

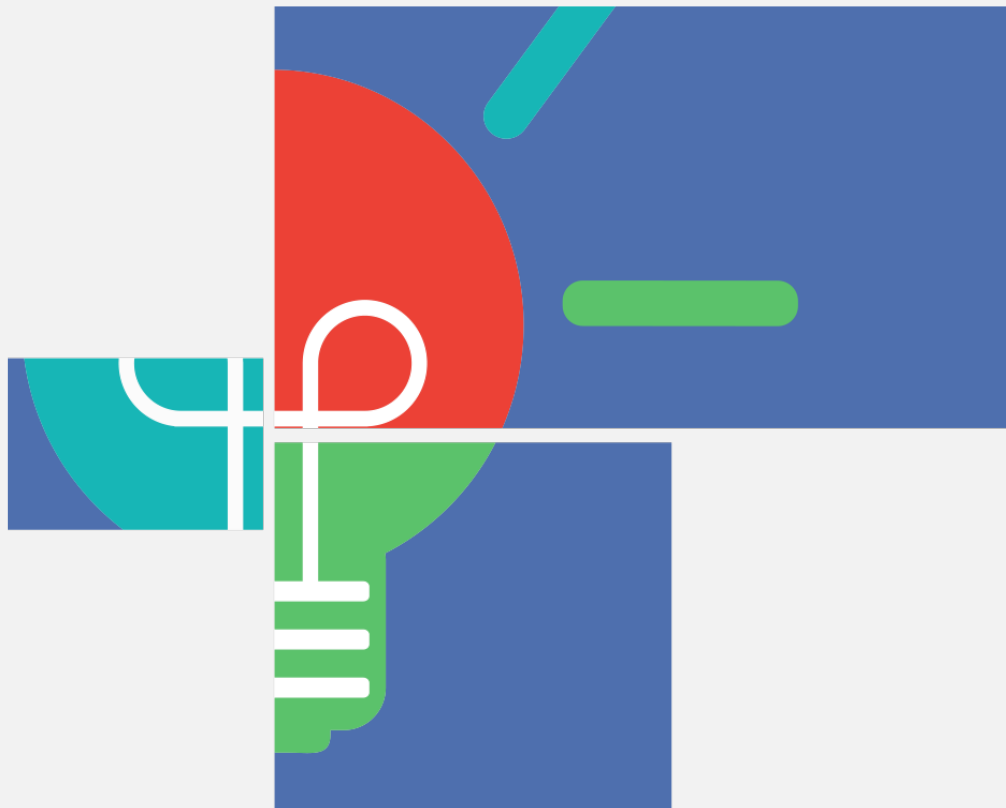


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1) Description of the Harmonisation Event

The **Harmonisation Event** in Misurata was the second part and conclusion of IBTIKAR WP4.

The Event took part at the University of Misurata on February 18th 2023. All Libyan Partners were represented in Misurata, with UNIMED.

Originally, before the Libyan-to-Libyan training, the proposal planned the organisation of a harmonization event. Considering the previous changes in the comprehensive training philosophy, from WP3 to WP4, the nature of this event has been also changed: the objective of the meeting was not anymore to harmonise training approaches, but rather to collect feedback after the trainings and to share questions, concerns and perspectives regarding scientific research in Libya from local academic communities.

After the organisation of local trainings by the 11 Libyan universities from December 2023 to January 2024 upon a harmonized training agenda (see D4.1 Local trainings report), partners met for the first time in Libya, mainly for two reasons:

- to share their experiences and lessons learnt from the local training
- to collect reflections and recommendations for improving scientific research at HEI level and to feed the White Paper

The Event was also the occasion to share discussions around some key aspects, through 3 roundtables:

- Roundtable 1: Research and consultation centers at Libyan universities: Challenges and opportunities
- Roundtable 2: The legal framework governing higher education in Libya; Law 4 vs amendment 126 and 501. Could the new legislation affect the research in Libyan universities?
- Roundtable 3: Research for Real Impact: Orienting Postgraduate Studies, access to data and publications, national and international partnerships

Main outcomes of the event were a set of inputs for the White Paper, some key insights on the new legislative framework under development in Libya, sharing of good practices for generating an impact with research (focusing on partnership and data access and publications) and for the first time it was shared the idea of creating a Network of Research and Consultation Centers in Libya.

2) Harmonisation Event in a nutshell

1 day

1st IBTIKAR
event in Libya

11 Libyan
universities

60
participants

3) Recommendations emerged from the local trainings

Promote inter-institutional
cooperation to develop an
integrated approach to
research

Encourage the top
management of the
university to organize similar
workshops integrating other
disciplines, such as
humanities

Encourage communication at
national and international
levels

Intensify interdisciplinary
collaboration in research

Improve the coordination
between the RCC, the R&C
departments at faculty level
and department level

Establish a national network
for collaborative research
initiatives

E-learning, virtual education,
AI : how can they contribute
to research?

4) Practical suggestions

Modernize curricula

Address specific
fundings allocated to
scientific research

Training on how to
create website for
research and
consulting centers

Enhancing language
skills

Advocate for national
level initiatives

Develop a
collaborative platform
for sharing research
ideas and resources

Annexes

Annex 1: Agenda of the Harmonisation Event in Misurata

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Annex 1

Agenda of the Harmonisation Event in Misurata



IBTIKAR

**promoting research and innovation environment in
the Libyan higher Education System**

IBTIKAR Harmonisation meeting

18-19 February 2024

Hosted at Misurata University

Agenda





IBTIKAR Harmonisation meeting

18 February 2024

10.00 – 10.15 Opening session

Greetings from

- Misurata University
- UNIMED

10.15 – 11.00 Report of the IBTIKAR Local trainings

- Anne-Laurence Pastorini, UNIMED: key figures & lessons learnt
- Overall discussion with Libyan Partners on some shared proposals.

11.00 – 11.15 Introduction to the White Paper to guide the Roundtables

- Martina Zipoli, UNIMED

11.15 – 11.45 Coffee break

11.45 – 12.30 Roundtable 1: The legal framework governing higher education in Libya; Law 4 vs amendment 126 and 501. Could the new legislation affect the research in Libyan universities?

- Facilitator: Ahmed Baaiu, Misurata University

12.30 – 13.15 Roundtable 2: Roundtable 3: Research for Real Impact: Orienting Postgraduate Studies, access to data and publications, etc

- Facilitator: Kadija Mansour, University of Benghazi

13.15 – 14.30 Light lunch





14.30 – 15.30 National and international partnerships: stakeholders map, reflections on challenges and possibilities, operationalisation of the Research Agenda

- Open discussion, moderated by Marcello Scalisi, UNIMED

15.30 – 1.00 Wrap-up: what of today shall we include in the White Paper?

- Martina Zipoli, UNIMED

19 February 2024

10.00 – 13.00 Public Event

13.00 – 14.30 Light lunch

14.30 – 15.00 What have we missed for the White Paper? Open debate on additional themes to include, along the inputs of the public event.

- Martina Zipoli, UNIMED

15.00 – 15.45 Working groups on Recommendations

- Libyan Partners divided into 3 working groups, to discuss recommendations for stakeholders / decision-makers at institutional, national, international levels
- Facilitators: Anne-Laurence Pastorini, Martina Zipoli, Raniero Chelli, UNIMED

15.45 – 16.15 Restitution in the plenary session

- One rapporteur from each working group

16.15 – 16.30 Wrap up and conclusions



Annex 2

Poster of the Harmonisation Event



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PUBLIC EVENT

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HARMONISATION MEETING

18 FEBRUARY 2024
UNIVERSITY OF MISURATA



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Annex 3

Pictures of the Event





