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About IBTIKAR

IBTIKAR, promoting research and innovation environment in the Libyan higher Education System, aimed to enhance the research capabilities of Libyan Higher Education Institutions and their capacity to produce and manage high-quality research, by increasing the competencies and skills of their academic and administrative staff. IBTIKAR was a national project involving 11 Libyan Higher Education Institutions willing to develop skills and capacity in research and innovation, and network with peer researchers internationally.

As a long-term objective, IBTIKAR aimed to:

- Increase the production of joint high-quality research through a new class of thinkers able to cope with the local and global challenges, solving community problems and impacting on the socio-economic growth in Libya
- Enforce the role of Libyan universities and promote the quality and quantity of researches, so as to make a transition within the multidimensional targets of sustainability

IBTIKAR project implemented different actions based on participative, collaborative and tailored approaches in which the knowledge is built with a multitude of techniques, useful to develop a comprehensive training and capacity building action for the Libyan Universities. Capacity building is performed through:

- Capacity building where European trainers trained Libyan Partners on the basic skills (both soft skills and technical skills) required to effectively run research at their research centres.
- Vertical advanced visits to European universities.
- A Horizontal Capacity Building action, where Libyan academic and administrative staff from the more advanced Libyan Universities trained the staff from other Libyan Universities.
- Local trainings to engage the overall educational community at Libyan universities.

Libyan staff were able to share with their counterparts not only the knowledge acquired, but also their experience in managing and implementing research activities in the Libyan context. In fact, by training academic and administrative staff, each University guaranteed a high level of performance and efficiency, together with a high-quality standard of teaching and learning, on a long-term basis. Libyan research centres were also equipped and properly furnished, from both the technological and human resources point of views.

Finally, IBTIKAR foresaw the definition of a White Paper aiming at bringing the attention of decision-makers on the definition of a Libya National Research Agenda, which will support specialization strategies within universities, enforcing existing research centres and research units, supporting universities in research management and training in specific field of knowledge, as well as setting up proper infrastructures.



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- University of Tripoli, UoT
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- Alasmarya Islamic University, AIU
- Bani Waleed University, BWU
- University of Ajdabiya, AoU
- Libyan International Medical University, LIMU

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Background

The project worked to:

- Enforce research structures in Libyan universities through capacity building of staff, purchase of lab instrumentation, and through new collaborations among Libyan RCC
- A clearer specialization strategy in each university
- Improve performance of Libyan research centres
- Connecting Libyan HEIs with national authorities to support the creation of an improved Libyan research environment
- Improve circulation of knowledge and networking activities
- Enforce local cooperation at national level and promote exchanges between Libyan universities
- Reduce the isolation of Libyan Universities while connecting them with EU institutions
- Promote the IBTIKAR results as best practices in the Libyan HE system
- Increase the quality of research outputs
- Strengthen the relationship among Libyan Universities
- Increase the quality of cooperation arrangements
- Support a reform process for a new research strategy nationally through the White Paper recommendations, and through the engagement of national stakeholders

Actions at institutional level



