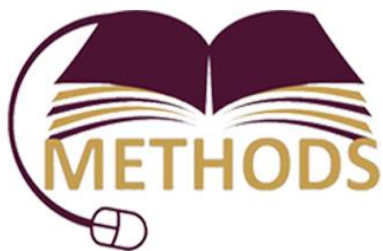


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# METHODS





# METHODS PROJECT NEWSLETTER 5

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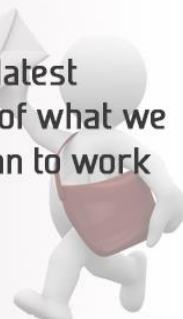


.....WELCOME TO **METHODS** PROJECT .....

Dear reader,

Welcome to the fifth issue of our Project Newsletter, providing you with the latest update on METHODS Project progress! This newsletter contains information of what we have accomplished in the project, what we are working on now, what we plan to work on next, and how the project is going in general.

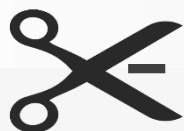
**We** hope you will enjoy it!



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## About METHODS ...

If you are a new follower for our project **METHODS**.



**METHODS** is a **3-year project** that started on the 15th October, 2015 and is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programmed of the European Union. It is coordinated by The University of Jordan (UJ) **with 14 partners** from Jordan, Palestine and European countries.

The project aims at improving the quality of teaching and learning at the partner universities with cooperation of EU-experience through incorporating technological tools in consistence with pedagogical best practices and by building the capacity of the universities to evaluate, develop and design e-curricula.

**METHODS** helps students to engage with the material, participate in the class, and collaborate with each other. The students are no longer listen and memorize only; instead, they are demonstrate a process, analyze an argument, or apply a concept to a real-world situation.





# Project Monitoring Visit and Meetings



## Monitoring visit

November 13, 2017  
The University of Jordan  
Amman-Jordan



The National Erasmus+ office (NEO) in Jordan conducted a monitoring visit on November 13, 2017, for the Erasmus+ project "METHODS: Modernization of Teaching Methodologies in Higher Education: Eu Experience For Jordan And Palestinian Territory" at the School of Engineering-The University of Jordan (UJ).

The event was attended by METHODS' team members at the University of Jordan, including faculty members from different faculties, and the administrative and technical staff. In addition to representatives from the project partners in Jordan including Jordan University of Science and Technology, Hashemite University, and Al- Zaytoonah University.

The event also gathered the local coordinator of METHODS in Palestine and the leader for Implementation work package; Dr. Wasel Ghanem from Birzeit University; the leader for Quality work package, Mr. Karl Royle from University of Wolverhampton in United Kingdom, and the project external evaluator, Dr. Jill Turbin from UK.



The Monitoring visit was started by a presentation about status and progress of METHODS project and management procedures, delivered by the General project coordinator, Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh, followed by presentations about the courses development process, and the quality assurance procedures delivered by Dr. Wasel Ghanem and Mr. Karl Royle, respectively.

The team of NEO has also conducted interviews with faculty members from the university of Jordan and partner universities; and also with the students who are engaged in METHODS courses during the piloting phase this fall semester.

The event was ended by a visit to the office of the University of Jordan President, Prof. Azmi Mahfzah, to indicate the positive feedback that was gained from the visit, and commend the efforts that were made in implementing the project.

## Quality visits to partner universities in Jordan

November, 2018

Jordan



In the framework of METHODS project, a delegation of specialists in the quality of e-learning visited METHODS partner universities including The university of Jordan, Hashemite university, Jordan University of Science and Technology, and Al-Zaytoonah University.

The delegation was headed by the Quality work package leader in METHODS, Mr. Karl Royle from the partner university, University of Wolverhampton in United Kingdom, and the External Evaluator of METHODS Project, Dr. Jill Turbin, accompanied with METHODS team member from The University of Jordan Prof. Lutfi Al-Sharif.

The visit aimed to monitor the project progress closely at the partner universities and to train the faculty members on some quality procedures for courses development. The visits included observing some lectures, interviews with faculty members and students enrolled in Methods courses.



# METHODS Fifth Steering Committee Meeting

January 11-13, 2018  
Dead Sea, Jordan

Within the framework of METHODS project, the fifth steering committee was hosted by the University of Jordan and held in Dead Sea, Jordan on January 11-13, 2018. The Steering Committee discussed the status and the work plan of different project activities. The meeting focused on the second phase of piloting METHODS courses during the next semester in partner universities.



## METHODS Training Workshops

### Training Workshop in Europe

February 26 - March 2, 2018  
University of Plovdiv  
Plovdiv, Bulgaria

A 5-day training workshop on the "Use of digital resources with mobile devices in teaching" took place on February 26 - March 2, 2018 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Faculty members from partner universities in Jordan and Palestine participated in the workshop.



# METHODS local Training workshop

April 4, 2018  
The University of Jordan  
Amman, Jordan



A training workshop on "Modern Educational Methodologies and Educational Portal (MethodsX) toward Improving Teaching and Learning in Jordan" was conducted during the 6th Global Conference on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Desert Regions (GCREEDER 2018) which was held at the university of Jordan during the period from April 3-5, 2018 under the patronage of HRH Prince Hamzeh Ibn ALHussein.



The training was delivered by the staff members of METHODS project from Jordan and Palestine who trained previously in Europe. The workshop gathered more than 30 faculty members.



The training focused on the Modern Educational Methodologies with presenting case Studies, and the Educational Portal (MethodsX) and Future Trends toward Improving Teaching and Learning in Jordan and Palestine

The training was delivered by Dr. Wasel Ghanem (BZU, Palestine), Prof. Lutfi Al-Sharif (UJ, Jordan), and Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh (UJ, Jordan)



6<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Renewables and Energy  
Efficiency for DEsert Regions  
(GCREEDER-2018)  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 2018, Amman – Jordan



Session 5-C	
METHODS Training Workshop	
Chairman: Prof. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh Rapporteur: Eng. Leena Marashdeh	
Time	Activity
11:00-11:40	Modern Educational Methodologies with Case Study <i>Dr. Wasel Ghanem (BZU, Palestine)</i>
11:40-12:20	A Case Study on the Application of Modern Educational Methods in Delivering Undergraduate Engineering Courses at the University of Jordan <i>Prof. Lutfi Al-Sharif (UJ, Jordan)</i>
12:20-13:00	Educational Portal (MethodsX) and Future Trends toward Improving Teaching and Learning in Jordan and Palestine <i>Dr. Wasel Ghanem (BZU, Palestine)</i>

# METHODS Dissemination Activities

Dissemination and Networking workshop

November 21, 2017  
Palestine Polytechnic University  
Hebron-Palestine



Dissemination workshop at the Palestine Polytechnic University (PPU) on November 21, 2017, attended by more than 40 participants. The presentation were delivered by METHODS team at PPU. The workshop gave an overview about the project, course developments process, flipped learning module, problem based learning, competencies and Moodle platform. The workshop attended by VP - Academic affairs. The participants were very interested in the new methodologies of teaching and learning and utilization of ICT in higher education.







**Palestine Polytechnic University  
Dissemination Workshop – METHODS Project  
November 21, 2017**





We in METHODS project "Modernization of Teaching methodologies in Higher Education: EU experience for Jordan and Palestine" are honored to invite you to attend the workshop titled:

**Dissemination**

Which will take place on **Tuesday 21 November 2017** at **10:00 AM** in the **Conference Room - Bldg. C - 4th Floor**

*Your Participation is Highly Appreciated.*

For more information contact [nyerlanis@pup.edu](mailto:nyerlanis@pup.edu)

**Agenda**

	Registration	
10:30-11:00		
11:00-11:25	METHODS Project Overview	Dr Nabil Al-Josani, Coordinator
11:25- 11:50	Flipped Class Rooms	Dr Ghassan Shahin
12:00-12:25	Problem Based Learning	Dr Mohammed Al-Tamimi
12:25-12:50	Competency and Moodle Platform	Dr Mahmoud Al Saheb
12:50-1:00	Closing and Refreshment	

## Dissemination of METHODS project in GCREEDER 2018

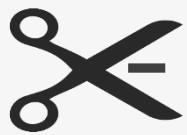
April 3-5, 2018  
The University of Jordan  
Amman-Jordan

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A Dissemination lecture for METHODS was delivered by Dr. Wasel Ghanem (BZU, Palestine) for the conference participants.

A booth for METHODS project with Roll up and brochures was in the exhibition hall of the GCREEDER 2018



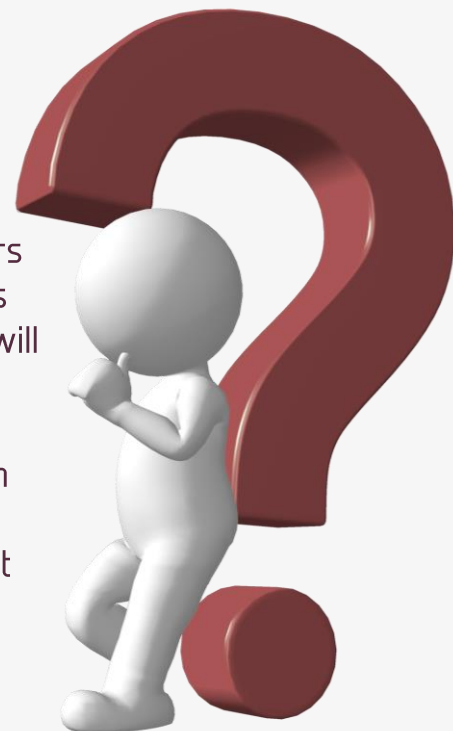


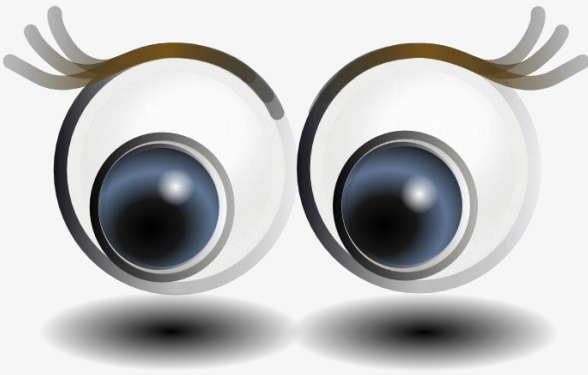
## What's Coming Up Next

### Guidelines Booklet

July, 2018

The focus of this booklet is to provide guidelines to educators how to implement problem and ICT based learning elements into teaching at higher education in Jordan and Palestine. It will be produced as part of The METHODS project overall focus, more specifically work package 3 with focus on capacity building and educational design. The guidelines are based on studies containing observations of developed courses and interviews conducted with students and faculty members at universities in Jordan and Palestine (September 2016 – December 2017).





The results of this studies and resulting recommendations are presented in the manuals background chapter. The remaining chapters contain guidelines to implementing Problem and Competence based Learning (PBL and CBL), Flipped Classrooms and Massively Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in courses in higher education.

In the final conclusion it will present recommendations for future studies and big scale implementation of Problem based ICT education in higher education in a Middle Eastern context. The report will contain figures, pictures from the activities, the participants had been involved in and tables, with consent from all the partners.

## Local Training Workshop for Students

May, 2018

The University of Jordan

In the framework of METHODS project a three-day training workshop for students will be held at The University of Jordan during May 21-23, 2018. The training will focus on design thinking from both a theoretic and applied approach to help the students learn how to come up with innovative solutions to identified problems within a number of fields in engineering.

The training will be conducted by Aalborg university, Denmark.





## Quality visits to partner universities in Palestine

April, 2018  
Palestine

The quality WP leader, University of Wolverhampton will conduct a monitoring visit to the partner universities in Palestine.

The visit aims to monitor the project progress closely at the partner universities and to train the faculty members on some quality procedures for courses development.

The visits will include observing some lectures, interviews with faculty members and students enrolled in Methods courses.

## METHODS Students' Training Workshop in Europe

Summer, 2018  
Europe

Two-week training workshops during summer 2018 in European partner Universities will be arranged for students who are attending the piloted courses of METHODS. Each partner university in Jordan and Palestine will select and send three students according to the prepared selection criteria.



## METHODS Sixth Steering Committee Meeting

August, 2018  
United Kingdom



## METHODS Final Conference

October, 2018  
Amman, Jordan

We are looking forward to our final project's conference where we expect up to 100 participants from Jordan, Palestine and Europe. Participants will be learning and teaching process stakeholders and all interested in modern learning methodologies topics. The purpose of the event is twofold. One is to present our innovative e- courses: From Theory to Practice developed collaboratively by project partners and covering different topics related to modernize higher education. The other is to discuss the use of e-learning and other innovative teaching and learning methods that could complement traditional learning in Jordan and Palestine universities.

The conference will be organized at the end of the project in The University of Jordan, Jordan.



# Project Partners



Partner 1  
The University of  
Jordan,  
UJ (Applicant) , Jordan



Partner 2  
Birzeit University, BZU,  
Palestine



Partner 3  
Hashemite University,  
HU, Jordan



Partner 4  
An-Najah National  
University, ANNU,  
Palestine



Partner 5  
Palestine Polytechnic  
University, PPU,  
Palestine



Partner 6  
University of  
Wolverhampton, UoW,  
United Kingdom



Partner 7  
Hochschule Eur Technik  
Wirtschaft Und Kultur  
Leipzig, HTWK,  
Germany



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UD, Spain



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Spain



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science and Technology,  
JUST, Jordan



Partner 14  
Al-Zaytoonah University  
of Jordan , Jordan



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**Coming Soon!**

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