

ADISER Erasmus + Project

Awareness Dissemination about the Importance of Specialized Islamic Social, Economic and Religion Researches

Project Coordinator: Sham Higher Institute for Islamic Sciences, Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Researches (SHIARS) - Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro Foundation Branch.

1- ADISER Project Introduction:

This project mainly addresses the needs of collaboration between academic research and specialized Islamic researches and studies about social, economic and religion critical topics that are in touch with today's life activities. Due to current Syrian crisis and the raise of fundamental ideas with some terroristic movements regionally and internationally and with confronting the extremist ideology in the world; the need to show the real image of moderate Islam and its culture is becoming essential to the world. In order to confront the extreme ideology, this project will help to revive the role of specialized Islamic researches and studies that deals with every-day life activities of people in a professional state of art academic model of researches. We are going to launch profound seminars and meetings addressing regional countries like Lebanon, Algeria, and international countries like England, Germany, Spain, France and Italy in order to reach the right academic methods for bridging the gap between traditional Islamic researches and up to date, day to day Islamic social, economic and religion studies and developing them.

As a result, outcomes of those seminars and meetings will be developed from the contributing universities in order for such profound studies to be adhered regionally and internationally about the role of the Islamic studies and the researches for development at all social levels and economic domains. Afterwards, it can be possible to develop a specialized research and study center for joint Islamic researches locally, regionally and internationally in order to build joint Islamic studies programs between the contributing universities and developing the administrative and teaching staff at participating universities to develop

new academic programs and to ensure the sustainability of the programs.

2- ADISER project objectives:

- a. Islamic social, economic, religion researches and studies to raise social, economic and scientific levels to confront the extremist ideology in the world.
- b. Developing a research and study center for joint Specialized Islamic researches locally, regionally and internationally.
- c. Establishing joint academic Islamic studies programs between the contributing universities and developing the administrative and teaching staff at participating universities to develop these programs and to ensure the sustainability of the programs.

3- ADISER Project Goals (Effects and Desired Results):

- a. Capacity building for academic staff and employees at regional participated universities.
- b. Creating a research and study center for Specialized Islamic social, economic and religion researches and studies.
- c. Creating relevant joint academic degree programs (applied and research degrees).

4- ADISER Project and Erasmus+ Priorities:

This project addresses the social and behavioral sciences under national and regional objectives. Related intersections for this project with national priorities are under Categories B, C and D. Related intersection for this project with national and regional priorities is under Category C.

5- ADISER project partners:

Seeking interested organizations (universities, interested Islamic studies centers, Islamic research centers in EU countries and LEVANT region (Syria, Lebanon and Jordan), to participate in creating and developing this important project.

Finally, we would like your organization to be an added-value to **ADISER Project**. We appreciate your kind response as no longer than Friday 30-01-2015 by sending us your approval via e-mail and completing the attached form to be filled by your organization including the expected role in this project.

Best Regards

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Sham Higher Institute for Islamic Sciences, Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Researches (SHIARS) - Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro Foundation Branch

About our University:

Sham Higher Institute for Islamic Sciences, Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Researches (SHIARS)

Sham Higher Institute for Islamic Sciences, Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Researches (SHIARS) was established according to the legislative decree number (48) dated 4/4/2011 in Damascus city as a private none profit university. The higher institute has three branches in Syria. One of these branches is SHIARS – SAKFB Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro Foundation Branch.

Sham higher institute aims at preparing qualified students in many scientific fields and spreading the scientific approach for higher education learning which suits the global current era of knowledge dissemination with maintaining the framework of local cultural identity. It also aims at spreading the scientific Islamic intellectual and spiritual

approach of higher education learning based on moderation of religion thinking. The higher institute also aims to upward the Arabic language and its sciences and to empower the usage of Arabic language as a modern language of science in order to fulfill the scientific, practical requirements of local society to maintain our nation's development

About SAKF Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro Foundation NGO.

- It was established by Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro in the 1950s as one of the pillars of calling to Allah and to the *moderate Islam*, and then Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro continued to expand the foundation step by step so that it can be a minaret of science, light and guidance to mankind.
- Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro Foundation contains a number of teaching and higher education institutions like:
 - Sharia institute for calling to Allah and guidance (Dawa'a) for both males and females.
 - Institute of teaching Arabic language for non-speakers of Arabic language
 - Open learning for Islamic studies (part-time learning)
 - **Sham Higher Institute for Islamic Sciences, Arabic Language, Islamic Studies and Researches (SHIARS) as a higher education institution (the first non-for-profit Syrian Privet University) which includes three faculties and has more than 3,000 registered students:**

1- Faculty of Sharia and Law with its three departments:

- Department of Sharia
- Department of Law
- Department of Islamic Economy which has two profound majors of studies:
 - Finance and Islamic Banking
 - Business Administration

2- Faculty of Calling to Allah (Dawa'a) and Islamic Studies with its two departments:

- Department of Calling to Allah (Dawa'a)
- Department of Arabic Language

3- Faculty of Theology

- The foundation provides a number of deep specialized scientific courses for preachers, religion teachers and callers to Allah periodically.
- The foundation incubates an institute of reciting and memorizing the Holy Quran.

The foundation organizes annual competitions for memorizing the Holy Quran, in addition to its specialized scientific training department which provides supporting courses in many different fields of study.