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Messieurs Les Présidents
des Conférences Régionales des Universités
du Centre, Est et Ouest

**Objet : Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie / Appel à candidatures SAFIR :
Création ou renforcement d'incubateurs universitaires en Afrique du Nord
et au Moyen-Orient.**

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que l'Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie vient de publier un appel à candidatures pour les établissements d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche « SAFIR : Création ou renforcement d'incubateurs universitaires en Afrique du Nord et au Moyen-Orient ».

Safir est un programme en faveur de la réalisation des Objectifs de développement durable (ODD) et de l'inclusion économique de la jeunesse dans 09 pays d'Afrique du Nord et du Moyen-Orient. Cofinancé par l'Union européenne pour une période de 04 ans, Safir vise à soutenir plus de 1000 jeunes porteurs de projets à impact social, culturel et environnemental et la structuration d'un écosystème régional visant à accroître le dialogue entre la jeunesse et les pouvoirs publics.

Cet appel à candidatures est lancé pour accompagner la création ou le renforcement d'incubateurs universitaires dans 08 pays engagés dans le programme: Algérie, Égypte, Jordanie, Liban, Libye, Maroc, Palestine, Tunisie.

Safir prévoit la création ou le renforcement de 18 espaces d'incubation et d'innovation accessibles à tous au sein de campus universitaires des pays d'intervention du projet.

Ces établissements d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche seront sélectionnés à travers deux appels à candidatures. Ils bénéficieront d'un accompagnement technique et financier pour renforcer leur offre académique en entrepreneuriat social et créer des espaces d'incubation dédiés aux étudiants-entrepreneurs.

Cet accompagnement se déclinera en 3 phases :

- Une phase de diagnostic de trois mois adaptée aux besoins et spécificités locaux ;
- Une phase d'accompagnement d'un an axée sur la formation-action ;
- Une phase d'évaluation à plus de trois mois.

Dans le cadre de ce premier appel à candidatures, 09 établissements d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche seront sélectionnés.

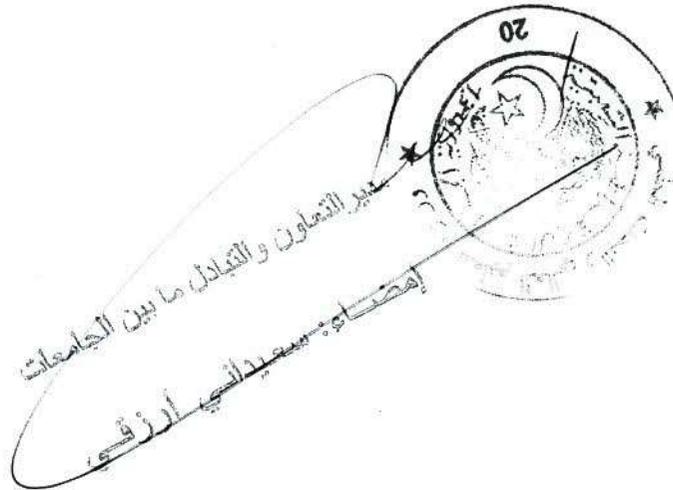
Date limite de dépôt de candidatures est : 31 octobre 2020.

Vous voudrez bien trouver ci-joint, copie de l'appel à candidatures.

Pour plus de détails sur cet appel ou toutes autres informations utiles, veuillez consulter le lien web suivant : <https://www.safir-eu.com/> ou contacter l'adresse mail suivante : safireu@auf.org

Je vous saurais gré des dispositions que vous voudriez bien prendre pour assurer la diffusion la plus large de cet appel à candidatures auprès des établissements d'enseignement supérieur relevant de vos régions.

Veillez recevoir, messieurs les Présidents, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.





SAFIR *Youth in action*

Presentation of the Call for Applications for Higher Education and Research Institutions

Safir is an ambitious project supporting youth and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in 9 countries across North Africa and the Middle East. Co-funded by the European Union, it aims at creating an environment that foster socio-economic participation of young people and enables the development of entrepreneurial projects with social, cultural and environmental impact.

Safir is built around 3 pillars: **provide support to more than 1,000 young project leaders, develop a regional network of organisations supporting social entrepreneurship, and foster the creation of spaces for dialogue between youth and governmental authorities.**

Website: www.safir-eu.com

Project period: March 2020 – February 2024

Countries of intervention: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya¹, Morocco, Palestine, Syria², Tunisia

For any specific question, candidates are invited to contact the following e-mail address:
safireu@auf.org

¹ Player in Libya (subject to the agreement of the European Commission) and/or the Libyan diaspora

² Player from Syria and/or the Syrian diaspora



Framework of the call

More than 7 million young people in North Africa and the Middle East are students.

Higher education and research institutions have three priority missions: training, scientific research and service to community. To ensure these missions, it is essential that they take into account, in their activities and in their relations with local actors, the socio-economic, cultural and environmental concerns of the territory in which they are located.

The university thus has a duty to train responsible citizens capable of integrating easily into society.

However, it is confronted with a difficult regional context: on the one hand, the capacities of absorption of graduates by the national labor market are largely exceeded. On the other hand, a large number of the training courses provided are not in line with the needs and challenges of sustainable and inclusive development; entrepreneurial skills are particularly lacking.

In order to guarantee young people that their higher education diplomas are a guarantee of professional integration, universities must be supported to develop new professional skills and spread a culture of citizenship and responsibility among their students.

This is why the Safir project provides for the creation or reinforcement of 18 incubation and innovation spaces accessible to all on university campuses in the project countries. These spaces will be places of transition between the academic world and the job market. They will ensure:

- to strengthen the skills of students;
- to promote synergies between companies and universities;
- to raise public awareness of SDGs issues in order to reach as many people as possible and to foster a culture of citizenship among students and teacher-researchers.

The 18 Higher education and research institutions will be selected through two calls for applications. They will benefit from technical and financial support to strengthen their academic offer in social entrepreneurship and create incubation spaces dedicated to student-entrepreneurs. This support will be provided in 3 phases:

- a three-month diagnostic phase adapted to local needs and specificities;
- a one-year support phase focused on action training;
- a three-month evaluation phase in the second year.

Ultimately, the objective is to enable these spaces to incubate students' social entrepreneurial initiatives (they will join Safir's network of support structures for innovative entrepreneurship) and to organize awareness sessions on SDGs. They will be invited to participate in regional meetings between project beneficiaries and will have an annual program of citizen events.

Selection process

Within the framework of this first call for applications, 9 higher education and research institutions will be selected, with a geographical representation between the countries of implementation of the activities and according to the following schedule:

1. September 1 - October 31, 2020: application through the online form
2. November 1 - November 15, 2020: pre-selection by the consortium of partners
3. November 16 - November 27, 2020: online interviews
4. November 30, 2020 (at the latest): letter of acceptance or refusal
5. December 2020: signature of contracts between the AUF and the beneficiaries
6. January/February 2021: launch of activities
7. June/July 2022: end of activities

A second call for applications will be launched in 2022 for the selection of 9 other higher education and research institutions.

Mandatory document to be provided

Please submit the following documents with your online application, imperatively in French or English (if copies of the original documents are only available in Arabic, please attach a brief translation of the documents):

1. Statutes of the institution, certified by the national authorities, and a proof of accreditation of the institution by the ministry in charge of higher education in the country concerned
2. Official letter of commitment signed and stamped by the legal representative of the institution
3. Strategy of the institution
4. Financial report for fiscal year 2019 certified by an approved auditor
5. Institution's 2020 operating budget (income and expenses)
6. Estimated budget for activities carried out under the project (from provided template)
7. 18-month project timeline (from provided template)
8. One or more photos of your institution's incubator if you already have one (optional)