

# Partners of the TIGRIS Project

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- Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- University of Groningen, Netherlands
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- Kurdistan Institution of Strategic Studies and Scientific Research (KISSR)
- University of Sulaimani
- Sulaimani Polytechnic University
- University of Raparin
- Halabja University
- Charmo University
- Duhok Polytechnic University
- Erbil Polytechnic University
- Salahaddin University – Erbil
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR)

## Associated Partners

- COIMBRA Group, Belgium
- Compostela Group of Universities, Spain

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**REGION of**  
**IRAQ**

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Transfer of Good Practices  
and Reinforcement of  
Internationalisation Strategies in  
Kurdistan



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## About TIGRIS

TIGRIS is a joint international project within the framework of the **Erasmus+ programme** “**Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education**”.

TIGRIS supports the **modernisation, accessibility, and inter-nationalisation** of higher education in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

The TIGRIS Project will be implemented from **2017 - 2020** by an international consortium composed of **5 European and 10 Kurdish partners**, including the KRG Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR).

The project is coordinated by the **University of Göttingen**, Germany.

## A three-pronged approach

In its implementation, the TIGRIS Project works at three different levels:

At an **institutional level**, TIGRIS seeks to

contribute to the **modernisation of the Kurdish partner HEIs** by strengthening their management structures & services with regard to international relations and building advanced strategic policies related to internationalization, thereby aligning the Kurdish partner HEIs better with the EHEA.

At **national level**, the project supports the MHESR's objective to **modernise the Kurdish Higher Education system and to align it with European models of practice as well as the Bologna process**. This includes introducing a flexible curriculum design, shifting from a teacher-centered to a student-centered approach, and developing Bachelor's and Master's programmes that both prepare students for the labour market and lay the foundations for the recognition of studies conducted abroad.

At an **international level**, it is hoped that by aligning the Kurdish Higher Education system with the EHEA, and developing the capabilities of Kurdish HEIs to engage in internationalization, TIGRIS will **increase the visibility and attractiveness** of Kurdish HEIs within the EHEA and **facilitate their academic and scientific cooperation** with HEIs and research institutes both in Europe and worldwide.

## Objectives

In its implementation, TIGRIS strives to ...

- improve the **quality of Higher Education** in Kurdistan;

- modernise the HE system in Kurdistan through **policy reform**;
- create and implement **national legislation** to facilitate the accreditation of joint and double degrees, the recognition of studies abroad, and ECTS;
- foster cooperation with different regions in the world via **joint initiatives and collaborative action**;
- strengthen the **management structures and services** geared towards internationalisation;
- develop **advanced strategic policies** regarding the internationalisation of education, collaborative research, academic mobility, and international student services in the Kurdistan Region;
- transfer **best practices** and disseminate **knowledge** so as to understand how to cooperate within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and European Research Area (ERA).

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