

NEWS LETTER



Vocational training center for undergraduate university students and teachers in Jordan



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WHAT IS VTC PROJECT

VTC is a three years project started on October 15, 2015, and funded by the European Union through Erasmus+ programme that concentrates on providing Jordanian students with competencies and skills needed by the market.

The project aims at institutionalizing vocational training within the Jordanian universities so that it becomes a main component of students' life at the university.

The EU experience is a major component in the success of the VTC project. The EU countries in this project including Germany, Spain, Portugal, and Slovakia have an excellent experience in the fields of vocational skills training.

Specific Objectives

- ❖ Construct a vocational training center for graduate and undergraduate students in partners universities.
- ❖ Apply a vocational training for the students to enhance and to develop their abilities and to build bridges between their theoretical study and vocational training skills
- ❖ Develop a vocational training program in order to create and publish common methodology and legal documentation for the lifelong Learning, E-learning and Distant Education, practical training for all universities in Jordan in accordance with European standard.
- ❖ Develop and enhance the staff abilities who will lead the vocational training.

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PROJECT TIMELINE

Work package	Title	Delivery Date
Preparation	Review, State of the art and Network between partner	Oct-Nov, 2015
Development	Assessment studies for the needs of students	Nov, 2015-June, 2016
	Employment sector database collection	Apr-June, 2016
	Purchase of teaching equipment and bibliographic material	Oct, 2016-Jun, 2017
	Make vocational skill competency development an integrated part in Teaching	Dec, 2016-Sep, 2017
	Career guidance and counselling programs for the career sector	Oct, 2016-Jun, 2017
Quality	Quality control and monitoring	Oct, 2015-Oct, 2018
Dissemination	Project Dissemination	Oct, 2015-Jul, 2017
	Exploitation of results and sustainability	Mar, 2018
Management	Project Management	Oct, 2015-Oct, 2018



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Final Management Meeting

29th Sep. – 3rd Oct, 2018

The final management meeting has been organized by Faculty of Computer Science, Mathematics and Natural Sciences. The meeting was held at Leipzig University of Applied Sciences, Leipzig, in (Germany), on 29th-3rd October.. More than 30 participants from 5 Countries attended the kick off meeting.

Managers, administrative and technical staff of HTWK, JUST and JO partners have been involved for the organization and management of the meeting.



2.1 First day of the final management meeting



During the first day of the final management meeting, 29 of September 2018, all participants were transferred to the campus of Leipzig University of Applied Sciences in Leipzig, where the meeting of (VTC) project of Jordanian universities with European partners was held. VTC project have been funded with support European Commission (Erasmus+ KA2). Some of the activities in this day:

1. Opening of the workshop
2. Quality assurance in VTC project
3. Discussion of the quality of the developed courses

2.2 Second day of the kick-off meeting

During the second day of the final management meeting, 1st October 2018, a discussion of developed training courses in Jo partners and the evaluation, discussion of the evaluation and VTC regional center and future work.



2.3 Third day of the final management meeting

During the third day of the final management meeting the presentations of each partner and each WPs (task and deliverables) have been outlined. During this day there were presented, discussed and specified nine WPs.

Some of the activities in this day:

1. Extensive discussions on the WPs.
2. Project team members (steering committee)
3. Co-finance: equipment, training, staff cost, travel cost.
4. Staff reports
5. Final report and final documents
6. Future work in the project

Al al-Bayt University

Career Planning for Undergraduate Students Training Workshop at Al al-Bayt University

Training Date: August, 13, 2017

Training Titles: The training was one of the proposed activities in the Vocational training center for undergraduate university students and teacher in Jordan as one of the objectives of Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education in the Jordanian Universities.

The training topics was according to the output of the questionnaire distributed among the students and policy makers.

The training program focus on an important issues and skills that needs by students.

Number of Participants: 35



University of Jordan

Date: April 3, 2018

Trainer: Mr. Eleutério Silva from Paulo & Beatriz - Associated Consultants (P&B)

Target Group: Faculty members

Description: This workshop was conducted by Mr. Eleutério Silva from Paulo & Beatriz - Associated Consultants (P&B) at The University of Jordan. The workshop aimed to Support the use of technology and digital platforms in the educational process.



Jordan University of Science and Technology

Start your own business

Training Workshop March 12 to 16 2018



Hochschule für Technik, Wirtschaft und Kultur Leipzig (HTWK Leipzig)
Covering a progression of topics necessary for successful business creation, focusing on the business plan development. This step will include mindset, ideation, planning, action and strategy. Rather than just describing what to do, the focus will be on guiding the trainees through the process of actually doing it. The session will describe the four main chapters of the of the business plan, (Management plan, Production (Operational) plan, Marketing plan and Financial plan)

Monitoring Visit to VTC Project at AABU



Place: Vocational Training Center (VTC) at Al al-Bayt University

Visitor: Dr. Riyadh Qashi and EU partners

Aim of Visit: Dr. Riyadh visit the Vocational Training Center (VTC) room at Al al-Bayt University

Dr. Riyadh and EU partners Check the 25 desktop computer and one server at the center the was funded by Erasmus+ project. Meanwhile, Dr. Riyadh check the other equipment that funded by Erasmus+ project, that include (Data show, Printer and Laptop).

In addition, Dr. Riyadh meet with the project coordinator at Al al-Bayt University, Dr. Mohammad Al-Smairan to discuss all the issues related to the project, such as: quality report, sustainability of the project,...etc.

VTC CENTER OPENING AT AABU

On August 13, 2017, the Vocational Training center in Al al-Bayt University was inaugurated in presence of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering /Al al-Bayt University and the faculty staff.



VTC Events at UJ

Title of the event: Arduino programing training course

Date: July 19 and 21, 2018

Audience: Students

Description: This workshop helped the student to understand the basic procedures for working with Arduino. Arduino is a small computer that you can program to control things like lights or motors along with listening to components like motion detection sensors. It can give the project interactivity without needing an expensive and large circuit. Instead, you use a computer to program the Arduino, upload your code to the Arduino, and hook up your circuit.

The duration of this workshop was two days with four sessions each day, in a total of eight hours properly divided



into theory and hand on practical sessions. At the end of this workshop, the participated students acquired the needed skill to design and control a mobile robot. Certificates of participation were issued to all who attended the workshop.

Title of the event: Organizing job fairs

Date: April 29, 2018

Audience: Students

Description: Under the patronage of the President of the University of Jordan, Prof. Azmi Mahafazah, a job fair day was organized in The University of Jordan on April 29, 2018 with participants from different esteemed organizations in Jordan that can offer decent vacancies for UJ graduates

The job fair was organized by the Deanship of student's affairs with the cooperation of VTC project team members, a booth for VTC project was in the exhibition with rollup and brochures, a brief about the project and its objectives and services for the students were communicated to the attendees.

The exhibition, which is attended by 24 companies and institutions from both the public and private sectors, has varied from administrative, financial, medical, pharmaceutical, commercial and educational. It is expected to provide over 220 jobs for university students and graduates in various faculties and majors.

The annual Career Fair is a meeting point between university students and those who are about to graduate to learn about the real job opportunities available to them according to their specializations according to the director of the Career Guidance Office and the follow-up of the graduates. The career fair would bridge the gap between university education and the labor market and contribute to the definition of students through participating companies and institutions on the career paths required by the labor market at present.



Official inauguration for the VTC center

Date: July 19, 2018

Description: On Thursday, 19/7/2018, the Faculty of Engineering inaugurated a vocational training center within the European Union-supported VTC project on the establishment of a vocational training center for undergraduate students.

The opening ceremony was held in the presence of project partners from the Jordanian universities and the project coordinator from Leipzig University of Applied Sciences (HTWK).

The aim of this center, which is considered one of the most important activities of the project, is to provide Jordanian students with the needed practical skills required by a labor market in various sectors.

Dr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, project coordinator at the University of Jordan, said that training courses will be held within the framework of the project in the center for students.

The participants also praised the importance of such training centers, which support students with the skills needed by the labor market, which contribute in improving the professional and technical performance of students and graduates.

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VTC Events at GJU

Title of the event: Vocational Training Workshop at GJU by Trainers from Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

Date: 21 Oct. 2017

Trainer: Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra

- 1- Dr. Mravcová Anna
- 2- Dr. Paluchová Johana
- 3- Dr. Gálová Jana

Target Group: Students

Description: As part of the capacity building in the Vocational Training Center for undergraduate university students and teachers in Jordan (VTC project), four trainers from the Slovakian partner (the Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra) participated capacity building by training 50 students and instructors at GJU on 21 Oct. 2017. The same trainers will do a similar training at the other five partner Jordanian universities.

The training program was for five hours and covered four training sessions:

- 1- Global citizenship education - Critical Thinking in Solving Problems and New Ideas, by Dr. Mravcová Anna
- 2- Skills in Using Computer Software - Neuromarketing as progressive methods in market research, by Dr. Berčík Jakub
- 3- Sales and Marketing Skills - Contrast in International Marketing between Chosen European –Asian - African countries, by Dr. Paluchová Johana
- 4- Basic Fundamentals in Project Management - Internationalization, Networking and Project Cooperation Opportunities in Higher Education, by Dr. Gálová Jana



TOT in Leipzig, Germany

As part of the capacity building in the Vocational training center for undergraduate university students and teachers in Jordan (VTC project), trainers from GJU and six other Jordanian partners participated in the train of the trainer program conducted at HTWK Leipzig in Leipzig, Germany in the period 11-17 March 2017.



VTC workshop at JUST

Title of the event: VTC Project Workshop on Graduates Employability

Date: 4 September 2018

Target Group: Students

Description: VTCs bridge the gap between courses and jobs

1. Recent Changes and Challenges in Higher Education in the UK: the Case of London Metropolitan University
2. Institutional Priorities (in Groups) followed by summary of day 1 discussions
3. Curriculum Initiatives at London Metropolitan University
4. Disseminating best practice: the role of VTCs
5. Discussion of best practice/dissemination



Vocational Training Center Events at AABU

Date: October, 25, 2017

Audience: Students.

Training Titles

1. Sales and Marketing Skills: Contrast in International Marketing between Chosen European – Asian – African Countries.
2. Global Citizenship Education – Critical Thinking in Solving Problems and New Ideas.
3. Basic Fundamentals in Project Management: Internationalization, Networking and Project Cooperation Opportunities in Higher Education.

Short Description about the Training

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The training topics was according to the output of the questionnaire distributed among the students and policy makers.

The training program focus on an important issues and skills such as sales and marketing, Global citizenship and project management.

Number of Participants: 43



PORTUGAL Training Workshop at Al al-Bayt University

Training Date

November, 25, 2017

Training Titles

1. Customer Essential Elements of a Customer Management Approach.
2. Sales and Marketing Skills: Strategy and Tactics.
3. History, Heritage and Development: The Touristic Activity.

Short Description about the Training

The training was one of the proposed activities in the Vocational training center for undergraduate university students and teacher in Jordan as one of the objectives of Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education in the Jordanian Universities.

The sessions concentrated on the strategy of sales and marketing, the tactics used, the five rules of communication in sales and the marketing attitude. Also, the training focus on the customer management, managing relationships, creating opportunities and managing opportunities. In addition, the last lecture was show how local, regional and national history and heritage can be decisive on the promotion of personal and community identity and self-esteem and so, education and citizenship.

List of Participants: 70



MONOJO Training Workshop at Al al-Bayt University

Time and place

April, 11, 2018

Trainer

Khalid Khraisat

Short Description about the Training

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The training topics was according to the output of the questionnaire distributed among the students and policy makers.

The training program focus on an important issues and skills that needs by students.

Number of participants:41



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