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Traditional craft Heritage training, design and marketing in
Jordan and Syria (HANDS)

Welcome to HANDS project

Welcome to the eighth issue of our Project Newsletter,
providing you with the latest updates on HANDS Project
progress between the period of
15.5.2023-15.11.2023 !





The newsletter contains information of what we have accomplished on the project, what we are working on now, and what we are planning to do next and how the project is progressing in general. We also want to provide insight into the different aspects of the cooperation between the different partner universities.

HANDS Dissemination Activity

16/5/2023

Dr. Loai Dabbour presented the HANDS project at a prestigious symposium, highlighting its success in preserving traditional heritage in Jordan and Syria. His lecture provided insight into the project's goals, operations, and impact, fostering collaboration and inspiring similar initiatives in the region.



HANDS Digital Fabrication Workshop at HU

17/5/2023

The event commences with an introduction and HANDS project update, emphasizing Jordan's handicrafts sector. An interactive discussion ensues, followed by networking during a coffee break. A workshop on technology integration, including a session on 3D printing by Dr. Saleem Ayesh and student Shahed Shafoot from HU, precedes an open discussion segment.



13th Face to face STC meeting

WP10: Management and Operational Structures

Lead University: Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan (ZUJ)

Co-Lead University: All

Date: 24-26/5/2023

ZUJ organized the 13th face-to-face Management and Quality meeting for the "HANDS" project at WUSMED and Blue Room Innovation SL in Spain. Partners presented project updates, courses, vocational modules, and work plan progress. External evaluator and quality reports were discussed. Representatives from partner universities in Jordan, Syria, Spain, Italy, and Germany attended.



HANDS Dissemination Activity

4/6/2023

Dr. Loai Dabbour, HANDS project coordinator, showcased its achievements on National Jordanian Radio, highlighting its role in preserving traditional heritage in Jordan and Syria. The interview raised awareness about HANDS, emphasizing its goals and accomplishments on a national platform.



Meeting / Workshop with the advisory board and stakeholders

10/6/2023

The meeting aimed to engage the Advisory Board, stakeholders, and public/private employment sectors in HANDS center activities. Objectives included establishing strategic policies, sharing experiences, and discussing vocational courses at ZUJ's HANDS centers. Insights from key figures enhanced project center policies and activities.



Staff Training Knowledge Transfer Workshop

14/6/2023

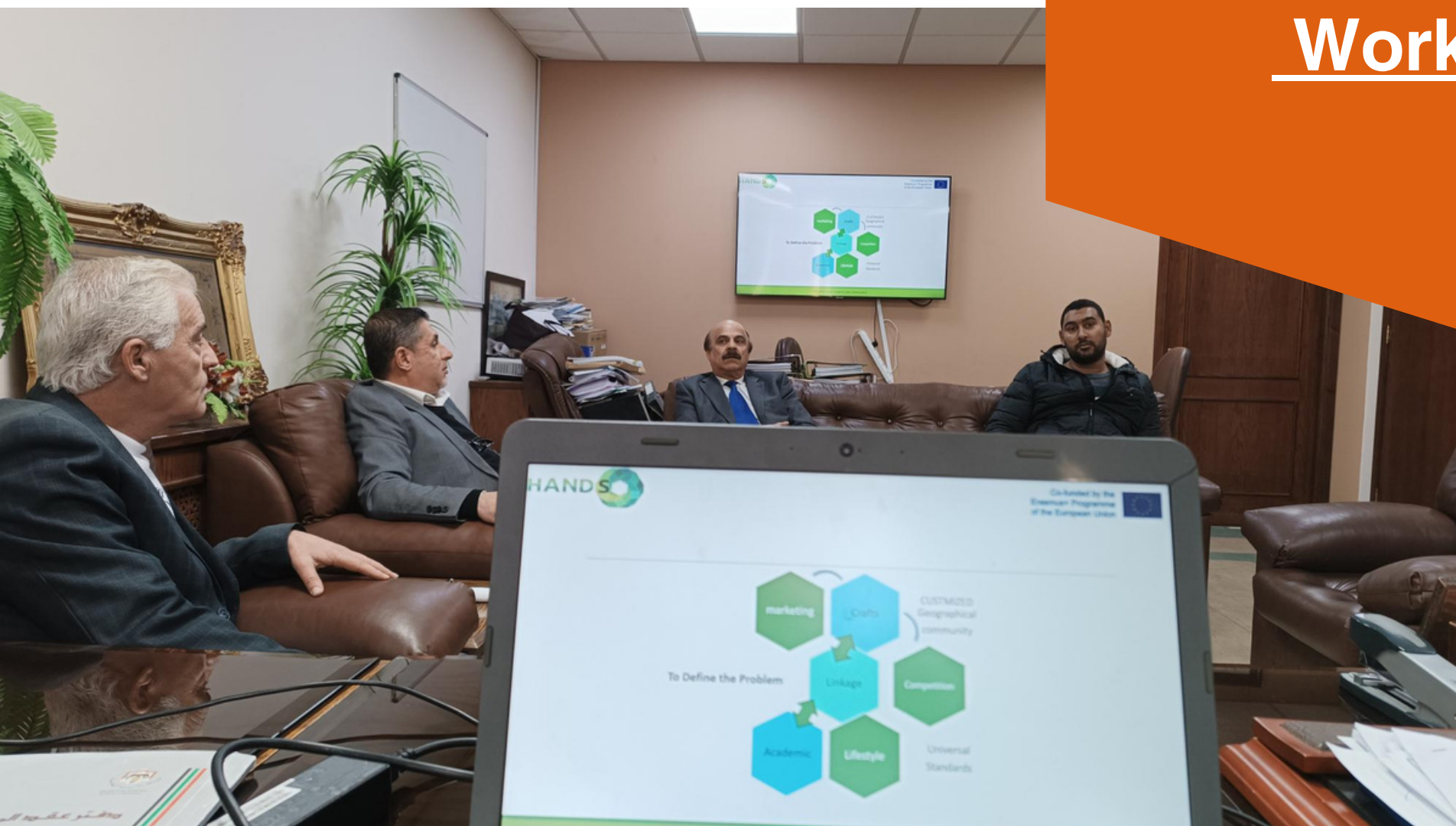
Trained Staff's Experience Sharing: Each member presented their training experience at EU universities, discussing main themes and knowledge acquired, shared insights and experiences gained from their respective training at EU partner universities.

ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION SUMMARY :

This workshop initiative aiming to transfer and integrate knowledge gained from different HANDS workshops to all the faculty staff members to spread the HANDS culture and knowledge, and to facilitate networking among faculty staff members to encourage collaboration and the exchange of ideas on HANDS project implementations



Staff Training
Knowledge Transfer
Workshop



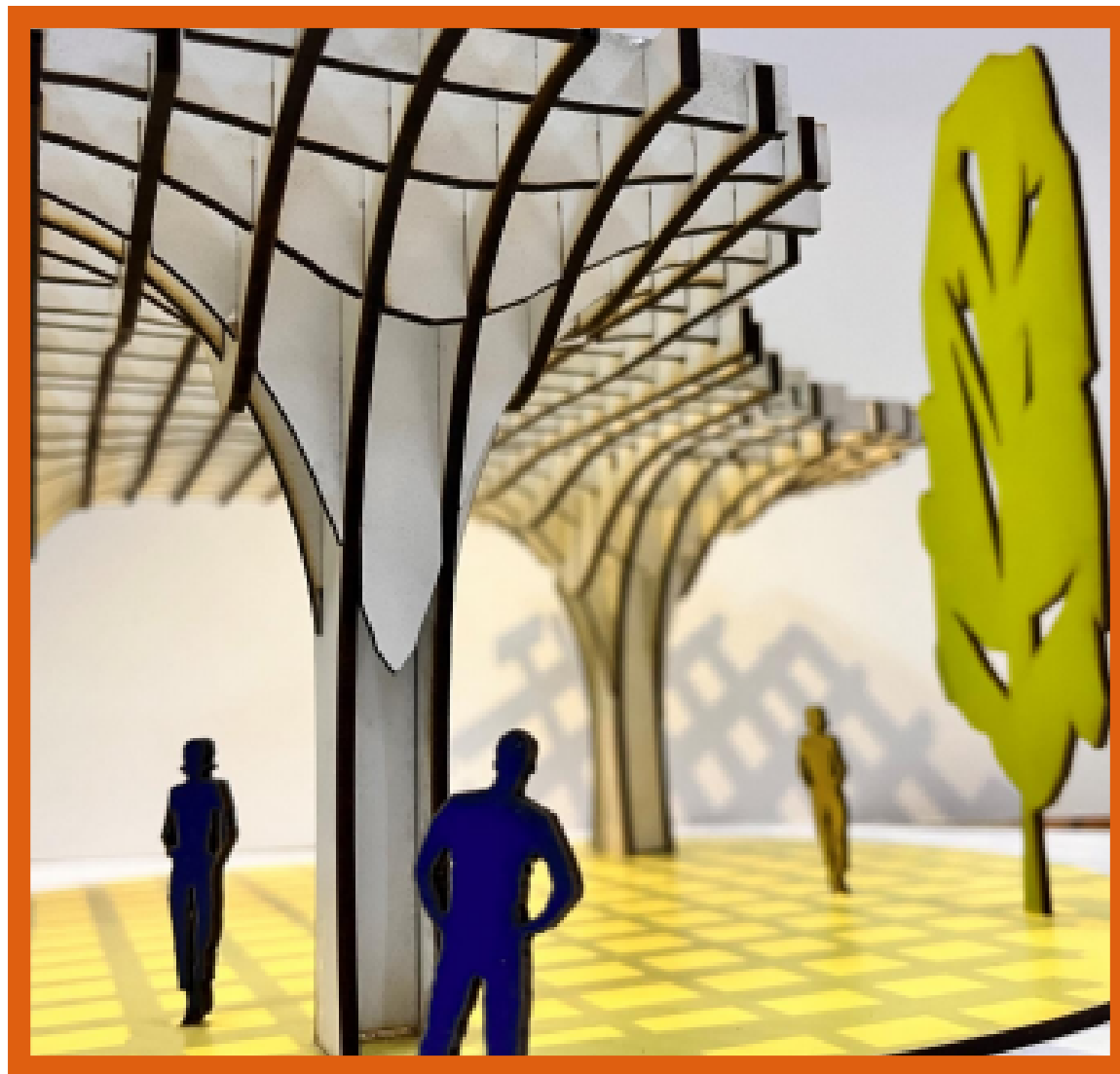


HANDS Vocational Workshop geometry and structure

4-29/6/2023 – 16-30/7/2023 - 6-23/8/2023

Meeting on 24-26/5/2023 determined student workshops at Tishreen University's HANDS Center. Dr. Musa Al-Samara welcomed attendees, outlining project objectives and equipment. Vocational courses were split: 4-29/6/2023 focused on machine training to enhance production, while 16-30/7/2023 and 6-24/8/2023 sessions utilized equipment for structural model design.

HANDS Vocational Workshop geometry and structure



HANDS Info-day and Job Fair - ZUJ

13/7/2023

HANDS project's active involvement in Al-Zaytoonah University's Faculty of Architecture and Design Graduates open day and Job Fair, under Dr. Fuad El-Qirem's patronage, effectively disseminated project outcomes and activities. Success stories and stakeholder panels enhanced credibility. Utilization of materials like banners and brochures facilitated outreach, fostering connections and awareness.



Digital Fabrication Students Workshop

9/7 – 2/8 /202

The 4-week HANDS workshop at ZUJ, supported by Karmah Design Studio, introduced students to digital design applications in craftwork. Objectives covered CAD design, sample production, and project manufacturing. Stakeholder involvement and experienced trainers provided valuable guidance. Active student participation indicated success in practical learning, fostering skill development and creativity.



14th Online STC meeting

WP10: Management and Operational Structures

Lead University: Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan (ZUJ)

Co-Lead University: All

Date: 12/9/2023

ZUJ organized the 14th Online Management and Quality Meeting for the "HANDS" project. Partners discussed the agenda for quality visits to Jordanian and Syrian Universities. Plans for the Final HANDS conference and STC meeting at ZUJ were reviewed, along with logistics for the conference exhibition by Syrian and Jordanian partners.

WUSMED Visit to Jordan timetable

Day	Time	Morning	Afternoon
4 th October	by Dr. Salman	MU	TU
5 th October	by Dr. Salman	ABU	
9 th October		JUST	HU
10 th October		UJ	ZUJ

Morning:

10:00-10:15	Registration
10:15-10:30	Welcoming Speech from the Project coordinator at hosting university
10:30-11:30	Visit to the workshop and Quality discussion
	Interview, staff, students, craftsmen

Afternoon:

13:00-13:15	Registration
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13:30-14:30	Visit to the workshop and Quality discussion
14:30-15:30	Lunch

HANDS – Quality Visit by WUSMED Team to the Jordan University of Science and Technology and JUST info day



9/10/2023

WUSMED's Quality visit, led by the Spanish partner, to JUST's HANDS center showcased achievements and projects. Prof. Ahmad Freewan welcomed 31 attendees, fostering collaboration and sharing knowledge. Positive feedback highlighted the quality of work at JUST, benefiting all participants and deepening understanding of project endeavors.

HANDS – Quality Visit by WUSMED Team to the University of Jordan and UJ info day



10/10/2023

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HANDS – Quality Visit by WUSMED Team to the Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan



10/10/2023

WUSMED's Quality visit to ZUJ's HANDS center showcased achievements. Dr. Loai Dabbour's welcome set the tone for collaboration. Positive feedback from the Spanish partner highlighted the quality of work at ZUJ, benefiting all participants. The event facilitated fruitful discussions, deepening understanding of project endeavors.

Final Conference of HANDS Project

11/10/2023

The final conference and exhibition of the HANDS project at ZUJ highlighted its impact on student competencies and innovation in design. Dr. Ahmed Abu Al-Haija emphasized the EU's commitment to addressing labor market demands. Dr. Loai Dabbour presented HANDS' goals, achievements, and student success stories, emphasizing its preservation of traditional craft heritage.

Final Conference of HANDS Project



15th Face to face STC meeting

WP10: Management and Operational Structures

Lead University: Al-Zaytoonah University of Jordan (ZUJ)

Co-Lead University: All

Date: 12/10/2023

ZUJ organized the 15th face-to-face Management meeting for the "HANDS" project at ZUJ, coinciding with the HANDS Final Conference. Partners presented project impact, outcomes, status, activities, and work plan progress. External evaluator and quality reports were discussed. Representatives from partner universities in Jordan, Syria, Spain, and Germany attended.

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Programs in the field of career planning and career management

2/11/2023

Eng. Zain Abu Ruman, from ZD Suite for Business Development, collaborated with Al-Zaytoonah University's Leadership and Innovation Centre, delivering a workshop on career planning and management. Tailored for students interested in craft design and production, it offered valuable insights into establishing careers and entrepreneurship in the handicrafts sector.



**Programs in the field of
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