



# BUCUM

2014 has been a busy year for the Tempus project BUCUM, which is coordinated by Cardiff Metropolitan University, and the progress made will ensure a productive and successful final year in 2015.

The first major event took place in February, with a workshop on Internationalisation, led by the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education and hosted by the Association of Arab Universities, based in Jordan. The workshop focused on the internationalisation of Arab universities and the process of developing and implementing a strategy for this. As a result, partner universities have laid the foundations for their own internationalisation strategies, which are now in the process of being developed.

*"The energy in the room was terrific. The group melded very quickly and participants were soon contributing to their colleagues' proposals"* David Lock, Leadership Foundation for Higher Education

A number of meetings have taken place to facilitate the development of the short courses, which has been led by Sapienza University of Rome.



The Short Courses team, meeting in Rome

In March, partners from Sapienza University and Suez Canal University joined Alexandria University in Egypt for the first meeting for the short course on Internationalisation.

This was followed in the same month by representatives from MUBS, University of Zawia and Misurata University travelling to Italy to discuss the short course on Quality Assurance. Sapienza University also hosted the meeting for the development of the short course on Soft Skills in May. This was attended by representatives of Cadi Ayyad University, OSEL and Professor Moscardini, Project Manager.

A meeting held in October brought together all of those involved in the work package, as well as a number of key people from the consortium. The teams presented updates on their specific short courses and Professor Luciano Saso of Sapienza University presented his short course on Research Methods

With the courses almost ready, the focus will now turn to implementing them in the MENA partner countries and gaining certification.



Activities have also taken place for the development of the MOOCs, with representatives of Suez Canal University and University of Hassan II travelling in March to University of Salamanca, who are leading the work package, to work on their development. The team also met in Egypt in June for 3 days of fruitful meetings. The teams working on the MOOCs have been assisted in this process by Professor Moscardini, who has travelled to University of Salamanca on a number of occasions throughout the year.



The team at work at Alexandria University





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## Activity Update -2014

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To support the short courses and MOOCs, representatives from MUBS, Cadi Ayyad University, University of Zawia, Misurata University and Suez Canal University travelled to Osel's offices in Italy, in June, to participate in IT training on the MIS and adaptive learning technologies being developed by OSEL, and which are to be used in the delivery of the courses. The training also covered technical issues related to the Governance Centres.



Representatives from MENA partner universities at Osel's offices in Bari, Italy for technical training

The delivery of the short courses and MOOCs will take place in specially designated Governance Centres within the MENA universities. The tender process is now underway in Egypt, Libya and Morocco for the equipment necessary to ensure that the centres can function in time for the grand opening in 2015. The centres will not only provide the location of the training but will also act as meeting places where management practices can be discussed and disseminated.

Supporting these activities is the Tempus BUCUM Management Team, based at Cardiff Metropolitan University, who have travelled extensively this year to oversee the activities and to provide assistance and guidance to partners. This has included the organisation of the Internationalisation workshop, attending monitoring meetings in partner countries and liaising with EACEA in Brussels to ensure compliance of the activities. of the project

To bring the year to a close, the consortium will meet in Alexandria, Egypt in December, with Arab Academy for Science and Technology hosting the event. It will be attended by several senior figures within Higher Education in the MENA region, including the Secretary General of the Association of Arab Universities. It will be an essential meeting in updating partners on the project's activities and to finalise plans for a successful final year!



Abu Qir campus, the location of the consortium meeting



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