

EQuAM

Enhancing Quality Assurance Management in Jordanian Universities

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Training on Internal Quality Assurance
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EQuAM: What is it? Objectives?

- A) Tempus Project (3 years) / Structural Measure
- B) Funded by the European Commission
- C) To improve management of quality assurance and enhance the capacity of quality assurance bureaus in universities in Jordan.



EQuAM: WHO?

- Coordinator: Universitat de Barcelona
- Coordinator partner in Jordan: Princess Sumaya University of Technology (PSUT)
- Regional Partner: Association of Arab Universities (AArU)

- **Jordan Partners:**

Ministry of Higher Education & Research

Higher Education Accreditation Commission (HEAC)

Hashemite University

Mutah University

Yarmouk University

Tafila Technical University

Al-Hussein Ibn Talal University



EQuAM: WHO?

- **EU Agencies:**

Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación
(ANECA-Spain)

European Association Quality Assurance in Higher Education
(ENQA-Belgium)

L'Agència per a la Qualitat del Sistema Universitari de Catalunya
(AQU Catalonia-Spain)

- **EU Universities:**

Université de Montpellier (France)

Sapienza University (Rome)

Tallin University of Technology (Estonia)



EQuAM: HOW?



- State of the Art in EU and in Jordan
- Matching Exercises – Round Tables - Survey
- Outcome: Gap Analysis - Report – white paper with **QA Principles**



- Development of QA model and piloting
- Workshops / 3 pilots
- Outcome: **QA Model**



- Capacity building + Implementation
- (Training Seminars + Setting up QB)
- Outcome: **QA MODEL implemented QB**



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WP.1 Scoping and Analysis of Quality Assurance Practices in Jordan

Survey &
Analysis of
Current
Situation on
QA in Jordan

Gap Analysis
Workshop

White Paper
on QA in
Jordan

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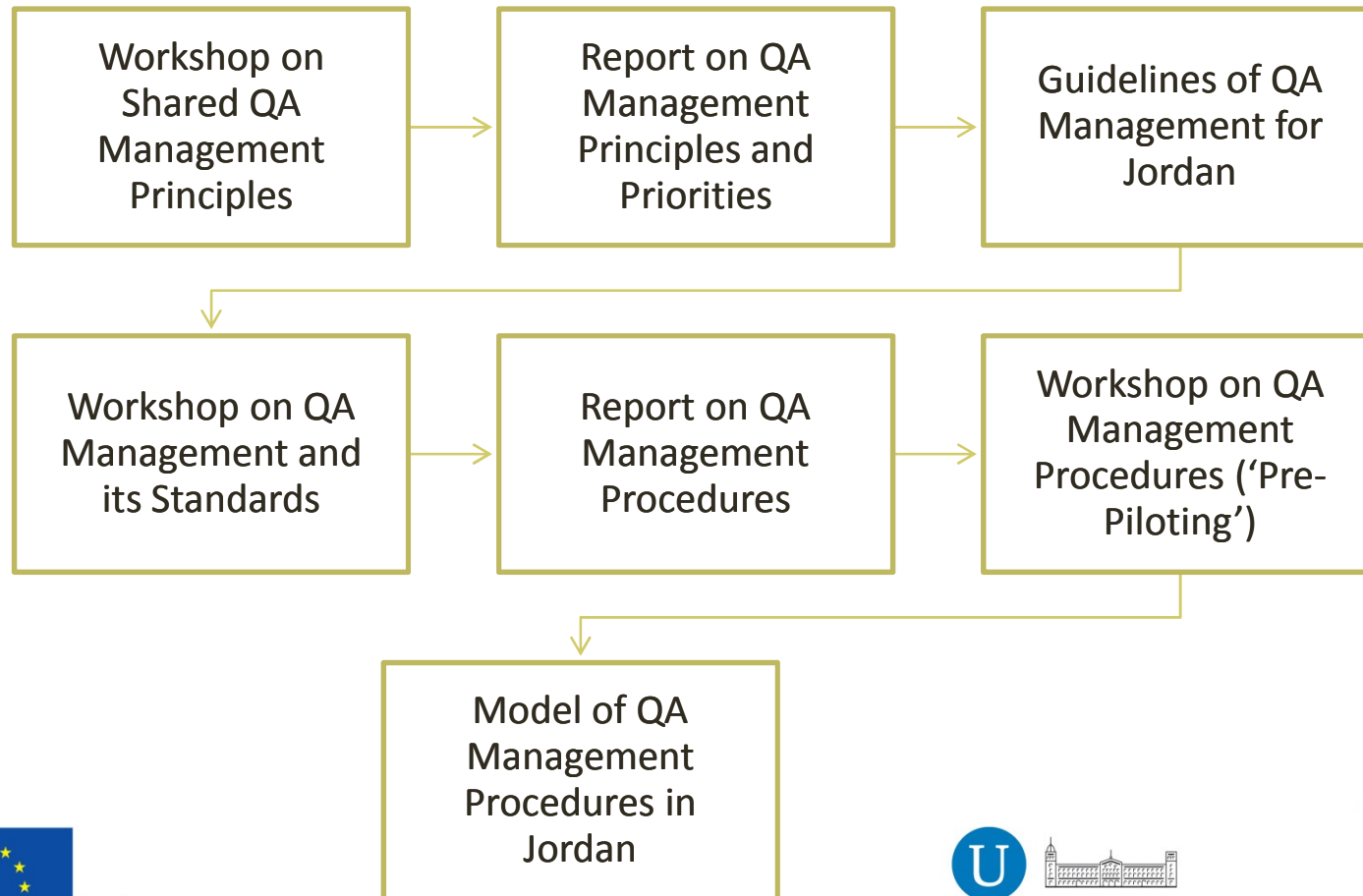
WP. 2: State-of-the-Art European QA

- Two Matching exercises on internal EU QA Management
- Roundabout on EU QA Management
- Report on current EU QA Management practices



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WP.3: Development of Quality Assurance Management Model



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WP.4

Piloting of Internal QA Management Model in Jordan

- Selection of Universities for QA Piloting
- 1st & 2nd Pilot Exercise of QA Management Model
- Initial Results of the piloting
- Third Pilot Exercise of QA Management Model
- Final Results



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WP.5: Capacity Building and Empowering QABs

Training Session on Institutional QA Management

Training Session on External Evaluation + Institutional Cooperation

Training Session on Setting Up QABs + Setting up QABs



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Training Session on Institutional QA Management

Location: Sapienza University, Rome, Italy

Date: 11-12 June 2015

The focus of the training will be on institutional QA management and the link with the external QA agency

Training Session on Setting Up QABs

Location: Mutah University, Karak, Jordan

Date: TBD – **October 2015**

The focus of the training will be on setting up QABs inside a university .



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Training Session on Institutional Cooperation

Location: Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

Date: TBD

The focus of the training will be on cross- institutional cooperation in QA management and ANECA will offer it experience in working in a complex decentralized educational context .

Training Session on External Evaluation

Location: ANECA, Madrid, Spain

Date: 7-8 September 2015

The purpose of the training will be on how to organise and manage external evaluations from the agency perspective.



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QABs Set-Up

- The results of the training session on setting up QABs will feed in the actual establishment or upgrading a QAB in each Jordanian partner university.
- Equipment will be purchased according to transparent tender procedures in each JO university.
- **ONGOING**

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WORK PACKAGE	TYPE	TITLE
6	Dissemination	Target Dissemination and Sustainability
7	Quality plan	Monitoring and Impact Evaluation
8	Management	Management
9	Exploitation	Multiplier effect



EQuAM: SOME CONCLUSIONS

- Enhancing QA culture at Universities (not a burden)
- Capacity building for the QABs staff is very important
- Not only look at the gap between EU and Jordan HEI but also to similarities
- Build strong relationship with top-management: importance to get their support to therefore get the power to decide and implement the procedures
- Final Dissemination Conference: extension of the eligibility period



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