

**Birzeit University and the Ministry of Higher Education**

**are delighted to invite you to the workshop**

## **Recognition of qualifications obtained in international credit mobility**

**In Birzeit University, Faculty of Engineering Room 242**

**On Tuesday 10/12/2019**

International credit mobility (ICM) is one of the most important programs driven by the Erasmus plus projects. Most of the students conducting this mobility attend courses and obtain qualifications in the host European Universities. These courses have to be recognized and counted for by the home university to enable these students to continue their education without being exposed to big losses due to their mobility. One of the most problems faced in this matter in Palestine is that most of the Palestinian universities follow the American credit hour (CH) system. This fact makes it difficult to translate the ECTS hours covered in Europe to the local CH system. Another challenge is the difference in teaching language where some courses are taught in Europe in languages other than the English language which forces students sometimes to follow language courses in the host country to be able to follow these courses. The passing grades is another challenge where some universities consider that the 60% is the pass grade while others consider 50% and so on and so forth. This depends mainly on the level of education, the content of the courses and the level of exams given to students. Recognizing courses need high knowledge of the level of education and the process of assessment followed in the universities giving these courses. The previous discussion proves the necessity of discussing this matter on the national level in Palestine.

### **Learning outcomes**

1. Discussing the existing approaches towards qualification recognition followed in Palestine and the region.
2. Understanding the advantages and drawbacks of these recognitions on the general education system.

### **Agenda**

- (12:05 – 12:10) Welcome speech by Dr. Khaled Sweileh, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Birzeit University
- (12:00 – 12:05) Welcome speech by Dr. Ihab Qubbaj representative of Minister of Higher Education
- (12:10 – 12:15) Welcome speech by Dr. Nedal Jayousi ERASMUS officer
- (12:15 – 12:30) Presentation by Dr. Ahmed Abu Hanieh from BZU
- (12:30 – 12:40) Presentation by Dr. Muamar Shtewi from MOHE
- (12:40 – 12:50) Presentation by Dr. Jamal Seyam from BZU
- (12:50 – 13:00) Presentation by Mr. Raed Barakat from MOHE
- (13:00 – 13:20) Coffee break
- (13:20 – 14:00) Open discussion