



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.

Developing the Internationalisation Strategy

As a part of TIGRIS project activities, every Kurdish partner has developed its own Internationalisation Strategies.



The internationalisation Strategy is seeking for:

- Engendering shared understanding of institutional priorities in the international arena

- Guiding Faculties and Services in making resource and development choices
- Ensuring embed an international dimension in all the Kurdish policies, strategies and processes
- Enhancing the international competitiveness

All of the Kurdish partners presented their strategy in a poster on developing their internationalisation strategy.

2nd TIGRIS Annual Dissemination Conference

On 6th October 2019, the TIGRIS Consortium held its 2nd Annual Dissemination Conference at the Ramada Hotel in Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan Region/Iraq.



The event, titled “With TIGRIS into the future – Building Internationalisation Strategies for Higher

Education in Kurdistan Region of Iraq”, was hosted by the project’s regional co-coordinator, the Kurdistan Institution for Strategic Studies and Scientific Research (KISSR).



Focusing on the project’s activities and achievements in the second year, during the event Kurdish HEI partners as well as the KRG Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research presented their internationalization strategies developed and discussed their experience during the development process. As part of the presentations, partners also prepared a poster walk providing ample opportunity to discuss their developed strategies with interested parties in more detail.



The conference, which in part was broadcasted live in TV, saw a wide variety of guests including a high number of representatives from Kurdish HEIs, University Presidents and members of the Council of the Ministry. As guest of honour, the TIGRIS Consortium was especially delighted to welcome His Excellency the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Dr. Aram Mohammed Qadir, who delivered a welcome address to the audience.

The TIGRIS Consortium used the event for a follow-up project management meeting on 7th October

2019 engaging in planning activities for the third and final project year.



On 8th October 2019, a delegation from the University of Göttingen, the University of Groningen and the Kurdistan Institution for Strategic Studies and Scientific Research was received by His Excellency Dr. Aram Mohammed Qadir at the KRG Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in Erbil, during which both sides discussed the current status of the TIGRIS Project as well as potential follow-up projects.

Project Management Meeting

KISSR as a partner of Erasmus+ TIGRIS project organized the Project Management Meeting of Erasmus+ TIGRIS project held on Monday, 7th October 2019.



The meeting was held following the 2nd annual dissemination conference of the TIGRIS project carried out on Sunday, 6th October 2019 under the slogan “Building Internationalization Strategies for Higher Education in Kurdistan Region of Iraq”.



During the Project Management Meeting of Erasmus+ TIGRIS several important topics on progress of the project was discussed and ideas were exchanged among the partners. All the Kurdish partners of TIGRIS project with the EU partners participated in the project management meeting.

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