



## Transfer of Good practices & Reinforcement of Internationalization Strategies in

The TIGRIS Project has been awarded for EU co-funding within the framework of the Erasmus+ programme “Capacity Building in the Field of Higher Education”. Capacity building projects in the field of higher education support the modernization, accessibility, and internationalization of higher education in Partner Countries, in this case Kurdistan. The TIGRIS Project, which will run for 3 years from 2017 – 2020, is coordinated by the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany. The project consortium is composed of 4 European partners and 10 Kurdish partners, including the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR), as well as 2 associate partners.

### Welcome

Dear Partners of the Erasmus+ TIGRIS Project, Dear Readers, welcome to the Erasmus+ programme (TIGRIS) Newsletter. This is the third issue of a series Newsletters that are issued by KISSR and supported by UGOE.

### TIGRIS Workshop on Project Writing, International Marketing at Charmo University.

From 4th – 6th February 2019, the Workshop on Project Writing, International Marketing & the Use of Management Information Systems for Smart Administration of Internationalization took place in Kurdistan Region of Iraq.

The event was hosted by Charmo University and included events both at the university’s Campus in Chamchamal and in Sulaymaniyah City.



In this workshop, the training sessions were conducted by a dedicated team from Masaryk University under the direction of Violeta Osouchova, Head of Division for Strategy and International Marketing.

As final event of the workshop, a Project Management Meeting was conducted by the Project Coordinator Dr. Uwe Muuss and Jakob

Hedderich, TIGRIS Project Manager from Georg-August-Universität Göttingen engaging in planning of meetings and activities as well as conducting a workshop session on financial administration of EU-funded projects and streamlining of Kurdish financial auditing frameworks with EU funding rules and regulations.

In total, more than 40 Kurdish participants were trained during this workshop.

As additional activities during this visit, European partners took part in the opening ceremony of the newly established International Offices at Charmo University and Erbil Polytechnic University.



### TIGRIS Dual-Workshop at the University of Göttingen

From February 19th – 21st 2019, the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen hosted two workshops in framework of the Erasmus+ TIGRIS Project.



After the Kick-Off Meeting in November 2017, it was already the second time the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen had the chance to welcome delegations from Kurdish and fellow European partners in Göttingen, this time gathering close to 50 representatives from Kurdish and European partner institutions at the university's "Historical Observatory".

In a joint ceremony, the events were kicked-off by Prof. Dr. Hiltraud Casper-Hehne, Vice-President for International Affairs, and Dr. Uwe Muuss, Head of Göttingen International and Coordinator of the

TIGRIS Project, both warmly welcoming the partners to Göttingen.

This time, two workshops were held in parallel:

1. The development of internationalisation strategies, international mobility and research cooperation and comprised training sessions from Dr. Uwe Brandenburg (Global Impact Institute, Prague), Regine van Groningen (University of Groningen, Netherlands) and Roger Janssens (KU Leuven, Belgium).



In his workshop session, Roger Janssens from KU Leuven presented on existing practices on the institutional and governmental level in Flanders to facilitate research cooperation and with Kurdish partners analysed critical (risk) factors for developing research cooperation with international partners.



2. A dedicated team of experts from the University of Göttingen led by Dr. Tanja Reiffenrath conducted the second workshop focussing on curricular reforms for internationalisation and the

international classroom thereby offering comprehensive insights into the internationalisation of curricula while also introducing Kurdish partners to future concepts such as virtual mobility.



As a direct result, Dr. Mohammed Hussein Ahmed, General Director and Head of the Apparatus of upervision and Quality Assurance from at the KRG Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, announced a follow-up workshop to be held in Kurdistan Region for further dissemination and exploitation of the workshop held at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen.

The events also provided TIGRIS partner Charmo University with the opportunity to present on the development work done to implement ECTS and the Bologna system in Kurdistan Region of Iraq proving the great strides Kurdish partners make in reforming Kurdish higher education and aligning it with standards present in the EHEA.

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