



The EU and Egypt celebrate closure of the Twinning Project "Strengthening NAQAAE institutional capacity to improve education" with partners

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Cairo -- The Delegation of the European Union (EU) to Egypt and the National Authority for Quality Assurance and Accreditation (NAQAAE) celebrate the closure of the twinning project "**Strengthening NAQAAE institutional capacity with a view to improving accreditation and quality assurance education system**" funded by the EU and implemented by Finland and Germany under the auspices of the Ministry of International Cooperation. The EU allocated EUR 1.3 million to fund the project.

The twinning project started in 2013 and sought to strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of the NAQAAE, the national authority in charge of education accreditation and quality assurance. More specifically, the knowledge exchange between Egyptian, Finnish, and German experts aimed at:

- (i) Reviewing the operational functioning and the management structure of NAQAAE to strengthen the organisation to implement the accreditation and quality assurance, to coordinate and support stakeholders in achieving quality standards, and be actively part of international networks and Agencies of Quality Assurance Institutions.
- (ii) Aligning NAQAAE quality assurance processes and accreditation procedures with international standards.
- (iii) Assessing the regulatory framework of NAQAAE and drafting a strategy to further link the Egyptian accreditation and quality assurance to European standards and best practices.

The closing ceremony will include Senior representatives of NAQAAE, the Ministry of Technical Education and Training, the Programme Administration Office of the Support to the Association Agreement programme, the EU Delegation, German Embassy, and Finnish Embassy to Egypt.

