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**Subject: Tempus-530332-2012-JO-JPCR
Intermediate Report on implementation of the project (IR) / Statement of the costs
incurred and Request for Payment**

Dear Dr. Al-Zoubi,

We would like to inform you and your project partners that we have carried out the assessment of your Intermediate Report submitted on 16 April 2014 and we are pleased to inform you that it has been approved. In particular we would like to congratulate you on the results you have produced so far and for the activities you have implemented during this first period.

We are pleased to hear that a market analysis of 23 companies in various regions in Jordan was carried out and a report on the current needs written. We are also pleased to note that one Jordanian and one Spanish company are actively participating in the project.

We note that senior management in Jordanian universities have visited EU partners to see how the Bologna Process is being implemented and a seminar on the Bologna Process was also organised in Jordan.

It is good to see that following the workshop on curriculum updating in Graz, six pilot courses have been selected (two more than originally planned in the proposal) and the elaboration of didactic material for the selected courses is underway. We encourage the European partners to share their knowledge and expertise in their fields and to adapt their materials to the Jordanian context, so that the Jordanian partners have suitable course material to work with. It is not clear from your report whether accreditation has been granted or not and we urge you to insure that this is indeed the case. We also encourage you to start to pilot the courses during the lifetime of the project and to use the student mobility to feedback into this process. We encourage you to use ECTS in course development to facilitate student exchange with the European partners.

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We are pleased to know that a virtual learning environment has also been developed, the labs for each of the four Jordanian partners have been selected and three offers have been received for the four remote labs, in line with the tendering procedure required, so the purchase of equipment is well underway. From the list provided, it all seems relevant for the project.

We note that a capacity-building programme for staff has been prepared to train academic and technical staff in renewable energy. Visits of Jordanian academics to La Sapienza, the University of Cyprus and the Graz University of Technology have taken place. Entrepreneurial scoping visits have also taken place to Cadez Spain in 2013 and seminars were held thereafter in Jordan.

We note that while it wasn't planned to include student mobility in the proposal, it has subsequently been decided to include at least one student in every academic and training visit from Jordan to the EU. We trust that this mobility will be directly related to helping achieve the aims and objectives of the project and feed directly into curriculum development.

Sustainability would appear to be a weaker element of the project. We encourage you to develop a sustainability plan, looking at the possibility of offering training courses on a fee-paying basis to engineers and technicians, to support the financial sustainability of the project. In order to enhance the credibility of the courses, we also encourage you to explore the possibility of including the Jordanian Ministry of Energy in the consortium.

We are pleased to hear that a quality committee has been formed, an external evaluator identified and appointed and a monitoring and evaluation plan produced. We encourage close cooperation and peer review in developing the curriculum.

The project appears to be well managed, with active participation of the partners the different groups are meeting regularly to help move the project forward.

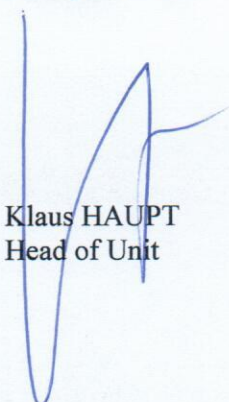
We note that there have been some slight delays in the capacity-building activities of staff and installing the remote labs and encourage you to make up for this time lost.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your *Request for Payment and Statement of the Costs incurred* received on 16 April 2014. We are pleased to inform you that, on the basis of the information provided in the above mentioned form, the requirements foreseen by Article I.5.2 of the Grant Agreement have been met. Therefore, you may expect payment of a further pre-financing, corresponding to 30% of the maximum grant amount (please refer to Article I.4.3 of your Grant Agreement), within 45 days of the date of this letter.

Should you require any further information, please contact Róisín Mc Cabe (Tel: +32 2 29 86092, e-mail: eacea-tempus-project-management@ec.europa.eu). We also encourage you to regularly consult our Tempus website <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus>

We wish you a successful continuation of your activities.

Yours sincerely,



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