

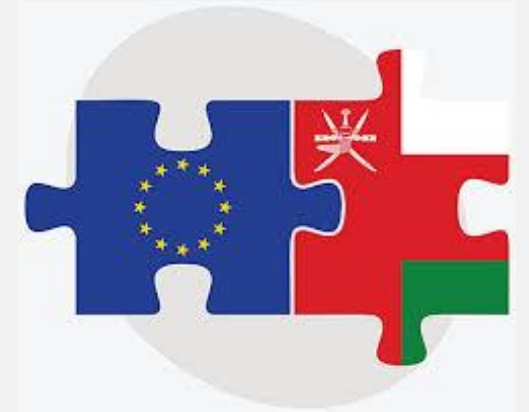
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Moving Forward
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جامعة السلطان قابوس
Sultan Qaboos University

Erasmus+ Regional Information Session (Online) Middle East

“ICM” Experience of Sultan Qaboos University



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SQU Internationalization

- **4th Objective of SQU Charter.**
- **SQU growth & progress (Academia & Research).**
- **SQU Vision & Mission:**
 - ✓ Pioneering role in the fields of higher education and community service.
 - ✓ Producing, developing and disseminating knowledge and interaction (Local & International).



SQU Internationalization

- **SQU Long-Term Strategy Plan Pillars (2016-2040)**

- ✓ Developing Cooperation & Partnerships.
- ✓ Expanding Student Exchange.
- ✓ Expanding Staff Exchange.

- **Sultanate of Oman National Strategy for Education 2040**

- ✓ EU is the 3rd Largest Trading Partner.
- ✓ Largest Source of FDI.
- ✓ Small Steps Toward a Stronger Partnership (2018).



SQU & Erasmus Mundus

- Erasmus Mundus “**EM SECRET**” 2012-2018

EU: City University of London (**England**), Frederick University (**Cyprus**), Technische Universität Dresden (**Germany**), Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro (**Italy**), Technische Universiteit Eindhoven (**Netherlands**) and University of Deusto (**Spain**)

GCC: University of Bahrain (**Bahrain**), Kuwait University (**Kuwait**), Sultan Qaboos University (**Oman**) and United Arab Emirates University (**UAE**).

- EU = 30%, GCC = 70%.

- **Schemes covered:** Staff Mobility, Master Scholarships, PhD Scholarships & Post-Doctorate Scholarships.

SQU & Erasmus Mundus

- Based on the Final Report (GAA number: 2012-5538):

- ✓ **28 Opportunities:**


(11) SQU Staff = (7) Staff Mobility + (4) Master & PhD

- ✓ **Some Highlights from the Final Report:**

- *“SQU took on the position of the leading institution in GCC and brought to the scheme more than it was expected.”*
- *“While other institutions in the region put minimum effort, SQU used this opportunity as efficiently as they could. They have provided for their students and staff training abroad and on top of it raised their international profile across EU not only as an institution but also as a country.”*

SQU Erasmus+ ICM (2022 & 2023)



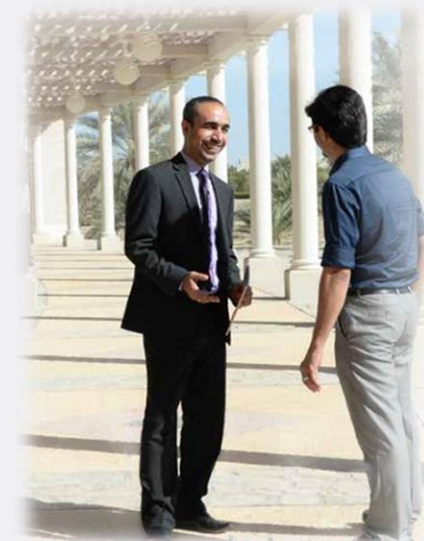
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-  Tuscia University  **Italy**
-  Turku University  **Finland**
-  Marmara University  **Turkiye**
-  Ankara University  **Turkiye**

-  ICM KREMS  **Austria**
-  University of Genoa  **Italy**
-  Powiślanski University  **Poland**
-  International Hellenic University  **Greece**
-  Ankara University  **Turkiye**



IIA, Selection Procedures & Credit Recognition

- **IIA;** (Signing Agreements Mechanism)
- **SQU Selection Procedures;**
 - ✓ SQU Erasmus+ Internal Committee
- **Students Credit Recognition;**
 - ✓ Students Exchange Program
 - ✓ Acceptance Letter
 - ✓ FREE visas!
 - ✓ Credit Recognition (Official Transcript)



Challenges & New Paths

- **Limited Budget & High Competition in Region (7)**
- **Visa & Immigration Issues for SQU students**
- **Good Scores, but No Fund!**
- **EU Institutions commitment with other regions**

- ✓ Expanding and approaching networks with EU institutions yearly
- ✓ Creating new approaches with EU
- ✓ Line up with other actions at Erasmus+
- ✓ Handling Critical Issues



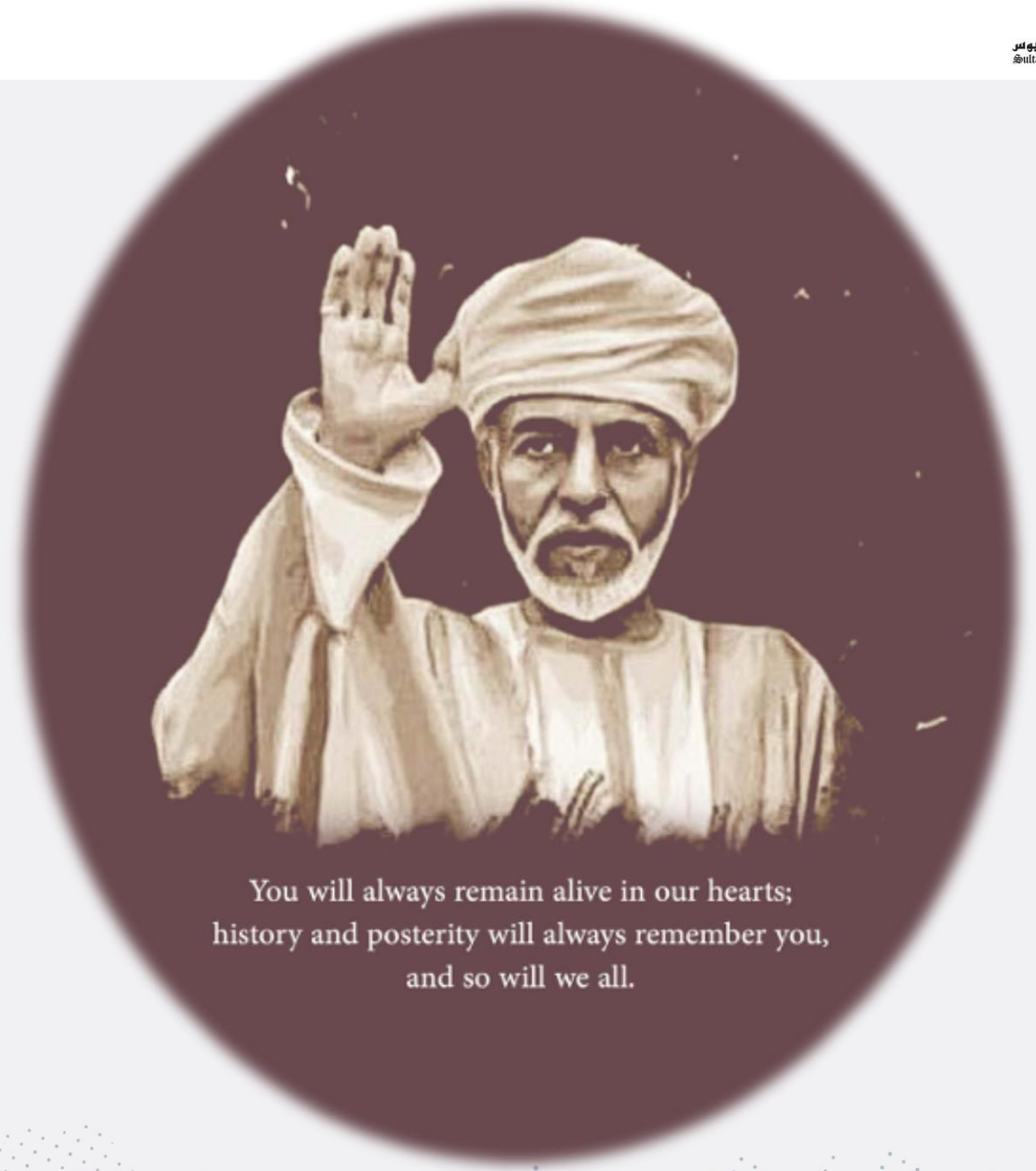
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Thank you!

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You will always remain alive in our hearts;
history and posterity will always remember you,
and so will we all.