



AGENDA



Erasmus+ Regional Information Session (Online) Middle East

22 April 2024 | 11:00 to 15:30 (CEST)

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OPENNING REMARKS

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Who are the Erasmus+ National Focal Points?

- Erasmus+ National Focal Points (ENFPs) represent the lifeblood of the Erasmus+ mission within third countries not associated to the Programme. They are selected by their nation's governing entities - such as the ministries overseeing higher education - to be the champions and standard-bearers for the Erasmus+ activities within their borders.
- As an ENFP, they are entrusted to increase the reach and accessibility of the Erasmus+ programme in their country.
- Their goal is to ensure that every potential applicant and beneficiary, regardless of their field, can tap into this reservoir of educational and professional development opportunities.
- Their support is the keystone to embedding the Erasmus+ programme deeply into the fabric of the Non Associated Third Countries region.
- They are more than a point of contact; they are the mentor, guide, and local beacon for prospective applicants and beneficiaries, ensuring the programme's goals resonate at both the national and regional levels.
- Given the complexity of the Erasmus+ programme and the breadth of opportunities it offers, their role is of vital importance. As a guiding figure, they provide the necessary assistance and clarity to navigate the programme's processes, making them more approachable for all potential applicants.
- As outlined in the ENFP Terms of Reference, their appointment is a badge of trust and expectation, bestowed by national authorities and affirmed by the EU Delegations.
- Their mandate is clear: to weave the Erasmus+ vision into the local narrative.

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Dr. Samir has Bachelor degree in veterinary medicine, higher diploma in veterinary Gynecology and Obstetrics, and Master degree in Reproductive Physiology and Endocrinology. He has PhD in Biological Sciences from University of Reading/UK. He has diploma in Leadership and public policy from the American University in Sharja/UAE.

He worked as ambassador of University of Reading for 3 years. He was the founder and head of two societies in the UK, the Iraqi students' society in the UK as well as the Iraqi student's society in the University of Reading.

He works as Director of International Organizations department in the headquarter of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Iraq. He is heading the ministerial committees to implement the programs of many International organizations in the Iraqi universities such as WFP, JICA and UNESCO. He works as member of ministerial committees to implement other projects in the Higher Education from World Bank, International Trade Center to coordinate their work with the Ministry and the General Secretariat of the Council of Ministers, particularly with the NGOs office.

He works as the national focal point with the EU to coordinate and implement the Erasmus+ programs in Iraq.

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Ahmed Khamis Al-Qutaiti is the Acting Director of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Higher Education Research and Innovation, Oman.

He has been nominated as the Erasmus+ National Focal Point (ENFP) since 2021.

He has a master degree in International Relations from Monash University and his main interest is to exchange expertise and best practices in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations 2030 (SDGs) especially Goal 4: Quality Education.

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Dr. Azizi serves as the General Director of International Organizations at the Saudi Ministry of Education, and the National Focal Point for Erasmus+ in Saudi Arabia.

His tasks include preparing nomination criteria for Saudi human capabilities to work and participate in regional and international organizations, representing the ministry in the National Committee for Education, Culture and Science and relevant international organizations, studying reports and documents issued by regional and international organizations and making recommendations regarding them, strengthening the Ministry's relationship with local for-profit and non-profit local and international organizations, participate in preparing a report on the external communication activities of Ministry of Education in relation to international organizations, coordinating and following up the participation of Ministry of Education employees in conferences of international organizations, and representing MOE in the Executive Board of UNESCO.

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Dr. Al-Juwder is Assistant Professor at the College of science-University of Bahrain.

He obtained a BSc. in chemistry from King Saud University in 1982, Excellent with Honor.

He obtained Master and PhD degrees in Chemistry from East Anglia University-UK in 1992.

He worked as the Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Bahrain for 9 years.

He worked as the Dean of Admission and Registration at the University of Bahrain for 3 years.

He currently holds the position of the Vice President for I.T. Services, Administration and Finance at the University of Bahrain since March 2022.

He is appointed as Erasmus National Focal point for Bahrain in November 2022.

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Waleed Roy, heavily invested for the last 30 years in pursuing innovative new technologies, cutting edge R&D, and project management.

Recently supervised the design&construction of the first CEA “Controlled Environment Agriculture” Smart farm in Kuwait that is currently starting operations and expanding operations to the GCC.

Equipped with concrete knowledge of research procedures and legislation through years of experience to make critical key decisions on various international management and research policies.

He is the ENFP for Kuwait.

Dr. Fatma Kalbat
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Dr Fatma Kalbat is currently a Director of Counselling & Wellbeing Department of the UAE Ministry of Education, and she was assigned to manage Advanced Future Skills Department for two years.

She is involved in several initiatives such as leading the Child Protection in the educational environment, and student empowerment through the National Framework for Counseling and Wellbeing, and to shape the project of the Virtual Counseling Center.

Dr Fatma is the UAE ENFP of the European Erasmus+ program, and a member of the Strategic Plan Working Group on academic mobility of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf.



COFFEE BREAK

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