Tuning Middle East and North Africa
T-MEDA

Fifth General Meeting

International Forum "Policy, Research and Practice in Higher Education"

PROGRAMME

Bilbao, 22-27 May 2016

VENUE

University of Deusto
CRAI Library
Calle Ramón Rubial, 1,
48009 Bilbao, Vizcaya, Spain

ACCOMMODATION

Barceló Hotel Nervión
Paseo del Campo Volantín 11,
48007 Bilbao, Spain

CONCEPT NOTE

Tuning Middle East and North Africa (T-MEDA) project is aimed at the implementation of the Bologna tools in Southern Neighbouring Area universities through building of a framework of **comparable, compatible and transparent programmes of studies**.

In order to achieve this objective, the project is applying the Tuning methodology and developing **Tuning Reference Points in Architecture, Law, Nursing, and Tourism.** For that reason, the wider **consultation on competences and student workload** has been conducted in Middle East and North Africa with key stakeholders – academics, students, graduates and employers. The information received during this activity is relevant not only for the project aims but also for wider **research** academic discussion.

The **practical aspect** of the project is reflected in the development, implementation, monitoring and improving of degree programmes for the first cycle by the participating Universities. The updated and modernised programmes will be taught no less than 1 year and subject for broad discussion of **good practice in the implementation** of competence-based approach and ECTS-based programmes in T-MEDA region.

Tuning Middle East and North Africa project is specially designed to promote **regional and international cooperation** between universities. For that reason, the involvement of policy makers and decision makers in the discussion of project findings is extremely important for sustainability of results and overall impact. Accordingly, **International Forum on policy, research and practice** in higher education is aimed to support **informed decision-making** in higher education policies of T-MEDA partner countries, provide **evidence-based contemporary research** on competence based approach, and present **good practices in the implementation** of ECTS based programmes.

Participants of the Forum are **academic and management staff** of T-MEDA project, **researchers and practitioners** from different institutions, **decision-makers and policy-makers** in the area of higher education. International Forum will serve as a platform that allow participants to share their experience, knowledge and vision, discuss the current strategies and future trends in modernisation of higher education in the Middle East and North Africa.

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22 May 2016	**Arrival of participants**
19:00 20:00	**Welcome Reception and Early Registration**
20:00	**Dinner in Barceló Hotel Nervión**

23 May 2016	*Opening of the Meeting.* *International Forum (CRAI, -1st Floor, Room Ellacuria)*
08:30 09:00	**Registration**
09:00 09:30	**Welcome and Opening** **Sultan Abu-Orabi Aladwan,** Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities (Jordan) **Kamal El Mahdaoui,** Consul General, Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Bilbao (Morocco) **Adolfo Morais Ezkerro,** Deputy Minister of Universities and Research, Education, Language Policy and Culture, The Basque Government (Spain) **Alvaro de la Rica Aspiuntza,** Vice-Rector for International Relations of the University of Deusto (Spain) **Pablo Beneitone**, Director of Tuning Academy, University of Deusto (Spain)
09:30 10:30	**Panel I "Evidence Based Policy in Higher Education: Current Practices and Future Trends in Middle East and North Africa" PART I** Chair – **Ivan Dyukarev**, Project Manager, University of Deusto (Spain) Presentations: – **Sultan Abu-Orabi Aladwan**, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities (Jordan) – **Violet Makuku**, Project Officer of the Association of African Universities (Ghana) – **Ahmad Jammal**, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of Education & Higher Education (Lebanon)
10:30 11:00	**Coffee Break** CRAI -1st Floor
11:00 12:00	**Panel I "Evidence Based Policy in Higher Education: Current Practices and Future Trends in Middle East and North Africa" PART II** Chair – **Ivan Dyukarev**, Project Manager, University of Deusto (Spain) Presentation: – **Ahmed Magdy Ibrahim A. Elgohary**, President of Egypt-Japan University for Science & Technology (Egypt) – **Hady Mahfouz**, President of the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (Lebanon) – **M. Maher Kabakibi,** President of Arab International University (Syria)
12:00 13:00	**Panel II "Implementation of Competence Based Programmes: Challenges and Good Practice"** Chair – **Pablo Beneitone**, University of Deusto (Spain) Presentations: – **Asier Altuna,** University of Deusto (Spain) – **Ahmad Alhusban**, Hashemite University (Jordan) – **Darina Saliba**, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (Lebanon) – **Abeer Eswi**, Cairo University (Egypt) – **Lamlom Sabah**, Omar Al-Mukhtar University (Libya)

13:00	14:00	**Lunch** CRAI -1st Floor
14:00	15:00	**Panel III "Quality Assurance of Educational Programmes: T-MEDA Case Study"** Chair – **Sultan Abu-Orabi Aladwan**, Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities (Jordan) Round table: – **Mohamed Rafat Mahmoud Ismaeil**, Assistant Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities (Jordan) – **Rafee Hakky**, International University for Science and Technology (Syria) – **Mohammad Bashayreh**, Yarmouk University (Jordan) – **Abeer Eswi**, Cairo University (Egypt) – **Mairna Mustafa**, Hashemite University (Jordan)
15:00	16:00	**Panel IV "Research for Educational Practice and Policy Making: Competence-Based Approach" PART I** Chair – **Anna Serbati**, University of Padova (Italy) Presentations: – **Luigi Filippo Donà dalle Rose**, University of Padova (Italy) – **Nadia Hached**, University of Algiers (Algeria) – **Rafee Hakky**, International University for Science and Technology (Syria) – **Mairna Mustafa,** Hashemite University (Jordan)
16:00	16:30	**Coffee Break** CRAI -1st Floor
16:30	17:30	**Panel IV "Research for Educational Practice and Policy Making: Competence-Based Approach" PART II** Chair – **Luigi Filippo Donà dalle Rose**, University of Padova (Italy) Presentations: – **Ahmad Alhusban**, Hashemite University (Jordan) – **Liliane Kazzi**, Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (Lebanon) – **Chiat Khalid,** University Mohammed First (Morocco) – **Anas Lamchichi**, University Moulay Ismail (Morocco)
17:30	18:00	**Summing Up, Recommendations, Closing the Forum**
20:00		**Gala Dinner in Barceló Hotel Nervión**

24 May 2016		*SAG Meeting (CRAI)*
09:30	**11:00**	**Plenary Session** -1st Floor, Room Ellacuria
09:30	10:30	Students' workload survey analysis. Credits and its link with Tuning Methodology. **Edurne Bartolome** and **Pablo Beneitone**, University of Deusto (Spain) Tasks to be done at the SAG Parallel Sessions. **Pablo Beneitone**, University of Deusto (Spain)
10:30	11:00	**Open Debate and Questions**
11:00	11:30	**Coffee Break** CRAI -1st Floor
11:30	**16:00**	**SAG Parallel Sessions** 7th Floor: Room 1 (Nursing), Room 2 (Architecture), Room 3 (Law) 8th Floor: Room 4 (Tourism)
11:30	13:30	SAG work Revising the programmes in accordance with survey results and QA peer review. Revising the Reference Points, adding the data on students' workload.
13:30	**14:30**	**Lunch** CRAI -1st Floor

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| 16:00 | 17:30 | **Visit to the University of Deusto** |

25 May 2016		*Summary Session (CRAI)*
09:00	**13:30**	**SAG Parallel Sessions** 7th Floor: Room 1 (Nursing), Room 2 (Architecture), Room 3 (Law) 8th Floor: Room 4 (Tourism)
09:00	11:00	SAG work Revising the programmes in accordance with survey results and QA peer review. Revising the Reference Points, adding the data on students' workload.
11:00	11:30	**Coffee Break** 7th Floor Atrio
11:30	13:30	SAG work Revising the programmes in accordance with survey results and QA peer review. Revising the Reference Points, adding the data on students' workload.
13:30	**14:30**	**Lunch** CRAI -1st Floor
14:30	**17:00**	**Plenary Session** -1st Floor, Room Ellacuria
14:30	16:00	**Project Results. Sustainability and Future Development** **Pablo Beneitone**, University of Deusto (Spain) **Ivan Dyukarev**, University of Deusto (Spain) **Rafee Hakky**, International University for Science and Technology (Syria) **Mohammad Bashayreh**, Yrmouk University (Jordan) **Abeer Eswi**, Cairo University (Egypt) **Mairna Mustafa**, Hashemite University (Jordan)
16:00	16:30	**Practical Aspects and Running of the Project** **Ivan Dyukarev**, University of Deusto (Spain)
16:30	17:00	**Summing Up, Closing the SAG Meeting**

26 May 2016		**Networking and Brainstorm Sessions** (**CRAI)**
08:30	10:00	**Academic Cooperation** Facilitators - Ivan Dyukarev and Maria Yarosh, University of Deusto (Spain), Anna Serbati, University of Padova (Italy) **Project Management** Facilitator - Ivan Dyukarev, University of Deusto (Spain)
10:00	10:30	**Coffee Break** **Closing the Fifth General Meeting**
10:30	14:30	**Visit to Guernica**

27 May 2016	**Departure**