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WaLink

An international network to foster research and collaboration in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage in Iraq and the Middle East



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The network

WaLink is an international network derived from the joint collaboration of the Waladu projects partners and of national and international institutions, universities and research centres from Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries, Europe and North America actively working in the field of archaeology in Iraq.

The network was created in the frame of the EU-funded Erasmus+ Capacity Building KA2 project, "Waladu - Development and Structing of BA Courses in Archeology in Iraq". It was officially launched during the final meeting of the Waladu project at the University of Kufa (Iraq) on the 12th January 2020.

Mission and aims

The partners of the network are united by a common desire for international collaboration and scientific development. Therefore, the purpose of Walink is to provide a tool that Iraqi and Middle Eastern universities may employ in order to obtain support and advice in improving their level of research and teaching in archaeology.

The WaLink partners identified three specific objectives:

- I. Supporting the improvement and reinforced capacity to design teaching units, to teach and to produce innovative knowledge by the local teaching staff.
- 2. Supporting the improvement of archaeological research in Iraq and other Middle Eastern countries.
- 3. Fostering international collaborations.

Activities

Thanks to its international consortium, WaLink promotes the cooperation within the active partners as well as that between those and external bodies. The activities of the network include scientific consultancy, support for exchange programs and mobility as well as different types of trainings. These training will target Iraqi and other Middle Eastern academic and institutional personnel and will focus primarily on 1) grant writing and creation of consortia, 2) safeguarding and documenting archaeological sites and heritage monuments and 3) academic writing and teaching.

Dissemination

The results of the network's activities are disseminated through the website www. walink.net (or https://site.unibo.it/waladu/ en/walink-1 and the dedicated social media (Facebook and Instagram).

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