

Modernising University Governance and Management in Libya

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Changing Patterns of Governance in Libyan Higher Education



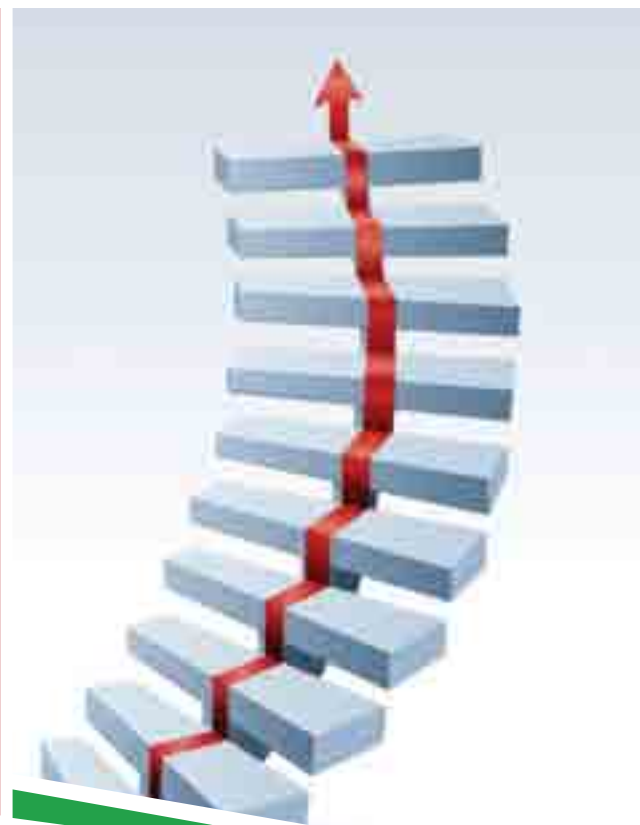
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Objectives

Seven universities in Libya (six public and one private) will work together with four European HEIs

- » To ensure sound financial management and financial accountability and,
- » To strengthen universities networking capacities

The project "Modernising University Governance and Management in Libya" (UNIGOV) aims to confront these challenges. It is funded by the European Commission under the TEMPUS programme and with the support from the Libyan Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Background

Libya's political and economic system is undergoing fundamental changes. Previously, the system is characterized by extensive state intervention, from decisionmaking to financing of institutions.

Libyan higher education institutions (HEIs) and research activities were once completely managed by the state through its General Peoples' Committee for Education and Scientific Research. Governance and management were centralised and financing by obtained directly from the state.

Libya's current political and economic transition foresees a move towards a free-market economy. Consequently, Libyans HEI now are exposed to a completely new context – enhanced institutional and financial autonomy and uncertainty with regards to funding their activities. They are also opening up to greater international cooperation.

The challenge therefore is in reinforcing ongoing governance reforms and preparing Libyans HEIs for enhanced institutional and financial autonomy, through the modernisation of financial management capacities. There is also a need to support Libyan HEIs in engaging international partners.

Activities

- » Benchmarking & Analysis
- » Capacity building workshops & trainings focusing on financial management, fundraising, Higher education Governance,
- » Sharing of learning materials
- » Upgrading the Technical capacities of Libyan universities
- » Establishing the Libyan Network of University Managers
- » Policy dialogue between policy makers & HEI's top management

Duration

Start date:
15 October 2012
End date:
14 October 2015

Stakeholders

Government, University Rectors, Managers & Students