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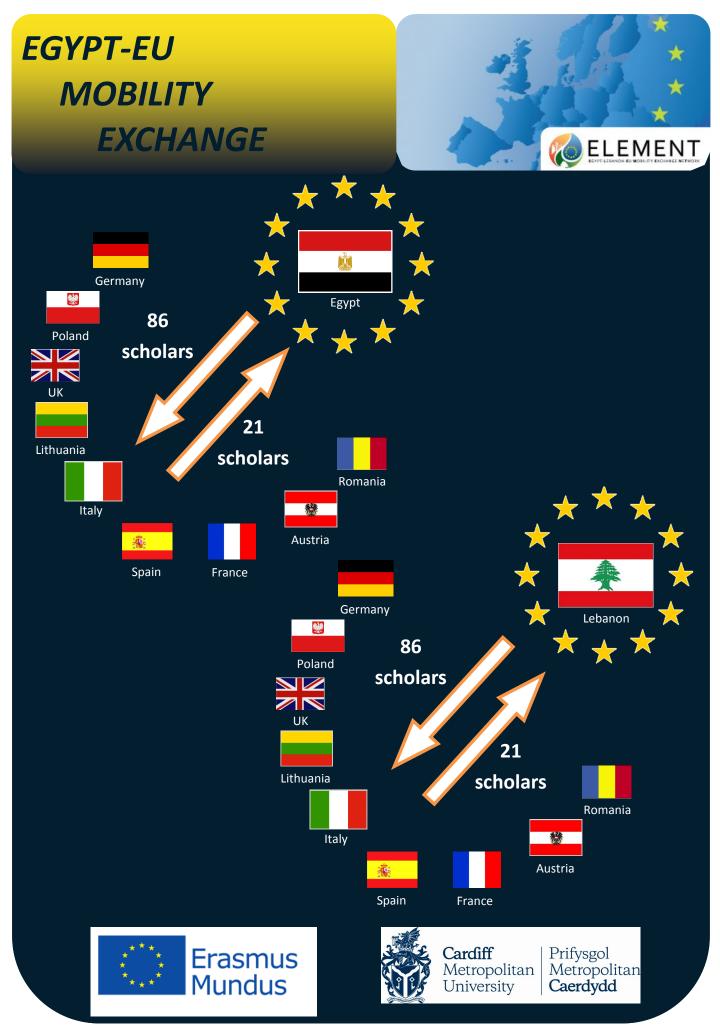








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Upcoming events for November and December 2013



- 25th November 2013: Cohort 3 Selection Meeting (video conference)
- 31st December 2013: Deadline for all Cohort 2 mobilities other than staff

Find out what scholars are getting up to!

Mahmoud Slim (Lebanese American University TG2 to University of Granada - degree seeking) was invited to the European Federation of IASP Chapters (EFIC) 2013: 'The second week of October 2013 signifies a distinctive gate in my academic and professional life. After one year of hard and exhaustive research work, I was invited to present two posters of the clinical investigations conducted by our research group at the University of Granada in the (European Federation of IASP Chapters)
2013 congress in Florence, Italy.'









Cardiff Met ELEMENT scholars newspaper article

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The student flat-share that could be a symbol of hope for the world.

A trio of Lebanese students have become best friends and share a Cardiff flat despite representing three religions that have been in conflict in the Middle Eastern country for generations.

Pauline Bresse, Amin Beitamouni and Ehab Gerbieh, all aged 23, grew up in Lebanon but were raised in the faiths of Christianity, Sunni Islam and Druze, respectively.

In a country where civil war and conflict have caused deep divisions along religious lines, the students' friendship has been seen as a symbol of hope for a peaceful future.

Cardiff Council worker, Maha, discovered the students' remarkable friendship after meeting Pauline at a tango class in Cardiff.

The mum of one, of Cyncoed, who has lived in the UK since 1985, said: 'It's fantastic because it doesn't really happen much in Lebanon that people from different religions can live together. I was amazed that they were really getting on so well and I thought, 'I wish all of Lebanon

was like this'. This is what really amazed me.'

Read more on <u>Wales Online</u> (article by Brendan Hughes).

Hear from the scholars...!

Dr. Ingy Shaaban (Arab Academy TG1 to



Cardiff Met - exchange mobility) Post-doctoral Research in Tourism.

'During my scholarship I was able to finish two research papers and I am waiting for them to be published, which I expect will help enhance my professional career and

develop the academic and scientific knowledge within my home community. Thanks to the ELE-MENT project for the great opportunity it offered me.'



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'I am happy here because I have the opportunity not just to have lectures with Lithuanian professors but also with professors from the USA who

helped me in understanding new things.
This scholarship is my first step to reach my dream and to prove that nothing is impossible.



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