



# PACTUM

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## Project information

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## 1. Introduction

PACTUM is a capacity-building project aiming to develop a high-quality, multi-disciplinary and stimulating program in social, political and behavioral sciences. The target country of this project is Tunisia, a key partner for European Union Higher Education Institutions. Tunisian universities have recently undergone a remarkable transformation, which is bound to, and complements, the processes of modernization and democratization of the political system. Academic cooperation in a delicate and rapidly evolving field like that of social sciences – and in particular those disciplines which are central to the formation of future ruling classes and higher civil servants – is a crucial test for prospective cooperation among Tunisian HEIs and European HEIs engaging with capacity building activities.

The goals of the project – exchange of degree planning experiences in the field of social sciences, organization of preparatory summer schools, design of a vocational master's course and involvement of social actors and public administration – converge on the crucial need to boost positive impact on students and mutual enrichment between European and Tunisian academics.

This Internal Report offers an overview on the organization, implementation and dissemination of the activities carried out during the year 2021.

The fundamental references inspiring this document are The Erasmus+ programme, aims and general objectives, the EACEA guide-lines for CBHE projects, the priorities for Tunisia. The present handbook will draw on a number of rules defined by the Pactum Grant Agreement and by the partnership Agreement.

This report aims at thoroughly describing the procedures adopted by the consortium for communication, reporting, and managing activities.

The present document has been drafted by the coordinating team, with the active participation of all the partners. All beneficiaries will therefore comply with the procedures agreed within the network and described in the Pactum handbook.

## 2. Project Info





## Members

Programme Countries' Institutions		
UNIMED	UNIMED	Italy
University of Granada	UNIGR	Spain
University of Montpellier	UMON	France
University of Siena	USIENA	Italy
Partner Countries' Institutions		
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research	MHESR	Tunisia
University of Carthage	UCAR	Tunisia
University of Kairouan	UNIK	Tunisia
University of Sfax	USF	Tunisia
University of Sousse	US	Tunisia
University of Tunis El Manar	UTM	Tunisia

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### **3. Year 1 activities**

The first year of the project has involved setting up the managerial structure of the project and planning and executing the first edition of the summer schools. Some preliminary work on the master's programme was carried out. Unfortunately, due to COVID19 travel restrictions, no in-person meetings could take place.

Over the course of the first year, the project has achieved the following results:

#### **Activities carried out in 2022**

##### **WP1 - Preparation**

###### **1. Needs analysis report**

The needs analysis report was completed. The outcome of the analysis of the data obtained by the two surveys (addressed to university faculty at the Tunisian HE is and to Tunisian civil society) and by desk research and qualitative interviews, was a Report on updated needs analysis on teaching, good practices, tools and needs in the field of social and political sciences. The analysis includes not only the five Tunisian Universities members of the PACTUM project but also universities from the center and from the south of the country in order to have a clear and actual picture of the state of the art, including disadvantaged areas.

###### **2. Catalogue of good practices in social, political and behavioral sciences**

The report of the updated needs analysis and the WP1 desk research allow to draft a catalogue of good practices on teaching and research tools and methodologies related to the field of social political and behavioural sciences.

The catalogue was produced in English and was disseminated among all the 13 Tunisian public universities and among the civil society actors and at the political level, including the Ministry of higher education representatives and other relevant ministries and national public authorities.





## **WP2 - Summer School and Mater's Course Co-Design**

### **1. Scientific committee appointment and meetings**

The Scientific Committee first meeting was organised immediately after the approval of the Assembly. The Scientific Committee advised and supported UMON in the creation of the syllabus, learning outcomes and all the scientific aspects of the new Course. Moreover, the Committee is constantly informed on the advancements of the course design and the recruitment strategy by UMOT. Meetings among the members are organised via teleconference and documents are circulated via cloud and the Website.

### **2. Summer School info package**

An information package on the Summer Schools was created and circulated both in hard copies and electronically. The package comprises the syllabus, faculty, enrolment procedure, learning outcomes, employability perspectives, agenda, and logistic aspects.





## **WP4 - Summer Schools' Development**

### **1. Summer Schools 2021 - First cycle**

The Summer School is composed of 24 hours in total. 16 of them are teaching hours (6 hours for each course) The other 8 hours represent what students have to do at home - that is, readings, assignments and preparation of oral presentations in class. In 2021, PACTUM organized 5 summer schools in the 5 Tunisian universities, reaching more than 100 students.

Due to the Pandemic, all the European participants - instructors and a few students from the Eu universities partner of Pactum - were connected using the online platforms provided by the hosting universities.

### **2. Summer School Evaluation report**

Writing of the Summer School Evaluation report including number of students, timetables, syllabus and professors.

Data about the participants - bot students participating in person and online participants - have been collected by the local organizers and will be included in the mid-term evaluation report.







## **WP6 - Dissemination**

### **1. Dissemination strategy report**

The central dissemination strategy and roadmap identified and specified (and recorded) all communication and dissemination activities. Moreover, it mapped and prioritized target groups by indicating objectives and laying down specific deadlines. The dissemination strategy specifies quantitative and qualitative indicators to measure the success of the publicity/dissemination tasks. The strategy is designed in such a way so as to ensure the information accessibility as soon as the results become available, and it is reviewed, updated and presented to the partners. The dissemination roadmap file provides:

- Detailed dissemination overview (e.g. type of activity or deliverable, responsible partner and other partners involved, planned deliver, status).
- Detailed dissemination archive to record all dissemination activities and specific results (e.g. press releases, number of recipients, website promotion and social network exposure, media exposure and contacts, liaison activities, publicity/participation in external events).

It is a dynamic file to be updated continuously with all partners' mandatory feedback

### **2. Website and social media profiles**

The website hosts the project webpage (objectives, aims, outputs, events' description, etc.). The content is available in English and is W3C compliant and supports RSS technology. However, the project also provides static pages (multilingual part / one per partner's language) with project overview to inform about the project and its main activities. In addition, information on the project are published on social network spaces (e.g. Facebook, Twitter); The selected profile(s) is maintained and regularly updated.



## WP7 - Management

### 1. Project Management Handbook

The project management handbook describes in-depth the procedures adopted by the consortium for communication, reporting, and managing activities. It includes a risk management table, adopted approach for conflict resolutions, references to legal aspects, such as IPR, consistently to agreements taken with by Partnership Agreements.

### 2. Internal report (2021)

Internal Reports on the achievements, the state of the art, possible conflicts and risks, future actions to be implemented.

### 3. Meeting organization and coordination

The coordinator, involving the PMO, organized the kick-off and annual meetings listed below:

<b>DATE AND OBJECT OF THE EVENT</b>	<b>LINK TO THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS</b>
Kick-off Meeting - 22/02/2021	<a href="https://pactum-project.eu/blog/index.php?entryid=1">https://pactum-project.eu/blog/index.php?entryid=1</a>
First online meeting - 17/05/2021	<a href="https://pactum-project.eu/blog/index.php?entryid=2">https://pactum-project.eu/blog/index.php?entryid=2</a>
Focus group "L'état des lieux de la science politique en Tunisie"	<a href="https://pactum-project.eu/blog/index.php?entryid=3">https://pactum-project.eu/blog/index.php?entryid=3</a>

