

Learning Mobility of Individuals – Staff Mobility for Training

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## **1. Introduction**

Heliopolis University (HU) and the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) formed its inter-institutional links in 2010, a year after EMUNI was established. Ever since, we have maintained our relationship through exchanging newsletters and information related to study programmes and research activities. This mobility was a follow-up exchange under the current mobility project between EMUNI and HU. Given the current circumstances with many restrictions on travel, and when most of our communication conducted with partnership contacts is online, a physical presence in the receiving institution has proven to be even more valuable.

Heliopolis University is a long-time member of the EMUNI General Assembly and Inner Circle. Within this function, a representative from Heliopolis University is actively involved in the decision-making processes of EMUNI University, related to the institutional management.

Both institutions are also constantly seeking opportunities for the modernisation of study processes and to improve academic excellence. The mobility has thus contributed to the exchange of ideas, good practices and experience. Furthermore, mobility significantly contributed to the relationship between the institutions and in setting up new collaboration frameworks.

## 2. Activities carried out during the Mobility at Heliopolis University

The mobility started with meetings with the President and Vice-President of Heliopolis University, discussing future cooperation in the General Assembly, Inner Circle as well as new project opportunities.

Further important activity regarding the exploration of potential areas for deepening relations between EMUNI and HU was carried out in the form of organised visits to different schools of Heliopolis University. The main objective of the meetings with the deans was to design activities to be implemented under the EMUNI Intercultural Business Communication programme and also cooperation along the EMUNI master programme in Kinesiology and Human Movement Technology, currently in accreditation by NAKVIS. In this regard, further teaching mobilities by EMUNI staff were discussed and training mobilities by young academics from HU to EMUNI were agreed.

Later, a meeting with the Project Office was organised to discuss support for existing projects, eg. the regional Erasmus + project coordinated by EMUNI, Med2IAH, where HU is a partner. Also discussed were staff and student mobility opportunities in the next period. The plan is to conduct incoming mobilities to EMUNI University; one teaching in the field of Marine Plastic Pollution and/or Entrepreneurship in Blue Economy shall take place during the EMUNI BLUES Summer School in July 2021, and a second in October 2021 in the field of Physiotherapy under the umbrella of development for the study programme Master in Kinesiology of Human Performance.

Having the opportunity to attend the pedagogy meeting at Heliopolis University, a discussion took place with the faculty members related to the modernisation of curricula and the use of ICT technologies in online teaching and learning.

At a meeting with the President of at Al-Alamein International University, a discussion was also held on cooperation establishment between institutions in terms of internationalisation and academic activities.

Last but not least, an important meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of HU was organised, for the purpose of highlighting the areas where EMUNI and HU shall cooperate in the near future, including establishing a Medical School at HU and also cooperation among other Schools related to Allied Health Sciences at HU, which are in the process of planning.