



**«NETWORK FOR THE MODERNISATION
OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR
IN LIBYA»**

WHEEL

**UNIVERSITY OF GENOVA
- April 2019**

Project Kick-off Meeting

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***Conference on "Challenges for
Higher Education in Libya"***

***Rectorate building, Via Balbi 5
Campus «Albergo dei Poveri»***

WHEEL project

Overview

WHEEL is a step moved on the pathway of previous projects promoted by EACEA on the main challenges facing Libyan HEIs. In a divided Country, with no reliable countrywide data collection since the outbreak of the 2011 events, a vision of the HE role of is missing. Libyan universities need to improve their ability to collaborate & share knowledge, to overcome the difficulties due to funds lacking, not updated technological capabilities and the few chances of professional development.

Specific Project Objectives

- To formalise a Network of HEIs to foster interinstitutional collaboration and dialogue and to allow the WHEEL partnership, representing around 75% of Libya's university population, to act as a unified voice in lobbying for policy developments.
- To gather, by the Network, a comprehensive dataset of current HE statistics collected during the project activities («Blueprint policy document»). To create an online platform to facilitate the Network by equipment upgrades within each Libyan HEI.
- To "train the trainer" focusing to improving institutional management, capacity and other key functions (quality assurance, development of research & innovation capacities, etc.) by a series of workshops and regional & national conferences.
- To disseminate the project results in actual terms at regional level by newsletters & social media, also aimed at attracting non-member HEIs to the Network, so that a critical mass to influence policy and promote development in other local HEIs will be achieved.

Overall programme

Sunday April 2019	
Arrival in Genova of the participants and their accommodation	
Monday April 2019	
Rectorate building, Via Balbi 5, "Pellitteri" hall, . floor	
Meeting point at 09: 10, Rectorate building, Via Balbi 5, ground floor, near the "marble lions"	
09:30 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration of the participants
10:00 - 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome speech by the UNIGE Vice Rector for International Relations ▪ Greetings by the coordinator of the Libyan National Erasmus+ Office ▪ Institutional greetings by the coordinator of UNIGE academic team ▪ Meeting presentation by the WHEEL project coordinator
10:15 - 13:00 (including coffee-break)	<p style="text-align: center;">Kick-off meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of UNIGE, project coordinating institution ▪ Presentation of the WHEEL partnership: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. institutional presentation, ii. competences and background in internationalization, iii. challenges to face at institutional level in terms of international dimension and expectation from WHEEL. <p>First set of presentation of the Libyan partners, P02÷P09: P02 - AL-ASMARYA ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY, Zliten P03 - BANI WALEED UNIVERSITY, Bani Waleed P04 - BRIGHT STAR UNIVERSITY, Elbrega P05 - LIBYAN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, Benghazi P06 - MISURATA UNIVERSITY, Misurata P07 - OMAR AL-MUKHTAR UNIVERSITY, Al-Beida P08 - SEBHA UNIVERSITY, Sebha P09 - SIRTE UNIVERSITY, Sirte</p>
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 - 16:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Kick-off meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Second set of presentation of the Libyan partners, P10÷P13: P10 - UNIVERSITY OF BENGHAZI, Benghazi P11 - UNIVERSITY OF ELMERGIB, Al Khoms P12 - UNIVERSITY OF TRIPOLI, Tripoli P13 - UNIVERSITY OF ZAWIA, Zawia

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the other WHEEL Partner of EU Member State P14 - UNIVERSIDAD DE ALICANTE, Alicante, Spain, by Dr. Luis Gomez de Membrillera
14:15 - 16:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project summary by UNIGE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ project overview; ○ work-packages (WPs) overall frame and mobility plan; ○ planning revision of the project activities in accordance with the EACEA assessment report; ○ project management.
16:45 - 17:00	Summing-up

Tuesday April 2019	
Campus «Albergo dei Poveri»	
Meeting point at 09:10, eastern entrance gate	
09:10 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration of the participants
09:30 - 12:45 (including coffee-break)	Kick-off meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the WHEEL Work-Packages WP.6. PROJECT MANAGEMENT by UNIGE WP.1. EVIDENCE BASED DIAGNOSIS by UNIGE WP.2. INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING VIA NETWORKING by UA, WP.3. CAPACITY BUILDING VIA TRAINING by UA WP.4. DISSEMINATION AND SUSTAINABILITY by Sebha University and UA WP.5. QUALITY ASSURANCE by UA
12:45 - 14:15	First set (10÷12) of bank procedures for the Libyan participants
12:45 - 15:45	Lunch and break for bank procedures
14:45 - 15:45	Second set (10÷12) of bank procedures for the Libyan participants
16:00 - 17:15	«Challenges for Higher Education in Libya»
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges for the international dimension of Higher Education in Libya, by Dr. Ali Bakeer, Coordinator of the NEO - National Erasmus+ Office of Libya ▪ The WHEEL project in the pathway of the UNIGOV project achievements, by UA ▪ Erasmus+ opportunities for Libyan and South Mediterranean Universities, by Dr. Clivio Casali, EACEA (skype connection)
17:15 - 17:30	Summing-up

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Wednesday 10th April 2019	
Conference on « Challenges for Higher Education in Libya » Campus «Albergo dei Poveri»	
09:15 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration of the participants
09:30 - 12:45 (including coffee-break)	<p align="center">«Challenges for Higher Education in Libya»</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafting the Evidence-based Diagnosis Document by UNIGE (first set). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How to carry out an analysis exercise. Proposals of Analysis Methodology, data collection strategy, reporting of a Diagnosis Document. ○ The development of cultural exchanges and international collaborations as primary objective of the University mission. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support activities for the promotion and development of internationalization of didactics. • Different models of internationalization at School / Department level.
12:45 - 14:15	Third set (10÷12) of bank procedures for the Libyan participants
12:45 - 15:45	Lunch and break for bank procedures
14:45 - 15:45	Fourth set (10÷12) of bank procedures for the Libyan participants
16:00 - 17:15	<p align="center">«Challenges for Higher Education in Libya»</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafting the Evidence-based Diagnosis Document by UNIGE (second set).
17:15 - 17:30	Summing-up
20:00	Social dinner hosted by UNIGE ICO, International Cooperation Office Restaurant «Il Gelsomino», Piazza Palermo <i>Halal</i> menu

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Thursday April 2019	
Campus «Albergo dei Poveri»	
09:15 - 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Registration of the participants
09:30 - 13:00 (including coffee-break)	<p align="center">«Challenges for Higher Education in Libya»</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drafting the Evidence-based Diagnosis Document by UNIGE and UA (third set) ▪ Conference final resolution
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 - 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final management session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appointment and tasks of the Project Boards ○ Stipulation of the WHEEL multilateral partnership-agreement ○ Continuing of discussion on planning revision and mobility plan ○ Final aspects of organizational, administrative and financial management of the project and other issues (if any) ○ Focus on the next project activities and deadline
16:30 - 16:45	Wrapping-up

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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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