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Disability as diversity: The inclusion of students with disabilities in higher education

Edu4ALL





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Edu4ALL Awareness raising Workshop at INU

INU - Irbid Jul. 26th 2021

Raising Awareness and Dissemination Workshop for Edu4ALL project at Irbid National University and The University of Jordan in Aqaba. Edu4ALL is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Edu4ALL aims at supporting the inclusion of students with disabilities in HEIs by establishing an "Inclusive Education Unit" that follows the international standards with the objective of equality in Education, Activities, and Services. We target students who are blind or low vision, deaf or hard of hearing, or those who have motor disability. To achieve the general aim of the project, four sub-aims are identified: reaching the target students to increase their participations in university programs, professional development for staff to teach and to serve those students, equitable access and high-quality education, and maintaining sustainability. More Information about the E+-Project Edu4ALL can be found under Edu4ALL project Website:





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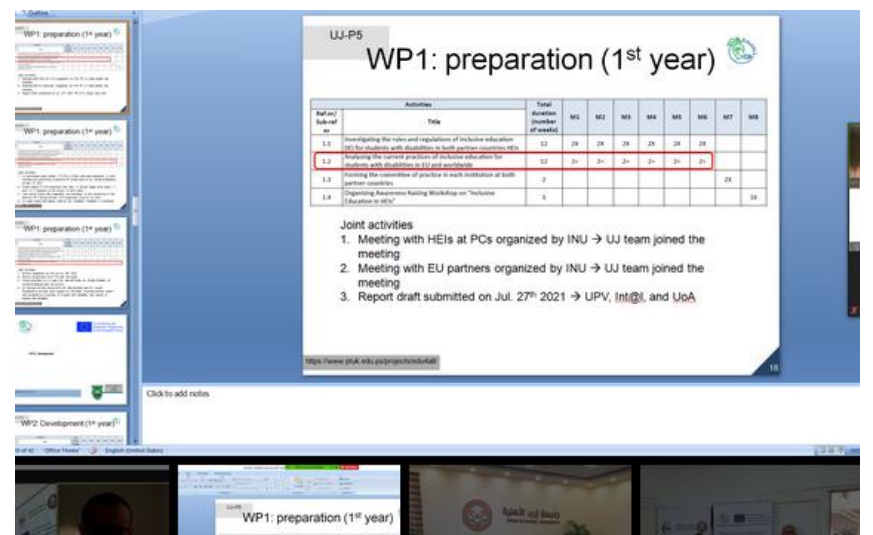
Edu4ALL – Second Management Meeting in UJ-Aqaba UJ - Aqaba, Jul. 28th-30th 2021

Edu4ALL management meeting was held both physically in UJ, Aqaba, Jordan, and virtually by Zoom from the 28th to 30th of July 2021. Dr. Muath Abu Faraj, Dean of Information Technology and Systems faculty in the University of Jordan - Aqaba campus, opened the meeting by welcoming all partners. He appreciated the role of Erasmus+ programme and projects to support the remote areas and the minorities within the local community. Participants have presented their contributions to the project. All work packages were discussed. The progress of the project was reviewed and the plan for the next six months was discussed and approved. Partners agreed on reviewing some deliverables and modifying them. Two capacity building meetings and one management meeting were planned.



National Erasmus Office (NEO) Meeting - Jordan INU - Irbid, Sep. 19th 2021

Edu4ALL field monitoring visit was held on September, 19th, 2021 under the supervision of National Erasmus Office (NEO)- Jordan in Irbid National University (INU). In the meeting, key achievements and progress of Edu4ALL project that has been funded by European Union under Erasmus+ CBHE program were discussed. From Jordan, the University of Jordan (UJ) and Irbid National University (INU) are the participants in Edu4ALL project which is led by Palestine Technical University – Kadoorie. All members from UJ and INU attend the monitoring visit either onsite or online. Dr. Ahmad Alodat from INU, Dr. Ismail Altaharwa and Dr. Alia Alghwiri from UJ presented accomplished achievements of Edu4ALL project. NEO-Jordan office, represented by Dr. Ahmad Abu-EI-Haija, discussed the project progress in details. They valued the project objectives and accomplishments, and thanked project members for their cooperation and teamwork. Furthermore, Dr. Abu-EI-Haija provided some suggestions and guidelines to help participants execute Edu4ALL project objectives successfully based on the European Union guidelines and rules.





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Project follow up meeting at UUC

UUC - Joreslam, Jul.6th.2021

The project team, headed by Eng. Abdul Mohsen Al-Qawasmi / Vice Dean of the Ummah University College - Jerusalem for Academic Affairs & Planning and Development Affairs, met on July 6, 2021 to discuss the technical and administrative issues and equipment required in the Edu4ALL project, through which a recommendation was made to establish a support unit for students with disabilities headed by Mr. Ayman Al-Ghalayini / Head of Student Affairs Department and team member. Those who are scheduled to receive training at partner European universities in Greece and Spain and learn about their experience and related units they have and benefit from their experience to establish a special unit for the college.



Athens Development Training

NKUA - Athens, Oct 18th - 22nd 2021

The National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (NKUA) organized and hosted intensive training for all project partners from the 18th till the 22nd of October 2021 in Athens, Greece. The main theme of the training was the professional development and capacity building of partner country staff under inclusive education theme.

The training started with a warm welcome by Prof. Dimitrios Karadimas (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs at NKUA) and Prof. Georgios Kouroupetroglou (Edu4ALL Coordinator at NKUA). Highly competent staff of the Accessibility Unit at NKUA presented the NKUA experience in supporting students with disabilities. They explained the crucial role and potentials of assistive technologies in leveraging the abilities of disabled students. Also, they introduced a number of inspiring success stories that were realized.

By the end of the training Prof. Dimitrios Karadimas (Vice Rector for Academic and Student Affairs at NKUA), Prof. Georgios Kouroupetroglou (Edu4ALL Coordinator at NKUA), His Excellency Mr. Ahed Sweidat (Jordan Ambassador to Greece), and His Excellency Mr. Marwan Tubasi (Palestine Ambassador to Greece) met in person all the training participants.





Assistive Technology Definition and Tools

Assistive Technology Definition

- Technology related Assistance for individuals with disabilities
- Assistive technologies are equipments, items or devices used to improve or keep functionality of an individual with a disability. This will allow an individual with a disability to be more independent in life, this includes: education, recreation, and any daily activity.

Augmentation and Alternative Communication (AAC) software

AAC software helps someone with speech or language impairment to communicate. It enables them to have voice, control their environment and live more independent lives.



Tactile graphics maker

Also called Picture in a Flash (PIAF)

Can a picture be touched? Can touch see a picture. Images and graphics help understand what is difficult to be described by words. Images rise and are ready in an instant. Draw, print or copy pictures onto the Piaf swell paper and pass it through the Piaf and all the black lines and shapes swell to create a drawing that can be read with the fingers.



Adaptive Switches

Access devices that allow movement-limiting disabilities to use technology and operate electronic devices. Instead of performing complex actions such as turning a knob, adaptive switches offer easier movement solutions, such as pressing a button, move mouse pointer or pressing mouse button.



Braille Embosser

Is an impact printer that renders text as tactile Braille cells. Using Braille translation software, a document or a digital text can be embossed with relative ease. This makes Braille production efficient and cost-effective.



Refreshable Braille Display

Is an electro-mechanical device for displaying characters, usually by round-tipped pins raised through holes in a flat surface. Visually impaired computer users who cannot use a standard computer monitor can use it to read text output.





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Upcoming Events:

- Joint activities
 - Joint Development Training
UPV/EHU Jan. 10th-14th 2022
Theme: Details of the organization and the management of the Accessibility Units in Spain
 - Management meeting
Leipzig, INT@E Jan. 17th - 18th 2022
- Local Activities
 - Training within PC HEIs
 - UJ-Aqaba, Nov. 2021
 - UJ-Amman, Dec. 2021
 - INU, Dec 2021
 - PTUK Dec. 2021
 - UUC Dec. 2021
 - PTU-DA Dec. 2021
 - Awareness raising in PC
 - Higher Council for the Right of Persons with Disabilities, Jordan
 - Association of Will making for people with disability, Aqaba - Ninth residency
 - Aqaba special education center, Aqaba - Fifth residency
 - Association for people with determination, Irbid - Almasharei
 - The First Jordanian Association for Sign Language Interpreters, Amman
 - Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein Club for Deaf and Mute, Amman - Downtown
 - The Palestinian Disability Coalition (PDC), Bait Jala
 - Princess Basma Association for disabled children. Jerusalem
 - Al-Amal association for Deaf, Hebron
 - Palestinian General Union of People with Disability, Ramallah
 - Palestinian General Union of People with Disability, Tulkarm
 - Palestinian Association for Hearing and Pronunciation, Deir Albalah - Gaza
 - Al-Amal association for People with Disability Rehabilitation. Rafah- Gaza

Where to Know about Edu4ALL:

• Web and Social Media



Link:

<https://www.ptuk.edu.ps/projects/edu4all/>

Search keyword: Edu4ALL PTUK



Link:

<https://m.facebook.com/Edu4ALL.EU>



Link:

https://web.facebook.com/groups/2719947914885728/?_rdc=1&_rdr



Link: <https://twitter.com/Edu4allSocial>

Tag: Edu4ALLSocial



Link: <https://youtu.be/ubOHhvmDU0>

Youtube channel: Edu4ALL



Link:

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/edu4allsocial/>

• Partner HEIs



<https://www.ptuk.edu.ps/projects/edu4all/>



<http://www.egokituz.org/en/proyectos/disability-as-diversity-the-inclusion-of-students-with-disabilities-in-higher-education-edu4all/pr-6-32-0-126/>



http://offices.ju.edu.jo/en/oir/Lists/EUPprojects/Disp_form_new.aspx?ID=30



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