

MLUMSE NEWSLETTER #1



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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to present the first edition of the Erasmus+ MLUMSE project newsletter.

Thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of all partners, we have successfully laid the foundations for cooperation and launched the first planned activities.

In this edition, we begin with an overview of the kick-off meeting, held in February 2025 at Benha University in Cairo, Egypt, which marked the official launch of the MLUMSE project. Building on the outcomes of the meeting and the adopted kick-off report, we revisit the project's goals, objectives, and planned actions. We also introduce our ten consortium partners, starting with the hosts of our inaugural meeting.

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Sincerely,

Editorial Board

MLUMSE Consortium

MLUMSE PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING IN CAIRO

The Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education (CBHE) MLUMSE project was officially launched from 9–11 February 2025 at Benha University, Cairo, Egypt, during a three-day workshop that brought together all partner institutions.

The event opened with greetings from Dr. Nasser El Gizawy, President of Benha University, the host of Kick-off event, Dr. Mohamed El-Sayed (Dean, Faculty of Engineering Benha University), Dr. Ayman El Shehaby, Governor of Damietta governorate, Dr. Nasser Fawzy, director of National Centre for Planning State Land use, and Prof. Željko Bačić (University of Zagreb, Project Coordinator). We were especially honored by the presence of a representative of the Croatian Embassy in Cairo and our project officer Clivio Casali.

Over the three days, partners presented their institutions and expertise, adopted the project management plan, and discussed the activity plan and expectations. Sessions also highlighted Egypt's Vision 2030 and the development of the New Administrative Capital, hosted at the National Center for State Land Use Planning.

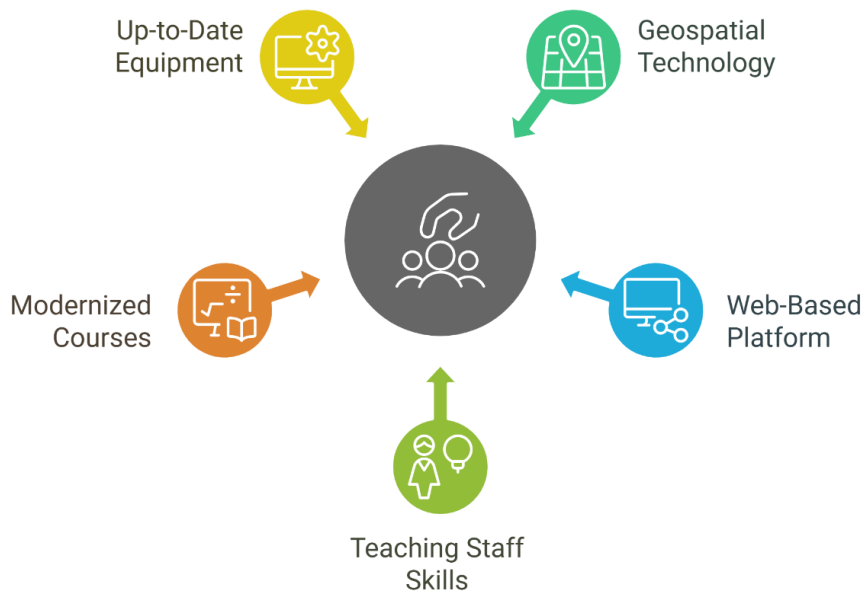
The final day focused on practical steps for implementation: procurement and installation procedures, financial management, target group engagement, and preparations for the first hackathon.

The workshop successfully aligned all partners, set up governance and quality assurance structures, and laid the foundations for MLUMSE's first year of collaboration and innovation.

More about meeting in Cairo, you can find [here](#).



MLUMSE PROJECT AIMS AND ACTIONS



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The Erasmus+ **MLUMSE** project was presented at the **FIG Working Week 2025**, held from **6–10 April** in **Brisbane, Australia**, under the theme “Collaboration, Innovation and Resilience: Championing a Digital Generation.”

Our project was showcased within the technical session of **FIG Commission 2 – Professional Education: Innovations in Professional Education**, attracting an audience from all five continents. The presentation highlighted global challenges, the digital revolution, and the role of Erasmus+ in strengthening higher education in Southern Mediterranean countries. ([...continue here](#))



MLUMSE Team: Benha University

The presentation of the MLUMSE team will be our permanent column in the following issues of our newsletter. We are opening it with the hosts of the Kick-off meeting, with Benha University.

Benha University (BU) is one of the five largest governmental universities in Egypt, with about 5,200 academic staff, more than 100,000 undergraduate students, and 3,500 international students. The university includes 16 faculties and over 40 centres of excellence, serving society across diverse fields.

As a non-profit institution, BU is committed to ensuring high-quality education, building strong partnerships with renowned international universities, and continuously improving its facilities and services at local, regional, and international levels. BU also promotes new approaches to scientific research through multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary collaboration, strengthening its role in society. In line with Egypt Vision 2030, BU is engaged in community-based development projects, working with local authorities to bridge the gap between academic research and market needs. ([...continue here](#)).

