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Study in Europe event across Palestinian universities

On Tuesday 7th May the European Union and Young Entrepreneurs Palestine organized the first 'Study in Europe' event at Hebron University. Palestinian students had the opportunity to receive information on various graduate and post-graduate programmes as well as scholarship opportunities available at European Universities. Similar events will take place in Jenin and Gaza in the course of May.

The President of Hebron University Dr Ahmad Atawna and Deputy EU Representative Mr. David Geer opened the event which was attended by hundreds of students. The EU, France, Germany, Italy and the UK provided information on different educational opportunities in their countries and explained ways to apply.

Commenting on the Study in Europe initiative, John Gatt-Rutter EU Representative said: *"We believe that the key for a better future is a well educated generation. Hundreds of Palestinian students from Gaza and the West Bank have already studied in European universities and explored different European cultures". "We are happy to see the strong interest from students today in Hebron and hope this is the first step of what can become an enriching life experience in Europe".*

At the EU stand students and researchers received information on Erasmus Mundus. This is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with countries outside the EU. Erasmus Mundus provides scholarships to individual students, researchers, scholars or staff for studies or research/teaching carried out as part of an Erasmus Mundus project.

You can find the opportunities open for nationals of your country on this webpage:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/scholarships_students_academics_en.php

Background:

Study in Europe is part of the youth initiative "Yalla Shabab" launched by the EU and Young Entrepreneurs Palestine on March 2013 to engage with youth across Palestine. A number of activities such as lectures at Palestinian universities, volunteer days, cultural activities, reporting competition about water issues for young Palestinian journalists were organized as part of the initiative.

***Study in Europe* events will take place on 20th May in Jenin at the Arab American University and on 22nd May in Gaza at the French Cultural Center.**

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