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TITLE: Innovation and Development of Academic-Industry Partnerships through Efficient Research Administration in Lebanon (IDEAL)

DESCRIPTION: Addressed as a national structural measure within higher education and society and aligned with the Tempus priority of “developing partnerships with enterprises,” the IDEAL project seeks to augment inputs and outputs for research, development and innovation (RD&I) in Lebanon to improve the country's economic strength and global competitiveness. The inputs of concern to the project are summarized in the following objectives:

- 1) Develop systems capable of supporting and promoting relevant research at Lebanese HEIs
- 2) Create networks to transfer innovation from academia to industry
- 3) Establish professional structures between government, academia and industry for the long-term management of RD&I outcomes for Lebanon

The specific outputs of this project are:

1. Establishment of research support offices in Lebanese HEIs
2. Development of e-learning courses in research administration and technology transfer
3. Increased knowledge via trainings for administrative and academic staff of HEIs on the principles of research administration and technology transfer process
4. Development of a research administration certification program
5. Creation of a database linking industry needs to Lebanese HEI research competencies
6. Partnerships generated between academia and industry through networking opportunities
7. Develop pilot projects in commercialization of intellectual property via a national Innovation Park, which is designed to incubate innovative ideas and translate them into high-impact regional businesses
8. Formation of a Professional Association of Research Support for Lebanon
9. Website for research administration, which will host e-learning courses and certification program
10. Final conference to disseminate results
11. IDEAL guidebook for research offices published in hard and soft copy

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