

## Introduction

FOODQA is a three-year project that started on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, 2016, funded by the European Union through Erasmus+ programme that focuses on providing Jordanian students with competencies and skills needed by the market.

The project aims at reinforcing and structuring a Jordanian network for promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in the food area, while improving the flow of knowledge and cooperation between HEI and the industry.

The EU experience is a major component in the success of the FOODQA project. The EU countries in this project including Germany, Greece, Croatia, Italy and Portugal have

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## The aim of Erasmus+

The aim of Erasmus+ is to contribute to the Europe 2020 strategy for growth, jobs, social equity and inclusion, as well as the aims of ET2020, the EU's strategic framework for education and training.

Erasmus+ also aims to promote the sustainable development of its partners in the field of higher education, and contribute to achieving

## Objectives

The FoodQA project will notably allow:

- To specify the needs in food companies in order to better shape training courses and encourage close interactions of authorities with the concerned companies.
- To develop a more professional and complete approach that will federate experts of several disciplines to support the best projects and allow their transfer within a food company partner of the project or in HEIs' incubators.
- To analyse and address the skills and needs of food companies in order to propose new training sessions (some in





# Partners



## Main activities

- Development of training materials
- Development of training courses
- Installation of FoodQA centres and Training of academia and industry
- Pilots of implementation of food safety and quality management systems
- Web-portal development
- Establishment of the Academia-Industry Council:

The main targeted groups:

- Staff/Researchers, Students/Trainees, Universities, Food companies (especially

# FoodQA Kick-off Meeting

- More than 30 participants from the 6 partners' countries attended this meeting.
- Prof. Abu Al-Rub, FOODQA Project manager, emphasized on the importance of such a project to the HEIs in Jordan and to the food industry sector in Jordan
- The project management committees were established during this meeting, and the partners' agreed on the management structure as the following:
  - 1- Steering Committee
  - 2- Training and Technical Committee
  - 3- Scientific Committee
  - 4- Quality Committee
  - 5- Industrial Committee
  - 6- Dissemination Committee
- The National Erasmus+ Office representative has presented the regulations and the correct financial management for the project team

## Work packages

- WP 1- Development of training material
- WP 2- Development of training courses
- WP 3- Training of academia and industry
- WP 4- Pilot of implementation of food safety and quality management systems
- WP 5- Dissemination, exploitation of results, and sustainability
- WP 6- Quality
- WP 7- Management and operational structures



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