

1. Report on the progress of the project implementation at the non-EU partner institutions

- **IRD Herzliya**
 - Some equipment has been purchased
 - school of Psychology has been selected for the implementing of the pilot project
 - new staff (half load) was hired – IRO as such doesn't exist yet
 - network of Israeli partner universities has been established and the members meet on regular basis
 - seminar on ECTS has been being prepared

- **Hebrew University**
 - work on implementing the project have been carried out by Joel and his staff from the past – the staff money has been kept for the pilot project implementation
 - IRO as such – discussion has been held about it, should be set up soon; International school and International office will be working independently
 - Some software have been purchased
 - the project has been/will be presented in front of the Hebrew University senate
 - three units should be involved in the pilot project implementation – general enrichment courses, master program at the International school, one of the clinical years of the dental school

- **Bezalel**
 - Some software have been purchased
 - IRO is being setting up – two and half people are/will be involved
 - Pilot projects – architecture (undergraduate and post-graduate), post-graduate program industrial design

- **Ben Gurion University**
 - IRO set up 3 years ago, so in-depth evaluation of the credit system at BGU has been carried out instead with following results:
 - Theory and practice differ
 - no official institutional policy on credit system – each faculty works independently
 - Pre-pilot project – international program
 - Equipment – laptop, fax,...

- **Al Quds**
 - purchase of equipment – some of them for PR purposes
 - pilot project – dept. of political science
 - visa issue for the incoming students/scholars – an answer: There had been a resolution of Israeli universities sent to the authorities

- ECTS – people are afraid of switching to the new system, and so is the Ministry of Education – the seminar is being prepared on the institutional level
- 2. Timeframe of the project implementation** – the timetable has been updated and its current version is enclosed as an appendix
- 3. ECTS seminar**
- 19-20 December – Israel (Bet Daniel)
 - 21 December – Palestine
 - Speakers: Anne Boddington (Brighton), Don Sparling (Masaryk, UN), Wessel Maijer (UN), Adrianna ? (Portugal, Compostela Group), Kennedy ? (Cork, UN?) Eva Wiberg (Lund, Swedish Bologna expert)
- 4. Seminar on QA of Internationalization**
- Birgit is responsible for the content of the seminar – she should send by the end of October an email with the outline of the seminar; the participants could provide a feedback on that by the end of November, so that the final program is out by January
 - The venue will be either Oldenburg or Rhodes. Birgit should – having communicated with all the partners – decide on the venue and take care of the logistics, or alternatively ask another EU partner to help her with that. If Rhodes is selected, then permission from EC will have to be acquired as no partner has its campus there. Utrecht Network has recently accepted a Turkish member – Bogazici University in Istanbul – so alternatively the seminar could take place at their campus
 - The length: 2 working days (Monday-Tuesday), mid-February – mid-March (14-15 February would be perhaps the best fit)
- 5. Manuals on “best practices”**
- The project proposal anticipates creation of brochures at the following four topics by the end of the second year:
 - management of IRO
 - management of EU-funded project – that might part a part of the manual on the management of IRO
 - QA of Internationalization
 - Internationalization at home
 - (the last one – on ECTS should be out in the final year)
 - Non-European partners don’t find the proposal realistic and suggest that the Commission should be asked for an extension till the end of the whole project (2012), so that all five brochures (including the one on ECTS) come out together
 - There was even a suggestion that instead of five different handbooks/ one manual with five chapters should be produced
 - Breakdown of couple (4-5) of major issues for each manual – Carlos should send template and this breakdown by the end of October to the Israeli and Palestinian

partners, that both will be discussed in December by the partners, and after finalizing that it should be send to the Europeans who will come up with their materials

6. Pilot projects

- Regardless of the proposal, all Non-EU partners intend to start with the pilot project earlier

7. Websites

- Hebrew version: Mike – is working on it and should be ready in a month
- Arabic version: Samira – nearly done with it
 - there are still some technical problems with the logo, etc.
 - forum – discussion platform should be included
 - information (contact, photo, logo, link) from EU partners should be send to Samira ASAP (see the email from 16 September) – Samira will then provide it to Mike