EDUU
Education and Cultural Heritage Enhancement for Social Cohesion in Iraq

WHAT IS EDUU?

EDUU is a 30 months (2017-2019) international project funded by the European Union in the frame of the EuropeAid - Civil Society Organisations - Local Authorities Programme in Iraq.

Eduu means “to know” in the Akkadian language spoken by the inhabitants of ancient Mesopotamia. The project seeks to create an EU-Iraq partnership in the fields of education and cultural heritage, connecting universities, secondary schools, and museums. These partners are working together to enhance the pluralism of Iraqi civil society as well as to raise awareness on the diverse and multicultural past of Iraq.

EDUU OBJECTIVES

EDUU has five specific objectives:

1. To increase the knowledge of pre-Islamic societies in Iraq through archaeological research in the Qadisiyah and Wasit regions, and raise awareness on Iraqi cultural heritage.
2. To protect cultural heritage and to promote it as a tool for dialogue between different sectors of society by improving the skills of SBAH personnel and community leaders.
3. To promote interest in the common cultural heritage and identity of Iraqi society among younger generations through courses in secondary schools and rural communities.
4. To improve the local museum assets and engage civil society in cultural heritage initiatives promoted by museums.
5. To promote and disseminate in Iraq and also internationally the value of cultural heritage as a tool for community building.

12
ACADEMIC ARTICLES PUBLISHED

300
IRAQI STUDENTS PARTICIPATING TO EDUU ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS

440
REGISTRATION TO THE 1ST EDITION OF THE MOOC IN MUSEUM STUDIES

1000
SBAH AND COMMUNITY LEADERS INVOLVED IN EDUU ACTIVITIES

1200
HOURS OF TRAINING IN CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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The 1st International Conference on the Enhancement of the Archaeological Heritage in Iraq was held at the University of Kufa. This special event has been attended by both scholars and civil audience interested in the Archaeological Heritage of Iraq.

Workshops for Iraqi secondary school students, creation of three comic books on the job of archaeologists and the importance of the historical landscapes, and trips to museums to promote interest in the cultural heritage and pre-Islamic identity of the Iraqi society among young generations.

Five archaeological surveys and field traininggs have been realized in the governorates of Wasit, Qadisiyah, Najaf and Niniveh.