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| **INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANNED PROJECT:** | | | | | | | |
| **Erasmus+ International co-operation Activity** (higher education sector) – **type of the project idea** | | | **Please, tick the appropriate one/ones:**  **Erasmus+ KA1: International students and staff credit mobility**  **Erasmus+ KA1: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees**  **Erasmus+ KA2: Capacity Building Higher Education in Partner Countries**  **Erasmus+ Jean Monnet programme** | | | | |
| **Discipline / Academic field** | | |  | | | | |
| **Institution’s preferable role in the project?** (applicant/partner) | | | **Applicant**  **Partner** | | | | |
| **Which countries are about to be involved?** | | | **Erasmus+ Programme Countries** | | | **Palestine** | |
| **Erasmus+ Partner Countries** | | | **Netherlands,Germany,United Kindom, France** | |
| **Working language of the project consortium = language of the project application** | | | **English, Arabic** | | | | |
| **Duration of the project** | | | **3 years** | | | | |

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| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** |
| **Title: Bridging the Gap between the University and Employment**  **Objectives**  In recent years, there are several initiatives to plug the gap between the universities and the employment sectors in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). These initiatives has been documented in many workshops, conferences and researches. The gap is due to the lack in employment vacancies and the lack of practical skills and experiences in the field of ICT. There is a need for a cooperation between universities and ICT sectors, government to bridge the gap between the skills and experiences gained at the universities and the skill and experience needed in employment  We aim to collaborate for a joint project to achieve the following objectives:  1.Transferring Knowledge and skills from European partner universities to Palestinian universities;  2. Provide training programs to qualify graduates students in ICT for jobs in Palestine and in the region  3.Enhancing academic degree in ICT with the key skills and experience to meet the business demand.  4. involving the private sector in the academic programs to meet market needs. |
| **Activities**   * Training & Technical Needs assessment study * Visit of European partners to Palestine and vice versa * Training & Development for academia and experts from private sector * Courses & study plans development * Establishing Palestinian European unit for abroad job employment * Quality and supervision guarantee mechanism * Dissemination of results and sustainability plan * Project management |
| **Results**  1. Increase job opportunity  2. Training programs for graduate students that bridge the gap between university graduates and required market skills and experience  3. Enhanced and qualified academic programs and curriculums that approaches market demands locally and globally  4. Organizing a series of training workshops targeting the teaching staff and students to exchange knowledge and skills and get acquainted with the experience of the European countries in this regard and benefit from it  5. Enriching the Palestinian work market with skilled knowledgeable graduates and filling the gap between theory and practice  6. Establishing a unit to support the practical part of the courses and produce highly skilled graduates.  6. Establishing excellency center to qualify highly skilled graduates. |

**We are searching for:**

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| **Types of institutions** | Academic / vocational/Technical university or Higher Educational Institution |
| **Country/Region** | Netherlands, United Kingdom, Germany, France or any other European country |
| **Institutions’ profiles** | Have a good rank or reputation in their IT graduates employment |
| **Other relevant information** | Have IT excellency centers or IT incubators, in addition to outsourcing business |