced by companies and related subjects. Where possible, EU colleagues will participate in these seminars too.

LOs were also informed of the two non-University partners of the project in JO and LB:

1. The Information Technology Association of Jordan (INT@J); Contact Person Mr Nidal Bitar and Mr Ayad Ashram; and
2. Syndicate of Computer Science of Lebanon; Contact Person Dr. Joumana Dargham

LO Colleagues were encouraged to get in touch with the two organisation in order to gain access and introduction to contact companies in the IT sector.

Prof Hashi will send his slides introducing the project to LOs.