# Joint study programmes in South Mediterranean region

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# Perspectives & challenges





#### Joint Degree & Double Degree & Compatible Degree

#### Joint Degree

- Student Study in one or two Universities
- Student has a single Certificate from Two Universities

#### Double Degree

- Student Study in at least two Universities
- Student has TWO diplomas from two Universities

### Compatible Degree

- Student study at one or more universities
- Student has a single diploma "endorsed / recognized" by another University

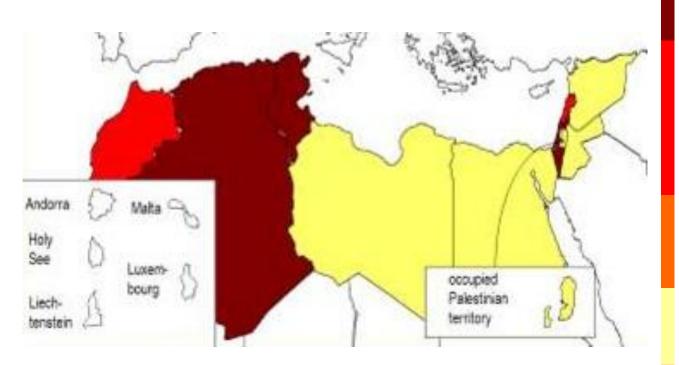


#### The Case of South Mediterranean Countries

- Regional Influence
  - Mashrek & Maghreb
  - Outliers
- Europe is the main Target (proximity, opportunities, etc.)
- All countries are undergoing a process of Higher Education Development that includes "Internationalization"



#### Level of Implementation of Bologna Structure



Bologna structure fully implemented in all or most fields of study

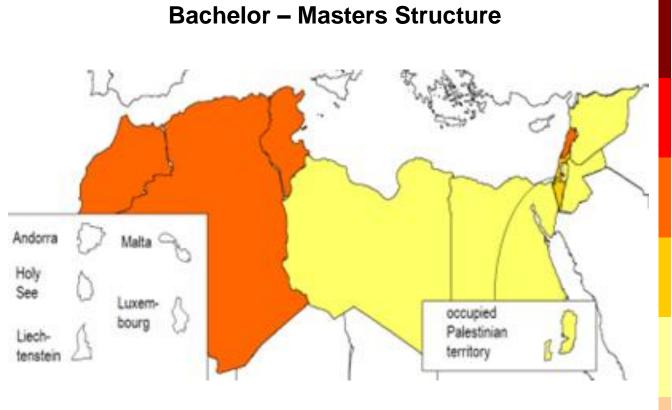
Extensive but gradual introduction of Bologna structure/ongoing adaptations or enlargement

Partial/limited introduction of Bologna structure

**Another three-cycle structure exists** 

No three-cycle structure





240+120 ECTS (4+2 academic years)

240+60 ECTS (4+1 academic years)

180+120 ECTS (3+2 academic years)

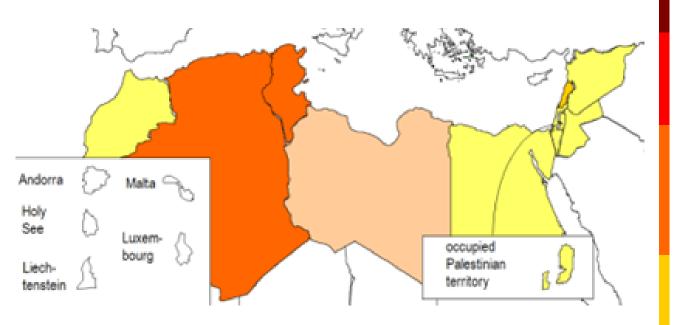
Various combinations

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#### **Level of Implementation of ECTS**



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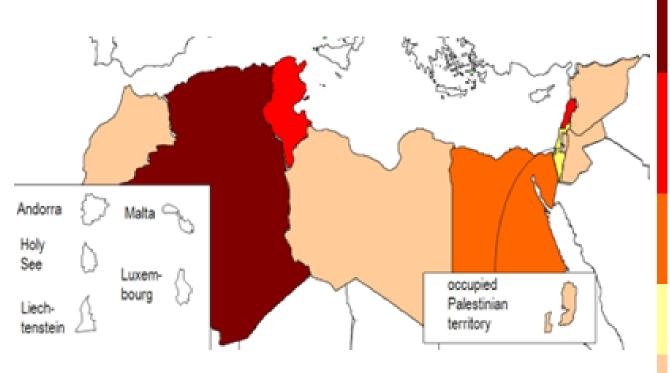
75% or less institutions and/or 75% or less programmes are using ECTS for both transfer and accumulation purposes. Various references are used to define the credits.

**Another credit system** 

No credit system



#### **Level of Implementation of Diploma Supplement**



Bologna DS is issued to students in more than 75% of institutions and study programmes

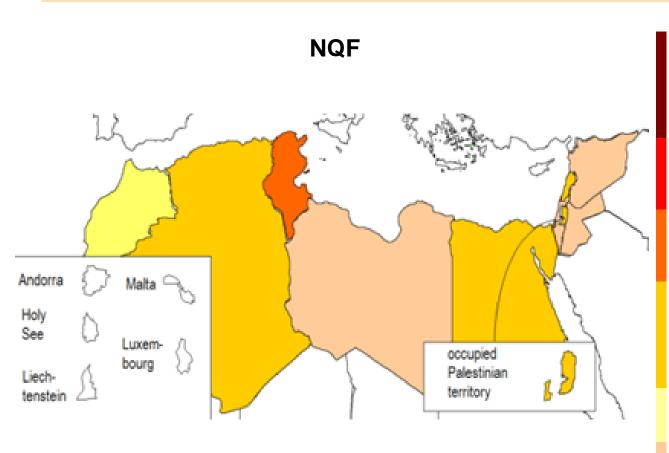
Partial and gradual introduction of the Bologna DS (25%-75% of institutions)

Initial stage of adoption of the Bologna DS (less than 25% of institutions)

**Another type of Diploma Supplement** 

**No Diploma Supplement** issued





Step 5: Overall process fully completed, including self-certified compatibility with the Framework for qualifications of the European Higher Education Area.

Step 4: Redesigning the study programmes is on-going and the process is close to completion.

Step 3: The NQF has been adopted formally and implementation has started.

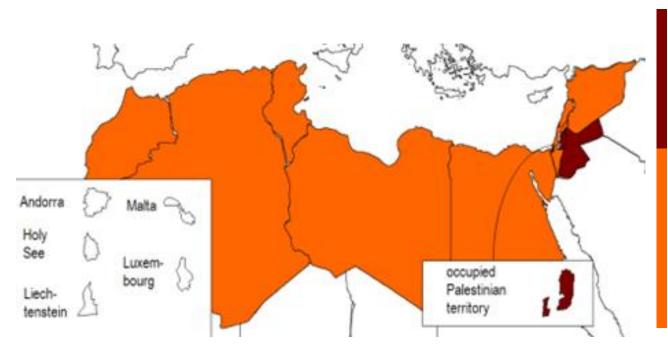
Step 3: The purpose of the NQF has been agreed and the process is under way including discussions and consultations. Various committees have been established.

**Step 1: Decision taken. Process just started.** 

Not started formally / not foreseen.



#### **Quality Assurance Body**

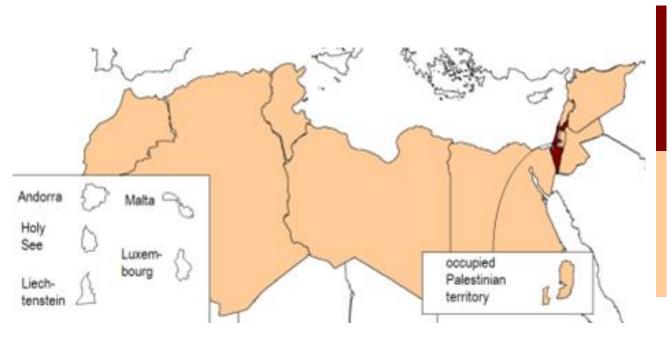


A single or several independent national bodies for quality assurance have been established

A Governmentdependent body or Ministry has responsibility for quality assurance



#### **Recognition of Foreign Qualifications**



Tempus Countries who have signed the Lisbon Convention

Other Tempus countries



## South Med SWOT Analysis (w.r.t Joint studies)

- Strengths
  - Young Motivated Students
  - Willingness to Study in Europe
- Weakness
  - Financial Support
  - Quality? Bologna?
- Opportunities
  - Proximity to Europe
  - EU programs
  - Most Professors studied in Europe
  - Almost all countries have "Internationalization" as part of their strategy for Development
- Threats
  - Legislation (Visa, etc.)



#### **Return of Experience on Joint Programs**

- Advantages
  - Very High rate of Employability.
  - "Super" courses / students
- Problems
  - Mutual Recognition of Qualifications and study periods abroad, including Laws and Legislations
  - Quality Assurance measures
  - Harmonization, Transparency and Readability
  - Finance



# Thank you

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