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## Erasmus+ LEADS Project newsletter

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**Welcome to the first newsletter of the Erasmus+ LEADS project!**

This project, coordinated by the University of Mostaganem, aims to develop a competency framework specific to the Algerian higher education system in three key areas: linguistic, entrepreneurship, and digital skills.

**In this first newsletter, we present to you:**

- **The LEADS project:** its objectives, organization, and consortium.
- **The results of the first six months:** the development of the project website and the state of the art on certification systems in the three areas of expertise.

**The LEADS project.**

**LEADS (Linguistic, Entrepreneurial And Digital Skills)** is a project funded by the European Union within the Erasmus+ program. With a duration of three years (December 2023 - December 2026), it brings together a consortium of 10 partners from 5 countries: Algeria, Italy, Latvia, Norway, and Türkiye.

**The objectives of the LEADS project are as follows:**

- To develop a reference framework for linguistic, entrepreneurial, and digital skills for Algerian higher education.
- To implement training and pedagogical tools for teaching these skills.
- To develop placement and certification tests for the three skills.

**The LEADS project consortium is composed of:**

- University of Mostaganem (Algeria) - Coordinator
- Djilali Liabes University - Sidi Bel Abbes (Algeria)
- 8 Mai 1945 University - Guelma (Algeria)
- Badji Mokhtar University - Annaba (Algeria)
- Polytechnic School of Architecture and Urbanism (Algeria)
- Lounici Ali University - Blida 2 (Algeria)
- Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (Algeria)
- Riga Technical University - RTU (Latvia)
- University for Foreigners of Siena (Italy)
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Norway)
- Kirikkale University (Türkiye)



## Results of the First Six Months

**During the first six months of the project, the partners have made the following progress:**

- **Project website development:** The LEADS project website is now online and accessible at <https://leadsproject.univ-mosta.dz/>. It provides information about the project, its objectives, its partners, and its activities.
- **State of the art:** A literature review has been conducted in the three areas of expertise of the project: linguistics, entrepreneurship, and digital. This review has identified the key skills to be developed among Algerian students and has reviewed best practices in training in these areas. This document is freely available in Arabic, French, and English on the project's public website.

## Next Steps

Over the next few months, the LEADS project partners will focus on developing the skills framework and implementing training and pedagogical tools. They will also organize workshops and seminars to raise awareness of the project and its results among stakeholders in Algerian higher education.

We invite you to follow the news of the LEADS project on its website and social networks.

## Newsletter available in:

- Arabic, French, and English

## Contact :

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## LEADS Project Team



## Project News

**Kickoff Meeting :** Chaired by Professor Brahim Bouderah, Rector of the University of Mostaganem, it was held from March 5 to 7, 2024. In addition to the participation of consortium members including MESRS, the National Erasmus Bureau was represented by Professor Mohamed Boudour. It was a success! The work plan, roles, and responsibilities of the partners were defined. Communication, risks, and solutions were discussed. The partners are ready to start work and are confident in the success of the project.

**ERASMUS+ Regional Workshops :** LEADS was presented at the information days organized by the National Erasmus Bureau on January 8 at the Eastern Regional Conference, January 10 at the Western Regional Conference, and January 11 at the Central Regional Conference. All the heads of higher education institutions and project leaders participated in these days.

The LEADS project was presented at the **seminar on the entrepreneurial ecosystem**, organized by the National Erasmus+ Bureau and the Cooperation Directorate of the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education. This event took place at Houari Boumediene University of Science and Technology in Algiers on March 13 and 14, 2024.

The LEADS project was presented during the event “**Start-ups - Innovation and Knowledge as Drivers of the New Economy**” which took place on May 2, 2024, at the Faculty of Economic, Commercial, and Management Sciences of Lounici Ali University in Blida. Approximately 200 students participated in this event and had the opportunity to ask questions related to training methods, the start date of the training, and other relevant details