

Kick-Off Meeting

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Meeting Minutes

1. Agenda summary

| Subject |
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| - Arrival of Partners |
| - Welcome Address |
| - Presentations by each partners |
| - Project WP's and goals |
| - Road map and Technical issues |
| - Lunch break |
| - Wrap up |

2. Participants

| | Name | Organization | Country |
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| 1 | Ayesha Al-omari | PSUT | Jordan |
| 2 | Walid Salameh | PSUT | Jordan |
| 3 | Yazan Abu Yaghi | PSUT | Jordan |
| 4 | Antonio Skarmeta | University of Murcia | Spain |
| 5 | Momir Tabakovic | of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien | Austria |
| 6 | Michelle Grindle | University of Alicante | Spain |
| 7 | Nizar Ayudi | University of Alicante | Spain |
| 8 | Firas Al-Alawneh | NCRD | Jordan |
| 9 | Mohamoud Jaber | NCRD | Jordan |
| 10 | Khalid Masoum | NCRD | Jordan |

3. Meeting purpose

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| To discuss main roles of partners |
| To set up deadlines for the first work package |

4. Partner presentations by each partner

Each partner briefly presented the organization and its role in the project.

5. Context and Objectives of Project

The following represent the general context of the project and its main objectives:

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| To create the knowledge base and strategy fundamentals for all subsequent WPs. The overall goal is to increase national and international competitiveness of NCRD based on socio-economic needs. | WP1 |
| To build competences of NCRD staff and researchers for enhanced participation in FP7. | WP2 |
| To monitor and disseminate EU funding opportunities and promote participation in EU projects, assist in proposal drafting and project management. | WP3 |
| To enhance NCRDs (and Jordan's) visibility in EU | WP4 |
| To increase the scope and visibility of the action and position NCRD as the Centre of Excellence in EU-Jordan R&D cooperation. | WP5 |
| To ensure the successful implementation of the project, and to attain the expected outputs in time and within the budget | WP6 |

6. Partner Main Roles:

| Name | Role |
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| National Center for Research and Development – Jordan (Coordinator) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall project coordinator and main beneficiary • Plays a key role in all project activities. • Leads four work packages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic actions for competitiveness - Physical and structural capacity building - Visibility Actions - Project management and monitoring • Participates in all activities that require considerable staff effort and mobility budget. |
| University of Alicante – Spain (UA) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports NCRD in overall project coordination. • Responsible for project website and management tools. • Supports in analysis and strategy development. • Plays a key role in preparation of networking events. • Monitors and facilitates the project dissemination & liaison activities. |
| University of Applied Sciences Technikum Vienna – Austria (UASTV) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crucial twinning partner for NCRD. • Responsible for main networking and dissemination. • Partner for NCRD inclusion in the EU RE research landscape. • Responsible for coordination of two major networking events • Responsible for development of joint projects and FP application • Provides support and coaching within other activities. |

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| University of Murcia – Spain (UMU) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively participates in work package: Human Resource Capacity building at multiple levels. • Provides input for science related training. • Hosts NCRD research initiatives. • Disseminates and actively participates in networking events. • Coordinates monitoring and quality control measures. |
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7. Main points of discussion

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| Jordan's need for renewable energy |
| The expertise and supporting main roles of partner universities |
| <p>Strategy of work plan within the next 6 months, mainly NCRD's role.</p> <p>NCRD...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has to finish the project website by the end of October 2012. • will lead WP1 • will appoint a working group • will analyze the questionnaire given by the European partners. • will invite speakers, and organize all the Feb 2013 networking event details. |
| Jordan Feb 2013 networking event themes (Bio Energy, Solar thermal and Energy Efficiency). |
| WP4 event, June 2013, held by University of Applied Science Technikum Wien/ Austria |