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Promoting Green Competences

for **Integrated** Sustainable Development

in Architectural Education

through Experiential, Lab-based, Active Learning























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Focus

- Modernization, Innovation & Impact (institutional & societal)
- Addressing existing gaps in partner countries by innovative partnership-based capacity building initiatives with HEIs & non-university stakeholders
 - Identified needs/gaps ←→ Expertise/Good practices

Project election

- S2: Partnerships for Transformation in HE
 - Transformative action, Curriculum Development
- Overarching priority: GREEN DEAL
- Multi-country (Regional) projects (Region 3)

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Participants countries

Egypt, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Sweden

Partners

- 1. Bauhaus-University Weimar
- 2. Politecnico di Milano
- 3. Chalmers Technical University
- 4. Alexandria University
- 5. Cairo University
- 6. AASTMT
- 7. University of Petra
- 8. German Jordanian University

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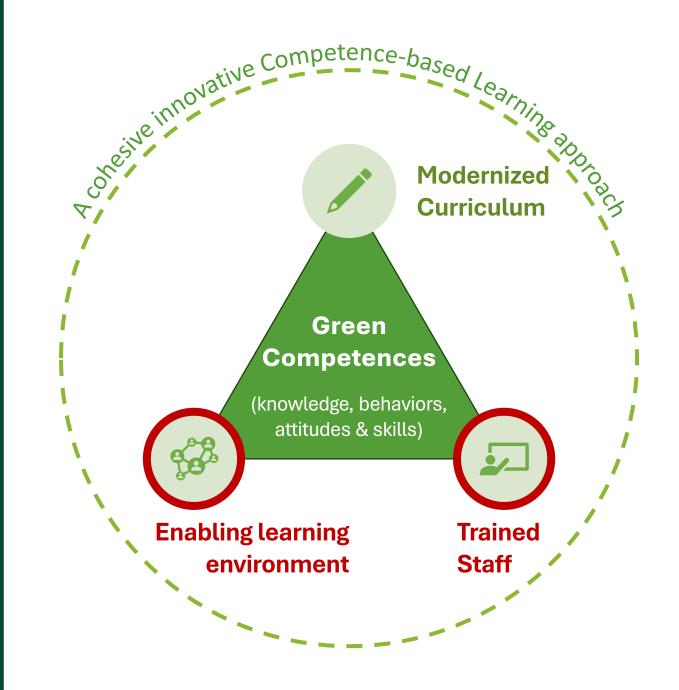
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- Addresses existing gaps in SE-Med countries regarding architectural education and profession [academia vs. practice | social vs. technical knowledge | professionals vs. local stakeholders.]
- Aims at building and promoting key green competences (knowledge, behaviours, attitudes and skills) required to qualify students and teachers to address the urgent challenges of sustainable urban development in their societies and beyond.
 - Specifically, it seeks to support partner SE-Med HEIs in establishing and maintaining capacity to provide **high quality**, **competence-based**, and **socially relevant** architectural education (learning opportunities) that employ experiential lab-based learning to equip future professionals with these competences—while meeting their societal and market needs.
- A special focus on fostering integrative approaches that bridge social & ecological aspects.
- A Joint approach that links different disciplines, pedagogies, actors, and contexts.

Three inter-related spheres of CB intervention

Parallel, **complementary** interventions that:

- address identified gaps at the partner SEMed HEIs.
- are shaped by a competence-based approach that employs a synthesized, cohesive set of experiential, lab-based, active learning pedagogies/methods.



OBJECTIVES



Modernizing Curricula

Support developing innovative, competence-based courses targeting needed professional profiles to address challenges of urban sustainability in EG, JO, and beyond.

*New/modernized modules--> UOP MSc: [8 thematic + 3 LLL + 1 Placement]



Establishing New Infrastructure

Set-up **five** new 'hybrid' lab units at the participating SEMED HEIs as enabling complementary modern learning environments and interdisciplinary hubs of innovation in teaching, training.

* Networked



Training Staff

Develop the capacities of the participating SEMED HEIs in developing and delivering high quality outputs (labs + modules).



Promoting Innovation in HE

Introduce innovative approaches, methods, concepts, practices and tools.

*Synthesize a cohesive mixture that combines complementary parts.



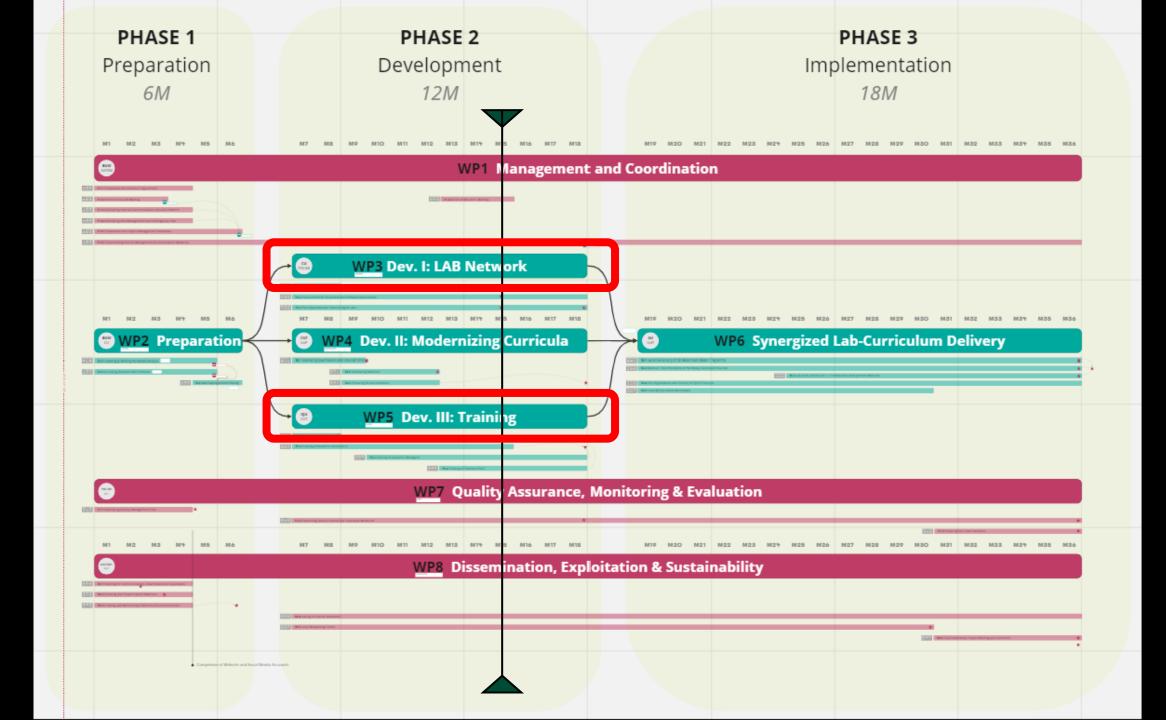
Synergized Lab-Curriculum Delivery

Support the synergized delivery of the newly modernized courses and the operating lab units at the participating SEMED HEIs.



Advancing Inclusivity

Increase the accessibility of students and staff with fewer opportunities by establishing international relations and supporting students and staff mobility.



Development activities





WP3: Lab development

- Build the <u>hard</u> (institutional)
 capacities needed for establishing the labs :
 - Acquired equipment & software applications.
 - Organizational structure, system and procedures that would make the labs operate as special units within their environment.

WP5: Training (Track II)

- Enhance the soft (individual) capacities needed for efficient & sustainable operation of the labs.
 - Design and implement training intervention to equip academic lab managers with the relevant necessary competences.



Which What Lab?

Didactic Workshop 1

Phase 1 | PREPARATION June 6, 2024

AIM

to create a more focused alignment between all partners on the nature of the lab(s)/lab network to be established by the project

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"Technology is the answer...but what was the question?" - Cedric Price, 1966

Outcome

- **3** general functions:
 - Enabling learning environment
 - Networking hub
 - Further development centre
- 10 common features:
 - 6 Organizational (fixed & adaptable)
 - 4 Thematic (fixed & adaptable)
- Individual Labs vs. Labs network

What is a Pro-GREEN LAB?





A special unit that goes beyond the notion of 'lab as a facility' towards 'lab as an academic innovation hub'

- An autonomous **multi-functional/hybrid** entity with a specific purpose, role and management structure.
- internally integrated within its host university and externally networked with local, regional and global actors.
- Seeks to enhance HE market and societal relevance by:
 - promoting key green competences to address urgent challenges of urban sustainability
 - mainstreaming experiential, lab-based, and active learning

Sustainability (Pro-GREEN LABs Network)





 PGL labs are set-up in a way that would enable them to work together in a complementary, synergized manner to create a (cross-) regional non-hierarchic network of "joint urban labs", leveraging the integrative thematic strength of each partner.

• A **platform** for:

- integration of green competences into A+U teaching and training in the region.
- continued collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and capacity-building among the partners and beyond.
- Developing innovative solutions to complex challenges

Project Partners















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