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Abstract:

The Training Development Action Plan aims at giving an outline on the Training Services provided by the LEB'IN project team to the target group: Health Researchers from Université Saint Joseph (USJ) and other Lebanese Health organisations. These training actions are a major tool for supporting USJ and other Lebanese institutions to integrate the European Research Area in the field of Health.

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1. Context

The LEB'IN project is a coordination and support action co-funded by the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission under the “**HEALTH**” Work Programme. The project aims to **strengthen the cooperation and research capacities of the Université Saint Joseph (USJ)**, as well as other Lebanese research institutions in the field of Health, in order to establish a framework of cooperation with European partners at the highest level. A major objective is the **European Research Area (ERA) integration** of USJ and other Lebanese Health research organisations by the means of participation in FP7 consortia and by preparing the participation in the future horizon 2020 programme.

One of the general objectives of the LEB'IN project is to provide **FP7 training services** to USJ and other promising Lebanese research institutions in the field of Health, in order to increase the number of FP7 partnerships between researchers from Europe and Lebanon and to prepare the horizon 2020 opportunities.

During the first months of the LEB'IN project, experts have expressed the need of assistance for Health research teams from Lebanon to successful participation in FP7. These needs were identified and confirmed by a large SWOT analysis covering the subject of USJ's capacities in ERA integration in the field of Health.

The **needs identified** are as follows:

- Visibility assistance and promotion of teams and their research competences in EU.
- Assistance in the identification and taking part in relevant events (conferences, networking sessions, etc.) where the teams can network and search for appropriate partners for FP7 Health calls.
- Consultancy assistance in the participation in FP7 (Horizon 2020), including advice on how to participate in collaborative research projects and training on proposal submission.
- Assistance in the integration of European FP7 (and beyond) consortia and international teams/networks. The integration of European Technology Platform (ETP) will be considered by the project team. However, additional investigation on the opportunities offered by the ETP is requested. It will be carried out by the project team by the end of 2012.

2. Goal of the Training Development Action Plan

The key goal of the LEB'IN Training Development Action Plan is to provide an outline on **how to support Lebanese research teams** in the field of Health in order to increase the number of partnerships with relevant European partners. The aim is to maximise chances for successful collaboration, to increase the number of **joint FP7 projects** between the EU and Lebanese organisations and to prepare the basis for **Horizon 2020 cooperation** between EU and Lebanese organisations. In addition, the Training Services aim at a long term integration of Lebanese teams in collaboration projects and networks, for example through the exchange of researchers even beyond FP7.

The overall objective is to develop a plan and timeline of trainings that will support the integration of Lebanese Health research teams in the European Research Area.

3. Target Groups

There are **two main target groups** for the activity of Training Services:

- A main focus will be given to the University Saint-Joseph as a Lebanese key player in the field of Health; this target group will be primarily addressed by the training activities to be developed.
- Research teams from other universities and research institutions from Lebanon in the field of Health having strong international collaboration potential; these other Lebanese Health research teams will be invited to participate in training sessions and events.

The teams from Lebanon addressed by LEB'IN for Training Services should demonstrate:

- Willingness to international cooperation.
- Motivation for participation in FP7 calls.
- Capacities for international cooperation (international publications; R&D project experience; etc.).
- Presence of competences corresponding to the FP7 HEALTH Work Programme objectives.
- Knowledge of the international Health market and needs.
- Interest in Training Services which might be provided by the LEB'IN project partners.

4. Concept and Implementation Plan

In order to address the needs of Lebanese Health research teams identified during the first months of the LEB'IN project, an **Action Plan** has been developed. The outcomes target primarily research teams from USJ, but events and training sessions are open to other Lebanese Health organisations as well.

The **actions** to be taken out include:

- Communication tools and activities,
- Event organisation/participation
- A large panel of Training Services.

*These **training actions** are a major tool to assist USJ and other Lebanese Health research teams in the integration of the European Research Area (ERA).*

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The **needs addressed and overall services to be provided** are indicated in the table below:

Need addressed	Action	Expected outcome and impact	Responsible Partner	Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility assistance and promotion of teams and their research competences in EU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Website • Project newsletters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissemination on project activities and USJ's project implication • 4 newsletters • Special focus on MEDA area 	USJ	Throughout the whole project duration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking with other ERA-WIDE coordinators of the Mediterranean, as well as national partners of projects funded by BILAT and INCO-NET programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange of practices and processes, contribution to regional dialogue 	USJ	Throughout the whole project duration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of a large-scale conference in Lebanon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60+ conference participants 	USJ (support by Berytech and AMU)	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance in the identification and taking part in networking events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking and brokerage sessions during larger events in Lebanon and Europe, targeting Lebanese, Mediterranean and European Health research teams, in order to increase visibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3+ networking and brokerage sessions to be organised during larger events in Lebanon; participation of the Scientific Reference Team • 10+ relevant networking and information presentations and sessions organised in the framework of other larger events in Europe • 12 USJ experts to attend European Health events 	AMU (with USJ)	Throughout the whole project duration; in accordance to the events calendar

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Services - Consultancy assistance in the participation in FP7 (Horizon 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical advice on how to participate in FP7 (Horizon 2020) collaborative research projects • Concept of the HEALTH Work Programme and European research priorities • FP7 proposal training events: identification of potential projects, identification and contact to potential partners, consortium building, advice on proposal submission • Synthetic booklet on how to prepare a proposal under FP7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased knowledge on FP7 and Horizon 2020 programmes and proposal submission • Participation of USJ in 3+ FP7 projects 	inno TSD	<p>USJ administrative staff training in France: October/November 2012</p> <p>Mid 2013 and further trainings in accordance to needs expressed</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Assistance in the integration of European Technology Platforms, FP7 consortia and international teams/networks</i> → Needs preliminary investigation on the interest first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on ETPs or other networks in the field of Health, presentation and direct contact to representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of USJ in 3+ ETP/ NoEs or other networks 	inno TSD	<p>Throughout the whole project duration</p> <p>Preliminary investigation deadline: by the end of 2012</p>

Table 1: Needs addressed and services provided for ERA integration

5. Role and tasks of the LEB'IN partners

The LEB'IN project team will carry out the Training Actions to identified Lebanese Health research teams. inno TSD will be overall responsible for the training activities and supported by all partners built on their experience and competence.

The members of the Scientific Reference Team will assist in the dissemination and provide information on networking possibilities.

6. Timeline

The schedule below indicates the planned timeline of the Training Services. Part of the activity has already been started from the beginning of the project, as the overall aim of providing networking opportunities in the field of Health is continuously deployed. However, further and more specific action will be taken during the upcoming months, in particular with regards to the FP7-HEALTH calls 2013 and the Horizon2020 programme.

Measure/Action	Timing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical advice on how to participate in FP7 (Horizon 2020) collaborative research projects 	During the whole project duration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept of the HEALTH Work Programme and European research priorities 	Early 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FP7 proposal training events: identification of potential projects, identification and contact to potential partners, consortium building, advice on proposal submission 	October/November 2012 Mid 2013 Early 2014 (if need expressed)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthetic booklet on how to prepare a proposal under FP7 	By the end of 2012

Table 2: Time Schedule

The timeline indicated above is provisional, as it is based on the needs of Lebanese Health research teams identified so far. Should need discussions and project outcomes bring forward other distinctive needs, it will be privileged to modify the schedule; part of the programmed Training Services may be adapted accordingly.

A brief report on the partners' achievements will be incorporated in the periodic activity reports.