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## Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> WALADU project meeting (2-4 October 2017)

### Participants:

Partner number	Name	Surname	Institution
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P3	Nikos	Kontogiannis	Koç University of Istanbul
P3	Christina	Luke	Koç University of Istanbul
P4	Nawala	Al-Mutawalli	University of Baghdad
P4	Laith	Hussein	University of Baghdad
P4	Munther	Ali	University of Baghdad
P4	Layth	Shaker	University of Baghdad
P5	Ferdous	Al-Turaihy	University of Qadisiyah
P5	Mohammed	Al-Hashimi	University of Qadisiyah
P5	Jaafar	Jotheri	University of Qadisiyah
P5	Ahmaed	Mohaebi	University of Qadisiyah
P6	Mahdi	Alsahlawi	University of Kufa
P6	Nabeel	Al-Mezael	University of Kufa
P6	Hayder	Alhamdani	University of Kufa
External Expert	Muhsin	Afurajy	Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education

### 2nd October 2017, Monday

#### Morning session

The meeting was opened with the project members registration followed by a **welcoming session** by Professor Irşadi Aksun, Vice President of Research and Development Department at Koç University and Prof. Nicolò Marchetti project coordinator of WALADU.

A first introductory presentation on the **results achieved during WP1 and the challenges expected for WP2** was given by Dr. Federico Zaina from the UNIBO coordination team. A detailed schedule and goals expected to reach during the WP2 has been listed and explained. During the presentation the WALADU team approved the WP2 agenda:

<b>WP 2 operative schedule (October 2017 – March 2018)</b>	
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Activities</b>
<u>Late Oct – Early Nov 2017</u>	GOAL 1: Senior training at LMU
<u>Late Oct – Late Dec 2017</u>	GOAL 2: Junior trainings at LMU and Koç
<u>Mid-November</u>	Operational committee meeting Skype conference
<u>Jan – Mar 2018</u>	GOAL 3: Junior training at UNIBO
<u>Feb 2018</u>	GOAL 4: Administrative Staff training at UNIBO
<u>During the WP2</u>	GOAL 5: Preliminary development of Teaching Units and syllabi
<u>Late March 2018</u>	Quality and Operational committees meetings WP 3 consortium meeting

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

*1 - WALADU results and challenges*

During the rest of the morning several experts from Koç University presented the methodology and activities carried out by different department and offices to help scholars to improve their teaching techniques and to foster student inclusion in the job market. Ms. Tuna Dağlı and Mrs. Seda Akcoka from the University Career Development Center (CDC) illustrated the **strategies put in place by Koç to help student to get successful and satisfying career.**

The other two presentations by Mrs. Zuhul Zeybekoğlu Manager of the Koç University Office of Teaching and Learning (KOLT) and Mr. Emrah Göker Koç University Research, Project Development and Technology Transfer Directorate, aimed at showing showing the researches on the development of teaching methodologies and the consequent level of learning by the students.

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

*2 - Koç Career Development Center*

*3 - Koç KOLT*

*4 - Koç Research and Development*

*5 - Koç R&D support service*

#### Afternoon session

During the afternoon session **Prof. Muhsin Afurajy Counselor and the Chief Executive of the Accreditation and Syllabus office from the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education**, gave a presentation about the **current procedures to create and accreditate new teaching units in BA courses in Iraq universities.** He acknowledged the importance of the WALADU project in raising the issue of the development and improvement of courses in Iraqi universities putting them in line with the EU standards. Prof. Afurajy was specifically invited to this meeting in order to help the WALADU team to proper understand the official procedures and issues concerning teaching units accreditation as well as to provide the support of the Iraqi official bodies to successfully carry out WP2 and WP3 activities.

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

*6 – Higher Education System in Iraq*

Afterwards, Prof. Jaafar Jotheri from the Qadisiyah University illustrated the **final report of the WP1 need analysis**. In this report he focused on two main points:

1. The problems and needs related to the Iraqi higher education system with particular regard to the Humanities.
2. The Analysis of criteria for integration of teaching units both at local and national level into existing BA courses.

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

*7 - WP1 Needs analysis report*

The rest of the afternoon session was dedicated to **present the teaching units and syllabi of BA courses in Archaeology and Ancient History in each Iraqi partner university**. See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

*8 - Qadisiyah University BA courses in Archaeology and Ancient History*

*9 - Baghdad University BA courses in Archaeology and Ancient History*

*10 - Kufa University BA courses in Archaeology and Ancient History*

### **3rd October 2017, Tuesday**

#### Morning session

During the first part of the morning Dr. Federico Zaina from the WALADU coordination team illustrated the **Training System Methodology (TSM)** created by the EU partners to improve Iraqi scholars skills. TSM is built on a general framework for both Senior and Junior scholars training shared by the three EU partner. However each EU university has the right to design lectures, seminars and other activities of the training according to their experience, facilities and team. This is also important in order to provide the Iraqi scholars with different approaches and teaching philosophies.

See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

*11 - WALADU TSM*

After the TSM presentation, the WALADU consortium approved the **list of teaching units and the participants to the Senior training and the Junior trainings** in the three EU universities:

#### **List of selected scholars for Senior training (all trained at LMU Munich)**

<b>Name and surname</b>	<b>University</b>
Mohammed Mahan	Qadisiyah University
Mohannad Al-Qutbi	Qadisiyah University
Abbas Al-Hussainy	Qadisiyah University
Sattar Jabbar	Qadisiyah University
Munah Alqaisi	University of Kufa
Hussein Al-Subayee Alanzi	University of Kufa
Nashat Al-Khfaji	University of Kufa

Nasir Al-Kaabi	University of Kufa
Nawala Al-Mutawalli	University of Baghdad
Saja Al-Yaseen	University of Baghdad
Rafah Al-Sammraee	University of Baghdad
Layth Al-Qbaidi	University of Baghdad

### List of selected scholars for Junior training

Name and surname	University	Training carried out at
Moamel S. Merzah	University of Kufa	Koç University
Nahdh Mohammad Alsaady	University of Baghdad	Koç University
Noor Nasser	University of Baghdad	Koç University
Shaymaa Al-Badri	Qadisiyah University	Koç University
Furqan Alsaad	Qadisiyah University	LMU Munich
Hasan Kola	University of Kufa	LMU Munich
Bushra Al-Khaleely	University of Baghdad	LMU Munich
Wafaa Zwaid	University of Baghdad	LMU Munich
Jaafar Jotheri	Qadisiyah University	University of Bologna
Rajwan Faisal Mayali	Qadisiyah University	University of Bologna
Riyam Hussein Abed	University of Kufa	University of Bologna
Alaa Al-lami	University of Kufa	University of Bologna

During the morning session following the presentation of the general framework of the TSM, **each EU partner presented the activities foreseen for the Senior and Junior training**. The UNIBO team also presented the **Administrative Staff training** which will be carried out in February 2018. An important point underlined by each EU partner is the necessity to **carry out some WP3 activities already during the WP2 trainings** in order to speed up the accreditation procedures of the new teaching units. All info are available in the ppt presentation (in project Dropboxfolder):

- 12 - LMU Senior and Junior training general
- 13 - Koç Junior training general
- 14 - Koç Junior training cultural heritage
- 15 - Koç Junior training Byzantine studies
- 16 - Koç Junior training Ottoman studies
- 17 - UNIBO Junior training general

At the end of the morning session, the **WALADU consortium visited the archaeology lab of Koç University and the KUYTAM lab (<https://kuytam.ku.edu.tr>)** a specialized lab also collaborating in archaeological project. This visit was of the greatest importance to discuss on the **materials and tool to be acquired during the WP3 in order to create WaLab**.

### Afternoon session

During the first part of the afternoon session of the second day of the meeting the **Iraqi partners presented the results of the workshops with the public and private stakeholders**. Prof. Hayder Al-Hamdani (Kufa University), Prof. Mohammed Abdulsada (Qadisiyah University) and Prof. Nawala Al-Mutawalli (Baghdad University) provided details on the potential stakeholders for the integration of internships in the new BA courses. Potential stakeholders include:

Type of stakeholder	Name of the stakeholder
Public institution	Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education
Public institution	Iraqi Ministry of Culture and Tourism
Public institution	State Board of Antiquities and Heritage (SBAH)
Public institution	Center for Tourism Development in Najaf
Public institution	Najaf Local Government
Public institution	City Council of Kufa
Public institution	Faculty of Management and Economics – University of Kufa
Public institution	Heritage and Antiquities office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Al-Diwaniyah County Council
Public institution	Water Resources office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Agriculture office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Public institution	Police and Traffic office of Al-Diwaniyah Province
Private institution	Shiite Waqf in Najaf
Private institution	Holy Threshold in Najaf
Private institution	Threshold of Holy Hussein in Kerbala
Private institution	Abbasid holy Shrine in Kerbala
Private institution	Al-Shaia Mosque in Najaf
Private institution	Khan Shilan Museum of Najaf

All information are available in the power point presentations (in project Drop Box folder):

18 - Workshop stakeholders Kufa

19 - Workshop stakeholders Qadisiyah

20 - 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop stakeholders Baghdad

21 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop stakeholders Baghdad

The last part of the afternoon was dedicated to solve the financial issue of the Iraqi EU bank accounts and to briefly introduce the WP 3 program.

About the project bank account, the Iraqi partner have clarified that will be not possible to open dedicated bank account for the project in Iraq and staff cost should be transfer directly to the project team. Ms. Licia Proserpio will contact EACEA to find a possible solution for this issue. Travel Cost, Cost of Stay, Equipment and Other Cost of the Iraqi partners will be centralized by UNIBO.

Then, the WALADU coordination team introduced the activities to be done during the WP3 which will last from April to October 2018. As already stressed **some activities of the WP3 should be already performed during the WP2 training**. See ppt presentations in the Project Dropbox folder:

22 - WALADU WP3 Preliminary

Here is the preliminary WP3 agenda:

WP 3 preliminary operative schedule (March 2018 – October 2018)	
Deadline	Activities
<u>April – May 2018</u>	GOAL 1: Creation of new BA syllabi
<u>April – May 2018</u>	GOAL 2: Creation of new teaching materials
<u>Mid May</u>	Operational committee Skype meeting

<u>May-June</u>	GOAL 3: Design of internship programs
<u>May-June</u>	GOAL 4: Creation of WaLib and WaLab
<u>Early Oct 2018</u>	Quality and Operational committees meetings, WP 4 consortium meeting with the official opening of WaLib and WaLabi

The next Consortium Meeting will be held at the end of the WP2 and it will open the activities of the WP3. The WALADU Consortium preliminarily fixed the **WP3 Consortium meeting in Munich at the of March/April 2018.**