

## **The EU High Representative/Vice-President Federica Mogherini Visits German Jordanian University, attends EDU-SYRIA Graduation Ceremony**

**Madaba, Jordan.** On Sunday 10 June 2018, The High Representative/Vice-President of the EU. Federica Mogherini, visited the German Jordanian University to attend the recognition of achievement ceremony of the second batch of EDU-SYRIA graduates. The HR/VP visit was accompanied by the EU Ambassador to Jordan Andrea Matteo Fontana, the German Ambassador Birgitta Siefker-Eberle, Secretary General Ministry of Higher Education Prof Ahed Wahadneh and the German Jordanian University president Prof. Manar Fayyad.

Today 145 Jordanian and Syrian students participated in the graduation ceremony of EDU-SYRIA. They represent different study levels on higher vocational, bachelor and master degree.

During the graduation ceremony Ms. Mogherini engaged in a discussion with five vulnerable Jordanian and Syrian students under the EDU-Syria project (see below for more information) and two Jordanian students who studied in Europe through the EU funded Erasmus+ exchange program. The panel discussion focused on their studies and their career aspirations in Jordan and abroad as well as regional political topics. The meeting of HR/VP Mogherini with the students is in line with the EU focus on Education and Youth in Jordan.

The German-Jordanian University (GJU), modelled on the German institute of applied-sciences, is a public university located in Amman/Madaba. The University is characterized by its focus on putting knowledge into practice and on promoting knowledge transfer.

### About the EDU-SYRIA Project:

EDU-SYRIA is an EU funded project to help vulnerable Jordanians from the refugees host communities and Syrian refugees in Jordan to get access to higher education through a set of scholarship programs.

The EU provided GJU in 2015 with an initial contribution of Euro 4 Million allowing 400 students to enroll in Higher Education Institutions in Jordan. . In 2016 the EU Syria Regional Trust Fund ‘Madad’ provided a second contribution of Euro 11 Million enlarging the number of scholarships to support 1400 students. The project is managed by the German Jordanian University ‘GJU’ and in partnership

with Zarqa University, Jordan University for Science and Technology, Yarmouk University and Al Quds College.

EDU-SYRIA provides Syrian refugees with advanced training and education, which will contribute to the future efforts of rebuilding the Syrian economy. In this way it supports the "No Lost Generation" strategy, which aims to provide those affected by the conflict with the chance to shape a more stable and secure future.

The project also closely cooperates with Jordanian institutions helping vulnerable Jordanians such as the National Aid Fund, Tkiyet Um Ali and the Al-Aman Fund.

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