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LEBPASS Project: Work package 2
Developing the Lebanese Diploma Supplement Principles
and Form

Workshop Handbook

Sunday 12th January to Wednesday 15th January 2020
University of Cyprus



Objectives

As part of the WP1, the Consortium should review the best practices implemented within the framework of Diploma Supplement in European countries and revisit the related challenges within the Lebanese context. A related summary report will be prepared by the end of this year.

This workshop “Developing the Lebanese Diploma Supplement Principles and Form” hosted by the University of Cyprus will provide the consortium members the necessary input for developing the Lebanese Diploma Supplement principles and draft form.

The Lebanese partners will reveal their needs and challenges. And the Cypriot, German, and French partners will share their experience in adopting the Diploma Supplement and the lessons learned.

The workshop setting will be including presentations, group activities and discussions.

The training hosted by the University of Cyprus will provide all the necessary consultation and directions to achieve this objective.

Outcome

Lebanese Diploma Supplement principles and draft form.

General schedule

Sunday 12th January - Day 1: Arrival

Arrival of participants

Monday 13th January - Day 2: Discussion about best practices and challenges

8.30 Transfer from Hotel to the University of Cyprus (Social Activities Centre Rooms 010 and 018)

09.00 - 09.15 GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

- Prof. Eirini Anna Diakidou, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, University of Cyprus

GREETINGS FROM THE COORDINATING INSTITUTION USEK AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF DGHE AND AUF

- Ms. Randa Chidiac, Executive Director of the Projects & Grants Unit at the International Affairs Office, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
- Prof. Hervé Sabourin, Regional Director of the Agence universitaire de la Francophonie

09.15 - 09.30 PRESENTATION OF THE HOSTING INSTITUTION – UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS

09.30 - 10.00 INTRODUCTORY ROUND: PRESENTING EACH OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR INSTITUTIONS

SESSION 1

11.00 - 11.00 PRESENTATION OF THE LEBANESE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE SPECIAL CHALLENGES AND NEEDS REGARDING DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

- [Overview of the Recognition Process in Lebanon](#): Prof. Sobhi Chahine, Dean of Student Affairs at the Beirut Arab University
- [Recognition of Qualifications Concerning Higher Education in Lebanon](#): Dr. Diane Nauffal, Assistant to the President for Institutional Research and Assessment at the Lebanese American University

11.00 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.15 [HISTORICAL APPROACH OF HOW THE NEED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT WAS ADDRESSED OVER THE YEARS IN EUROPE AND AT UNIVERSITY OF CYPRUS](#)

- Prof. Athanasios Gagatsis, Emeritus Professor, Researcher, Ex-Vice Rector of the University of Cyprus
- Dr. Sophia Stavrou, Lecturer at the University of Cyprus

12.15 - 13.15 [EXPLANATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DIPLOMA SUPPLEMENT](#)

- Prof. Athanasios Gagatsis, Emeritus Professor, Researcher, Ex-Vice Rector of the University of Cyprus
- Dr. Theodora Christodoulo, Teacher and Researcher at the University of Cyprus

13.15 - 14.45 LUNCH BREAK

14.45 - 15.45 STATE OF PRACTICE AT LEBANESE UNIVERSITIES BASED ON THE THINGS DISCUSSED IN THE MORNING (USEK, AUF, BAU, LAU, LCU) – REFLECTIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- a) Learning outcomes of university studies – University Catalogue
- b) Methods of assessment in university teaching
- c) Comparability between higher education systems/countries
- d) Differences between fields of study
- e) Recognition of degrees

15.45 - 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00 - 17.45 PRESENTATION FROM PARTNER UNIVERSITIES IMPLEMENTING THE DS AND DISCUSSION ON BEST PRACTICES

Diploma Supplements – responsibilities, processes, practice

- Prof. Dr. Karl Wilbers, Director Institute Commercial Education, Full Professor, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg
- Dr. Yvonne Schalek, Senior lecturer, Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Technology at the service of DS implementation and beyond

- Mr. Serge Ravet, Espace Mendès France
- Mr. Bert Jehoul, Open Recognition Consultant, Espace Mendès France

Examples from Germany, Albania, Russia

- Mr. Georg Seppmann, Scientific Advisor, Evalag
- Ms. Elena Gladkova, Project Assistant, Evalag

Example from Romania

- Prof. Athanasios Gagatsis, Emeritus Professor, Researcher, Ex-Vice Rector of the University of Cyprus

17.45 Transfer from the University of Cyprus to Hotel

19.00 DINNER (OWN ARRANGEMENTS)

Tuesday 14th January - Day 3: Draft Principles and Form Design

08.30 Transfer from Hotel to the University of Cyprus (Social Activities Centre Rooms 010 and 018)

SESSION 2

09.00 - 11.00 PRINCIPLES OF THE DS TO CONSIDER FOR THE LEBANESE UNIVERSITIES AND THE PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT LEBANESE DS

- Prof. Athanasios Gagatsis, Emeritus Professor, Researcher, Ex-Vice Rector of the University of Cyprus
- Dr. Sophia Stavrou, Lecturer at the University of Cyprus
- Dr. Theodora Christodoulou, Teacher and Researcher at the University of Cyprus
- Mr. Georg Seppmann, Scientific Advisor, Evalag
- Ms. Elena Gladkova, Project Assistant, Evalag

11.00 - 11.15 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 - 13.00 GROUP WORK (4 groups working each on a special topic/issue)

13.00 - 14.30 LUNCH BREAK

14.30 - 15.45 CONTINUATION OF GROUP WORK

15.45 - 16.00 COFFEE BREAK

16.00 - 17.30 **BRINGING TOGETHER THE RESULTS TO A FIRST DRAFT**

17.45 Transfer from the University of Cyprus to Hotel

19.00 DINNER (OWN ARRANGEMENTS)

Wednesday 15th January - Day 4: Summary

08.30 Transfer from Hotel to the University of Cyprus (Social Activities Centre Rooms 010 and 018)

09.00 - 10.00 PROJECT COORDINATION MEETING TO PLAN THE NEXT STEPS

PLANNING OF NEXT WORKPACKAGES AND TENTATIVE DATES FOR NEXT ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING WORKSHOPS)

10.00 - 10.15 COFFEE BREAK

10.15 - 11.30 WRAP UP SESSION

11.30 WORKSHOP CLOSING

12.00 Transfer from the University of Cyprus to Hotel

Departures of participants

List of Participants (20)

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Biographies

P1. Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK), Lebanon (Coordinating Institution)

Randa AL CHIDIAC, Executive Director of the Projects & Grants Unit at the International Affairs Office

Randa Al-Chidiac is the Executive Director of Projects and Grants Unit at the International Affairs Office in Holy Spirit University of Kaslik, Lebanon.

She previously served as Executive Director of the USEK Library.

She was the President of the Lebanese Library Association for two terms, and currently serves on the Association board as Vice-President and Public Relations Coordinator.

Randa is official IFLA trainer in the International Advocacy Programme (IAP) which is a program designed to promote and support the role libraries can play in the planning and implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda and the SDGs.

She has attended numerous conferences where she has presented papers and has hosted webinar sessions and workshops.

Randa holds an MA degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Wales-Aberystwyth, as well as a BA degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Balamand, Lebanon.

She has a special interest in issues in management, leadership, academic integrity, plagiarism, and copyright, as well as to raise the professional standing of librarians in the region.

Krystel KALOUST, Project Coordinator at the QA-IE Office

Krystel Kaloust is a holder of a BBA in Business Computing and a MSc. in Business Management from the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) - Lebanon.

During her Master Studies, she focused on the Quality Assurance strategies adopted at the universities and the impact of faculty professional development programs on the students learning experience, and the university performance.

In 2014, after one year internship at the USEK IT department, Ms. Kaloust has joined the Quality Assurance and Institutional Effectiveness team as a project coordinator and since then, she has been engaged in several accreditation projects run by the university.

Also, she has been involved in the implementation of many distant/online teaching and learning methods at the university, while providing workshops focused on the integration of instructional technologies in the course delivery, building e-portfolios and using e-portfolios as an assessment tool for Faculty members and students.

She has been part of many workshops and conferences related to Instructional Technologies and Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

P3. Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), Lebanon

Hervé SABOURIN, Regional Director of the A.U.F in the Middle-East, Former Vice-President of the University of Poitiers (France)

Hervé Sabourin has a PhD in Mathematics and is Professor of Mathematics at the University of Poitiers in France. Since September 2014, he is the Regional Director of the A.U.F in the Middle-East, a Worldwide Association of Francophone Universities

From 2007 to 2014, he was:

- Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Science of Poitiers, in charge of International Relations and Communication (2007-2012)
- Board member of the University of Poitiers (2008-2012).
- Vice-President of the University of Poitiers in charge of International Relations (2010-2012)
- Director for International Relations of "FIGURE" (www.figure-network.org) , a Network of 15 French Universities for Engineering (2012-2014).

He is a European Expert for EACEA (Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency) since 2013 and in charge of assessment and promotion of European Education programs.

Nathalie BITAR, Project Manager

Project Manager at A.U.F in the Middle-East. Holder of a Master's Degree in Economics.

Coordinator of several projects :

Developing student entrepreneurship in Lebanon

2 Tempus projects funded by the European Commission: Apprentissage à Distance et Innovation Pédagogique & Orientation et innovation pédagogique dans les universités du Liban, d'Égypte et de Syrie ;

Several projects related to entrepreneurship

P8. University of Cyprus, Cyprus (Hosting institution)

Athanasios GAGATSI, Emeritus Professor, Researcher, Ex-Vice Rector of the University of Cyprus

Athanasios Gagatsis is an Emeritus Professor of Mathematics Education at the University of Cyprus. He studied Mathematics at the Department of Mathematics of the Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki in Greece and Didactics of Mathematics at the Department of Mathematics of the University Louis Pasteur of Strasbourg in France and Applied Statistics. He was a Lecturer and an Assistant Professor in Didactics of Mathematics at the Department of Mathematics of the University of Thessaloniki and an Associate Professor and a Professor in Mathematics Education at the University of Cyprus. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Education (2006-2010) and the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs at the University of Cyprus (2010-2018). He has an extensive experience in research in mathematics education with about 650 publications, including papers in refereed journals, in conference

proceedings, chapters in books and books, in different languages. His main research interests include the semiotic approach and the obstacles in the learning of mathematics, the learning and teaching in Geometry, the History of Mathematics Education, the Implicative Statistical Analysis et al. He has been involved in a variety in Greek, Cypriot and European research projects (FAMT&L – Formative Assessment of Mathematics Teaching and Learning).

Emma ZENIOU, Mobility Officer

As the Officer responsible for the Mobility Support office of the international relations Service of the University of Cyprus, I am responsible for all the categories of the Erasmus mobility (both incoming and outgoing), Erasmus+ KA103 and KA107, for students and staff, as well as with mobility through the framework of agreements outside Erasmus. As a Member of the Management Board of the European Association of Erasmus Coordinators, EAEC, I am actively involved in the organization of the annual Erasmus conference ERACON. In 2014 I was added to the European experts platform for higher education and the Bologna process and in 2015 I became a member of the IT Tools Working Group for the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission.

Sophia STAVROU, Lecturer

Sophia Stavrou is Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Cyprus and Research Associate at the Mediterranean Laboratory of Sociology, France (AMU-LAMES-CNRS). Her main research interests are in the field of sociology of education, especially relations between higher education and employment. She has worked on the implementation of the Bologna process, and more generally European higher education policy in France, exploring policy recontextualisation in national contexts. She also worked on the transformations of university curricula, with an emphasis on the emergence of new “regions of knowledge” at the intersection of scientific fields and socio-economic fields of practice. She has published several articles on these issues in high-impact scientific journals and a book entitled “L’Université au diapason du Marché. Une sociologie du changement curriculaire dans les universités françaises, Academia-L’Harmattan, 2017”.

Theodora CHRISTODOULOU, Special Teaching Staff of the Department of Education, Teaching and Research

Theodora Christodoulou is a primary school teacher. She is member of the Special Teaching Staff of the Department of Education at the University of Cyprus (2017-today). She completed her studies at the University of Cyprus (Department of Education, undergraduate studies-2011, and M.A.-2013 and PhD-2018 in Mathematics Education). She has published in refereed journals, in conference proceedings, chapters in books and books. Her main research interests include the formative assessment in mathematics and the mathematical error. She participated as a researcher in the COMENIUS-CMP project “FAMT&L – Formative Assessment of Mathematics Teaching and Learning” (2013-2017).

P9. Evaluationsagentur Baden-Württemberg: evalag, Germany (Quality Assurance)

Georg SEPPMANN, Scientific advisor

Since 2014 Scientific advisor at evalag (Evaluationsagentur Baden-Württemberg) focused on evaluation and international accreditation

2000 – 2014 Project manager in several e-learning projects at universities in Hof, Mainz, Hagen, Duisburg, and Bamberg.

1996 – 2000 Scientific advisor at German Institute for Adult Education (DIE)

1995 M.A. Ethnology, Cultural Anthropology, History

Elena GLADKOVA, Project Assistant

Since 2018 Project assistant at evalag (Evaluationsagentur Baden-Württemberg)

2017-2018 Scientific associate at Academy of Learning and Teaching in Higher Education SRH University Heidelberg

Since 2016 Doctorate in German Literature and Media Studies at the University of Mannheim

2015-2016 Scientific associate at the Competence Centre for University Teaching in Medicine Baden-Württemberg (The University of Tübingen)

2013-2016 M.A. International Literature

P4. Lebanese American University (LAU), Lebanon

Dr. Diane NAUFFAL, Assistant to the President for Institutional Research & Assessment

Dr. Diane Nauffal is Assistant to the President for Institutional Research & Assessment. She provides decision-support research and analysis needed in planning and policy-formulation processes, accreditation, and institutional effectiveness activities. Dr. Nauffal serves as a faculty member in the Department of Education, specializing in educational leadership and management. Her areas of professional interest are strategic planning, leadership and governance, educational policy, assessment of student learning, accreditation, and institutional effectiveness with an emphasis on higher education. She has several articles, conference papers and book chapters in these areas. Dr. Nauffal holds a B.S. in Mathematics, a Diploma for Teaching Mathematics at the secondary level, and an M.A. in Mathematics Education from the American University of Beirut, as well as a Ph.D. in Education, with an emphasis on educational management and policy, from the University of Birmingham, UK.

Dr. Rula Diab, Assistant to the President for Institutional Research & Assessment

Dr. Rula Diab is Associate Professor of English/Applied Linguistics at LAU's English Department. In her capacity as Assistant Provost for Academic Affairs, she assists the Provost in duties related to accreditation, academic programs, student academic affairs, policies and procedures, and other academic activities and initiatives. Prior to her role at the Provost's Office, she served as founding director of the LAU Writing Center and was also chair of her department. She teaches courses in linguistics and advanced academic writing and is the

recipient of the LAU Teaching Excellence Award for the academic year 2016-2017. Her research interests include individual difference variables in second-language acquisition, particularly language learners' beliefs, preferences and attitudes toward language learning, in addition to the area of writing in a second language.

P5. Beirut Arab University (BAU), Lebanon

Prof. Sobhi ABOU CHAHINE, Dean of Student Affairs

Prof. Sobhi Abou Chahine received the B.E. degree in Electrical Engineering from Beirut Arab University (BAU – Lebanon) in 1987, the D.E.A. degree in Microwave and Optics from ENSERG, Polytechnical National Institute of Grenoble (INPG – France) in 1990, and the Ph.D. degree in Electronics and Communications from the National Superior Institute of Telecommunications (ENST - Paris, France) in 1994. He joined Beirut Arab University (BAU) in 1994, where he is currently a Professor in the Electrical & Computer Engineering and the Dean of Student Affairs. Previously he served as Chairman of the Electrical & Computer Engineering Department at BAU (2010-2012), Executive director of the Quality Assurance Unit at BAU (2009-2013) and Advisor of the minister of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon (2010 – 2014). He is Member of the Technical Committee in the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (Committee responsible for licensing and auditing higher education institutions and programs) since 2002 and Member of the Equivalence committee (2010-2019) in the Ministry of Education and Higher education (Committee responsible for equivalence and recognition of higher education degrees and diplomas). His research interest is in the field of microwave instrumentation, Propagation, communications and antennas. He is the Author of some studies and papers concerning higher education. He participated in many international projects relevant to higher education reform and quality assurance. Prof. Abou Chahine participated in 2014 and 2015 with the HCERES as international expert in the evaluation of French higher education institutions.

Prof. Mayssah EL NAYAL, Dean of the Faculty of Human Sciences

Prof. Mayssah El Noyal is Professor of Psychology, and currently the Dean, at the Faculty of Human Sciences, Beirut Arab University. She obtained her PhD in 1988 from the University of Alexandria (Egypt), after an academic mission to London University (UK). She was a consultant at the Bibliotheca Alexandrian (Egypt) for children, young people and education, a consultant at the Egyptian Association of Psychology, and a consultant at the Egyptian Organization of Children with Special Needs. Currently, she is a member and consultant of Australian Apheda on the mental health of women in Lebanon. In addition to a program launched by the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education on the pedagogical characteristics of teachers, Prof. El Noyal has also completed a number of research projects with UNESCO concerning the socio-economic impact on workers and employees in Lebanon, Morocco, Sudan and Egypt. Academically, Prof. El Noyal has launched the Women's Studies Diploma, the Special Needs Diploma and a Masters in Clinical Psychology at BAU and has published over 80 papers and studies in

different domains, covering topics in education, personality, women's studies and clinical psychology. She has also been supervising a large number theses and dissertations.

P7. Lebanese Canadian University (LCU), Lebanon

Mrs. Randa HABIB, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, Director of Admissions and Registration

Mrs. Randa Habib is the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, Director of Admissions and Registration at the Lebanese Canadian University, with more than 15 years of experience in the academic field. She holds an EMBA, Bachelor of Law, Certificate of Criminology from the University of Montreal and Diploma d'Etudes Collegiales (CEJEP) from College Rosemont Canada. She represents the Chairman of the Board of Trustees in the event of his/her absence in:

- Chairing meetings and preparing business plans
- Supervising the financial auditing, discharge and the administrations 'commitment to quality standards, and the submission of reports to the university board
- Preparing action plans, educational projects, and cooperation agreements between the university and higher education institutions in accordance to the suggestion of the university rector and the recommendation of the university board
- Participating in the launching of partnerships with international universities
- Coordinating, developing, and implementing registration and enrollment policies and Procedures in consultation with the university Board.
- Preparing and maintaining statistics regarding enrollment, geographical distribution of students, financial aid, and attrition. Interpreting these statistics, when appropriate to the administration, faculty, and board of trustees.
- Managing the Graphic Design, Social Media and Public Relations Departments for the development of promotional materials that interpret the university to prospective students.
- Organizing and planing special events, such as open doors, recruiting events etc., involving prospective students

Dr. Nahed TAHA RIZK, Dean Of Business

- More than 10 years in the academic field, long teaching and research experience, Have 3 books and 10 articles.
- DBA doctorate of business administration, forensic accounting France
- PhD in marketing.
- Senior project and Thesis supervisor, Supervisor for PhD students, DBA Jury, Member at UJM, "University Jean, Monnet, Saint Etienne (UJM) a member Of the "Université de Lyon.
- Chair for the economics and management at the Lebanese Association for the Advancement of Science (LAAS)

- Attending many conferences and seminars such as : Advances in Sciences and technology, Innovation pédagogique par l'approche par compétences , The impact of international accreditation systems, Training event for E-learning, Quality assurance, teaching and learning, La Conférence des Recteurs de la Région du Moyen-Orient (CONFREMO)

Lecturer for international students, at BTEU, Belarusian trade economical university for consumer cooperatives in Public relations to international business at Gomel, Belarus. And making two training: rectorate, and E- Learning and innovative tools of education. And attending conferences about “Youth in research and entrepreneurship”, and “Globalization, Innovation, and Sustainability”.

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- Academic education in business education and international Management in Cologne (Germany)
- Dr. (Ph.D) earned at University of Cologne (Germany)
- Assistant professor University St. Gallen (Switzerland)
- Full professor University Erlangen-Nuremberg

Dr. Yvonne SCHAKLE, Senior Lecturer

- Vocational training in banking and finance
- Academic education in business education and international Management in Nuremberg and Lund/Sweden
- Dr. (PhD) earned at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg
- Currently senior lecturer at Chair of Business Education, focusing on the German professional training system (German Dual Vocational System)

P12. Espace Mendès France (EMF), France

Serge RAVET, European and International Projects

From ePortfolio to Open Badges, Recognition is at the heart of a professional life dedicated to exploring the contribution of digital technologies to the empowerment of individuals and communities, their ability to lead educational and social innovation. Laureate of the Digital Media Learning Trust Challenge (2015) awarded by the MacArthur Foundation, Serge contributed to the development of the Open Badge Passport and the publication of the Bologna Open Recognition Declaration (2016). After 30+ international projects, he is currently leading for Espace Mendès France two Erasmus+ projects: MIRVA (Making Informal Recognition Visible and Accessible) and BRIDGES (Broadening Recognition Initiatives Developing Gender Equity in Sciences).

Bert JEHOUL, Open Recognition Consultant

Bert Jehoul is part of the Innovation team of the Digital Transformation Office of the Federal Belgian Government and also Board member of Open Knowledge Belgium. He is convinced of the power of openness to reduce bureaucracy, increase trust & facilitate citizen-engagement and private-public coöperations. He is a member of the International Open Recognition Alliance & Open Badges community, co-founder of Open Recognition Belgium and coach at Open Summer of Code. Bert has a background in Psychology and Psychometrics.

Practical Information

About Cyprus and Nicosia

Cyprus: Cyprus enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with abundant sunshine all year round. Long, dry summers and mild winters are separated by short autumn and spring seasons. Summer temperatures can be very high (> 40o at time), while winters are rather mild, with some rain throughout the island and snow on the Troodos Mountains. Lightweight cottons and linens during summer months, and warm clothing and rainwear during winter as recommended, as is facial sunscreen SPF 30 or higher.

Nicosia: Nicosia, with a population of around 240.000, is the island's largest city. Although Nicosia is a modern city with highrises, shopping centres, theatres and restaurants, it has retained its historical character in the preserved and renovated "Old City" centre, located within the Venetian walls. These city walls, which separate the old town from the new, testify to Cyprus's long history of domination by foreign rulers.

The ceasefire line (also known as the "Green Line") alerts visitors to Nicosia's status as the last divided capital in Europe. Despite that, Nicosia is a modern commercial centre, with a rich cultural and social and athletic life. A selection of theatres, cinemas, night clubs, restaurants and athletic centres enrich the visitor's stay. Nicosia is the administrative, cultural, educational and religious centre of the country, and is also geographically at the centre of the island. Economic service (group) taxis and bus routes operate between all main cities.

Hosting institution

Special thanks to the University of Cyprus (Nicosia) for hosting and organizing this event.

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Note: A presentation will be given on the University of Cyprus on Monday morning.

Hotel accommodation

A group booking is made for all the participants at the SEMELI HOTEL, Nicosia for the duration of the stay. The payment will be made directly by USEK, the coordinating institution.

The address of SEMELI HOTEL could be find here below:

10 Petraki Yiallourou Str., Agioi Omologites, Nicosia 1077, CYPRUS

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EMAIL: hotel@semelihotel.com.cy | WEBSITE : <http://www.semelihotel.com.cy>

Note: The hotel is 10 minutes driving distance from the University of Cyprus where the workshop will be held. Transportation from Hotel to the University of Cyprus (2 ways for the 3 days) is arranged.

Airport Transportation

The closest international airport to the conference venue is Larnaca International airport. The programme of the workshop is planned in such a way that Lebanese delegates may take the same flight ME261 departing from Beirut airport on Sunday 12th January at 8pm (arrival at 8:45pm) and return flight ME 262 on Wednesday 15th January at 9:25pm (arrival at 10:05pm). Thus, a bus for the transportation from and to Larnaca airport will be arranged.

Visa

A visa is required for the Lebanese Citizens unless they hold a valid Schengen visa. Participants will be provided with the necessary documents.

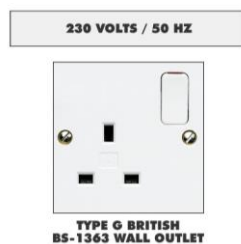
The processing at the Embassy of Cyprus normally takes 7 Working days.

Cyprus Weather in January, Bring your Umbrella!

January, along with February, is the coldest month in Cyprus. On the lowlands minimum temperature might go below 7-8°C in the coastal areas and 5-6°C inland. Average maximum temperature in January is about 16-18°C. There is a high possibility of rain – meteorological statistics suggest January to be the second rainiest month of all in Cyprus. Hail and snow in the lowlands are possible but the chance is very small, and even in that rare occasion the snow melts very quickly before it even touches the ground. Frosts are rarely severe but frequent in the inland.

Electrical Outlets

It is recommended to bring an adapter as the power plugs and sockets in Cyprus are of type G.



Financial Information and Expenses Coverage

Expenses funded by the project		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel cost: LB-CY [246 km] = 180 EUR FR-CY [~3100km] = 530 EUR DE-CY [~2500km] = 360 EUR http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources_en#tab-1-4 • Cost of stay: 4 days * 120 EUR = 480 EUR 		
Description	Price	Payment
Hotel at SEMELI (3 nights)	210 EUR (70 EUR per night)	Directly by the Project
Transportation from / to Hotel / UCY	~60 EUR (6 ways)	Directly by the Project
Catering arrangements by TSANTSALI, Nicosia	~40 EUR (Two coffee breaks daily and lunch on Monday and Tuesday)	Directly by the Project
Transportation from / to Airport / Semeli Hotel for Lebanese	~20 EUR (2 ways)	Directly by the Project
Remanining amount	~150 EUR (to be confirmed once all payments are made)	Will be paid to the partner institutions in the name of each participant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff cost: 3 days * units of staff cost as researcher/teacher 		
Difference to be co-financed by partners		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flight cost difference and travel insurance depending on when tickets are booked (participants have to arrive by Sunday evening and leaving on Wednesday starting early afternoon as the workshop ends at 12pm) • Visa fees if applicable • Dinners 		

Important note:

Each participant is kindly requested to provide the following documents by the end of the workshop:

- Completed and signed Individual Travel Report (ITR) – will be distributed during the workshop
- Your flight invoice and receipt
- Your boarding passes

Workshop documentation

A link will be provided to access all the documentation including presentations given during the workshop.

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