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European Transport Research Area International
Cooperation Activities



Questions for Discussion

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EU Policy - International Cooperation in Transport



The Jordanian view of EU policy priorities is that they facilitate:

- Free movement of individuals and goods
- Development of their internal market
- Sustainable development
- Extension of transport networks throughout Europe
- Maximizing the use of space
- Enhancement of safety
- International cooperation

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Expectations – A Jordanian Perspective:

- Greater cooperation with MENA region because of its proximity to EU countries
- Joint regulations and legislations including 'green' laws to cover EU and MENA countries
- Funding to MENA countries, including Jordan, to develop port facilities (Aqaba)
- Research and develop cost-effective transportation and mobility services

Some Important Jordanian Priority Research Themes (2011-2020)



- Tourism & Antiquities
- Regional and International Trade
- Environmental Sciences/Environmental Protection/Water
- Infrastructure Development
- Information and Communications Technology
- Engineering Sciences
- Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Basic Sciences
- Agriculture
- Art, Media, Culture

Some Obstacles to International Research Cooperation – a Jordanian viewpoint



- Lack of information *or* Excessive and complicated information/procedures on websites
- Lack of cohesive research frameworks and regulations
- Lack of common research priorities
- Lack of funding and necessary infrastructure in some countries (mainly MENA)
- Bureaucracy and lack of efficient, coordinated and comprehensive policies

Suggestions for Future Research Cooperation with EU



- Establishment of a single network connecting scientific research opportunities, funding opportunities, researchers, research institutions, and centres of excellence
- Better framework for coordination between governmental and private institutions to fund priority research projects
- Encouragement of initiative, innovation, and entrepreneurship culture in scientific research

Other Relevant Issues

