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## **Iftar Banquet for Edu-Syria Students**

**Zarqa, Jordan.** On Tuesday 22 May 2018, EDU-SYRIA program, managed by the German Jordanian University (GJU) and funded by the EU Regional Trust Fund, the 'Madad' Fund, organized an Iftar banquet for 300 students affiliated with the program.

The Iftar was held at Zarqa University in presence of the Madad team, representatives of the EU Delegation in Jordan, representatives of the German embassy in Jordan, the presidents of German Jordanian University (GJU) and the project management team from the GJU. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the University and the President of Zarqa University also attended the event.

The Project Manager Dr. Dhiah Abou-Tair stressed the importance to engage with the students in different activities. He also added that Edu-Syria provides Syrian and Jordanian students with a distinguished opportunity to complete their higher education in different fields. Ibrahim Laafia, Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation in Amman, participated in the event with a delegation of EU staff. Stressing the EU support to Education in Jordan, Laafia said: 'Today all of us can witness the enthusiasm of these young Syrian refugee students, who benefit from the EU support in Jordan in accessing higher education.'

The iftar aimed to bring together students who benefitted from the program, and all those involved in providing the educational assistance. It highlighted the effective commitment of the EU towards helping Syrian refugees to cope with their humanitarian crisis.

### About the EU Regional Trust Fund, the 'Madad' Fund:

Since its establishment in December 2014, an increasing share of the EU's non-humanitarian aid for Syria's neighbouring countries is provided through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian crisis, the 'Madad' Fund. The Trust Fund brings a more coherent and integrated EU aid response to the crisis and primarily addresses longer term economic, educational, protection and

social needs of Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries such as Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and Iraq, and supports overstretched host communities and their administrations. Today the EU Regional Trust Fund is also one of the key instruments through which the new EU partnership priorities with Jordan and Lebanon will be implemented.

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### About EDU-SYRIA Project:

EDU-SYRIA is a framework to help Syrian refugees in Jordan and vulnerable Jordanians from the refugees host communities to get access to higher education through a set of scholarship programs. EDU-SYRIA supports the "No Lost Generation" strategy, which aims to provide those affected by the conflict with the chance to shape a more stable and secure future.

The project consists of two phases: EDU-SYRIA I and EDU-SYRIA II, which gives the students the opportunity to pursue an academic or professional educational degree. Both projects are managed by German Jordanian University 'GJU' under the name of GJU president Prof. Manar Fayyad as project director and Dr. Dhiah el Diehn Abou-Tair as project manager.

EDU-SYRIA provides Syrian refugees with advanced training and education, which will contribute to the future efforts of rebuilding the Syrian economy. The European Union provided EDU-SYRIA with an initial fund of Euro 4 Million for the first component and the EU Regional Trust Fund 'Madad' provided a fund of Euro 11 Million for the second phase.


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