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Enhancing ICT Competencies of Early Childhood Educators at HEIs in MENA Countries 2023-2025

ICT4EDU ACHIEVEMENTS IN EARLY 2025



The first half of this year has been a period of strong momentum for the ICT4EDU project, highlighted by key management meetings, training workshops, and steady progress in curricula development.

Partners gathered for the 5th Management Meeting in Padova alongside regular online management meetings, setting the stage for upcoming milestones such as the 6th Management Meeting and the final conference. Capacity building remained a priority, with the 4th ICT4EDU ToT Workshop in Bucharest—organized by the University of Padova—successfully completed, and the 1st ICT4EDU Students Training Workshop launched, further engaging students in the project's mission.

This issue reflects on these important achievements, presenting the collaborative efforts and milestones that shaped the first half of the year, while continuing to emphasize curricula development and innovation in early childhood education.

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PARTNERS



5TH MANAGEMENT MEETING

PADOVA, ITALY



February 19-21, 2025



Padova University Campus



The meeting was opened by Prof. Michele Biasutti and Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, followed by welcome remarks from institutional leaders of partner universities. Prof. Al-Salaymeh reviewed the overall project progress, including biannual reports, financial management, and upcoming management meetings.

Representatives from MENA universities presented updates on the implementation of updated and new courses during the first semester, challenges faced, use of e-learning platforms, ICT labs, and dissemination activities.

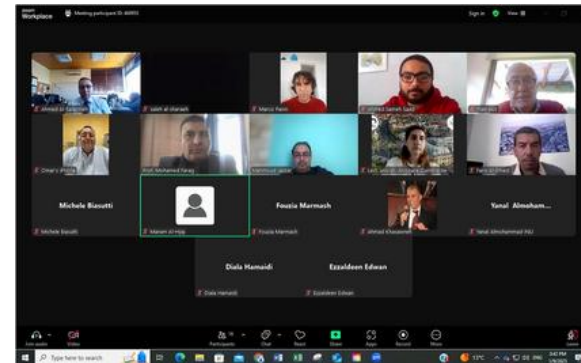
ONLINE MANAGEMENT MEETINGS



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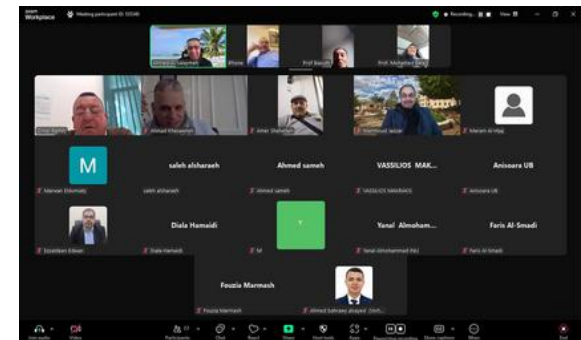
**THE 18TH ONLINE
MANAGEMENT MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2025
2:00 PM (AMMAN TIME)**

The meeting started by Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, the general coordinator for the project, who provided an update on the ongoing tasks and preparations for the 5th management meeting in Padova. Dr. Anisoara presented the progress on ICT4EDU implementation surveys, noting that over 1000 responses were received.



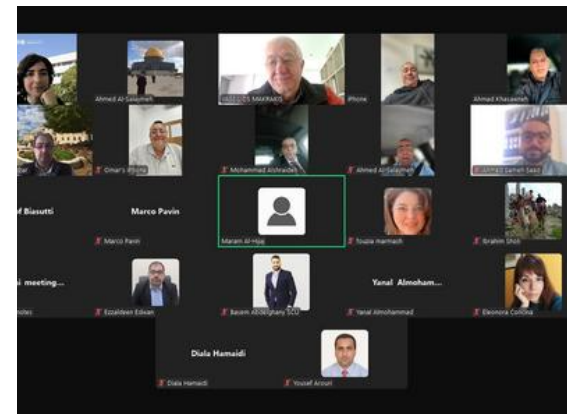
**THE 19TH ONLINE
MANAGEMENT MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2025
2:00 PM (AMMAN TIME)**

The meeting started with Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, the general coordinator for the project, leading a discussion on the upcoming 5th ICT4EDU Management Meeting scheduled in Padova from February 19–21, 2025. He reviewed the draft agenda and invited feedback from partners.



**THE 20TH ONLINE
MANAGEMENT MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2023
12:00 PM (AMMAN TIME)**

The meeting started with Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, the general coordinator for the project, who opened by discussing preparations for the upcoming management meeting in Nicosia, set for September 15–17, 2025. He also proposed dates for the final conference and requested partners to vote via a shared doodle link. Each partner was asked to finalize student selection, submit training syllabi, and complete in-house training reports.



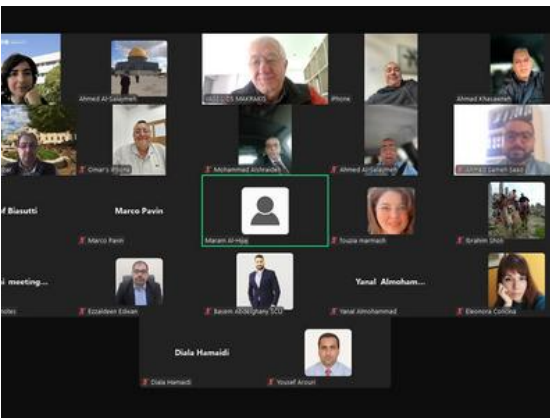
**THE 21TH ONLINE
MANAGEMENT MEETING
MAY 15 2025
14:00 PM (AMMAN TIME)**

The meeting started with a welcoming speech by Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, the general project coordinator, who opened the session and highlighted the main agenda. He presented updates related to project coordination, specifically the financial statements and preparations for the 6th management meeting in Cyprus.



THE 22TH ONLINE
MANAGEMENT MEETING
JUNE 19, 2025
4:00 PM (AMMAN TIME)

The meeting started with Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, the general coordinator for the project, who opened by discussing preparations for the upcoming management meeting in Nicosia, set for September 15–17, 2025. He also proposed dates for the final conference and requested partners to vote via a shared doodle link. Each partner was asked to finalize student selection, submit training syllabi, and complete in-house training reports.



UPCOMING

6TH MANAGMENT MEETING



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Cyprus

FINAL CONFERENCE



December 4–6, 2025.



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4TH ICT4EDU TOT WORKSHOP

BUCHAREST, ROMANIA



University of Bucharest



1ST ICT4EDU STUDENTS TRAINING WORKSHOP



University of Padova



Students participated in specialized training workshops designed to enhance their ICT competencies in early childhood education. This training formed part of the broader EU student exchange program, which provides participants with hands-on experience, exposure to diverse teaching methodologies, and opportunities for cross-cultural collaboration.

ONE STEP AWAY FROM THE FINAL MILESTONE

As we move forward, the achievements of this first half of the year set a strong foundation for what is yet to come. With curricula development advancing, capacity building strengthened, and students actively engaged, the ICT4EDU project continues to build meaningful impact across partner institutions. We look ahead with optimism to the upcoming 6th Management Meeting and the Final Conference, confident that our collective efforts will further enhance ICT competencies in early childhood education throughout the region.

The ICT4EDU project moves into its final months, this edition marks the second-to-last issue of our Newsletter. One final edition will follow, capturing the closing activities, key achievements, and reflections from our journey together. With the project's conclusion approaching, we continue to work with the same dedication to ensure that our remaining milestones are met and that the impact of ICT4EDU will extend well beyond its official end.

