

*European Commission, Erasmus+ programme*

**«WHEEL» project**

*Kick-off meeting*

University of Genova will host the kick-off meeting of the «WHEEL» project (*“Network for the modernisation of the Higher Education Sector in Libya”*). The event will have two different venues: the **Rectorate building, Via Balbi 5, “Pellitteri” hall**, and the **“Albergo dei Poveri” building, Piazzale Emanuele Brignole 2, aula “CLAT”**. It will last from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019**, in accordance with the agenda next to be circulated.

The WHEEL project is promoted by the European Commission Agency EACEA (Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency) in the scheme of the Erasmus+ programme aimed, moreover, at improving the “Capacity Building in Higher Education (HE)” of the Partner Countries external to the European Union Member States.

WHEEL will pursue, from Jan 2019 to Jan 2022, the wider objective to contribute to improve the Libyan HE system able to successfully meet the complex many social, economic and cultural

challenges needed to set-up a reliable international dimension of the Libyan Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

The specific project objectives regard:

- To formalise a Network of HEIs to foster interinstitutional cooperation and dialogue and to allow the partnership, representing 75% of Libya’s university population, to act as a unified voice in lobbying for policy developments.
- To gather, by the Network, a comprehensive database on current HE statistics to collect during the project activities (**«Blueprint policy document»**). To supply equipment upgrades by which to create an online platform facilitating the Network.
- To “train the trainer” focusing to improving institutional management, capacity and other key functions (quality assurance, development of research & innovation capacities, etc.) by workshops and regional & national conferences.
- To disseminate the project results at regional level by newsletters & social media, also aimed at attracting other HEIs to the Network, so that a critical mass to influence policy and promote development will be achieved.

## *WHEEL Partnership*

- P01 UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI GENOVA, Italy (Coordinator)
- P02 AL-ASMARYA ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, Zliten, Libya
- P03 BANI WALEED UNIVERSITY, Bani Waleed, Libya
- P04 BRIGHT STAR UNIVERSITY, Elbrega, Libya
- P05 LIBYAN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, Benghazi, Libya
- P06 MISURATA UNIVERSITY, Misurata, Libya
- P07 OMAR AL-MUKHTAR UNIVERSITY, Al-Beida, Libya
- P08 SEBHA UNIVERSITY, Sebha, Libya
- P09 SIRTE UNIVERSITY, Sirte, Libya
- P10 UNIVERSITY OF BENGHAZI, Benghazi, Libya
- P11 UNIVERSITY OF ELMERGIB, Al Khoms, Libya
- P12 UNIVERSITY OF TRIPOLI, Tripoli, Libya
- P13 UNIVERSITY OF ZAWIA, Zawia, Libya
- P14 UNIVERSIDAD DE ALICANTE, Alicante, Spain

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# *“Network for the modernisation of the Higher Education Sector in Libya”*

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*Genova, 8th April 2019, h 09:30*

*University of Genova  
Rectorate building, Via Balbi 5  
4th floor, “Pellitteri” hall*