

# B-INTERNATIONAL



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## B-International Project Overview

**Start Date:** 15/01/2020\*

**End Date:** 14/01/2023\*

\*Pending receipt of Grant Agreement request from EACEA

**Project Ref:**610352-EPP-1-2019-1-UK-EPPKA2-JP

**Budget:** 649,246 EUR

**Wider objective:** to build capacity in Pakistan's higher education sector by providing partner universities with the tools that will enable them to engage internationally.

### **Partners:**

#### EU

Cardiff Metropolitan University (CMET)

Ecole Centrale de Nantes (ECN)

University of Bologna (UNIBO)

University of Salamanca (USAL)

#### Pakistan

National University of Science and Technology (NUST)

Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

Comsats Institute of Information Technology (COMSATS)

Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design (PIFD)

**Associate Partner:** British Council Pakistan



# General update

B-International is a Joint and National Project

- modernisation of governance, management and functioning of HEIs;

## B-International Objectives

### Overall Aim:

B International aims to provide staff at universities in Pakistan with a framework by which to implement international strategies that support wider aims of the universities and to provide staff with knowledge and practical tools to implement international activities that support strategic aim of both the university and the wider HE sector.

For this project, the broader and comprehensive definition of internationalisation is adopted. That is, in its simplest form, the introduction of an international outlook in to education.



# COVID19 pandemic - RISKS

- KoM – Outbreak pandemic
  
- Q&A session – Year 0

The **bilateral meetings** between grant holder and beneficiaries as well as the collective **Q&A sessions** will collectively count as a project Kick Off.

Meeting as a consortium when the relevant national authorities and universities deem it safe and necessary to undertake international travel for university business.

# COVID19 pandemic - RISKS

- International travel paused therefore B-International project cannot progress as originally planned in **initial proposal**.

- Staff resourcing is likely to be affected as staff may be diverted to work on higher priority tasks (than B-International) due to the pandemic. Availability of resources is a risk to the ongoing **functioning of the project**

Continuous **monitoring** of COVID19 situation in all Partner countries.

There would be potential to **virtualise aspects** of certain work packages, given EACEA approval which would allow the project to continue in adapted way that still meets its stated objectives

There have been frequent meetings, with their **recordings and documentation saved** on a central platform (Microsoft Teams) for all of the consortium to access.

Ensured that more than one **individual member** is associated with the project in each Partner Institution which ensures continuity and continuous engagement with the project from all Partners.

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# COVID19 pandemic - RISKS

**Equipment** is likely to be affected due to the ongoing pandemic.

Potential for an insufficient number of suppliers to provide the required **tender**.

Ensure that the tender documents are completed thoroughly, stipulating all of the tender requirements/equipment specifications.

Ensure that the tenders are advertised on a minimum of two daily print media to ensure maximum coverage and visibility to vendors.

# COVID19 pandemic - RISKS

Risk to **quality of training**, engagement of partners and participation levels if virtualisation of the work packages takes place.

Designing a **mode of delivery**, that is manageable and effective on virtual platform, which will ensure continued engagement and involvement from Partners.

Efficient **surveying/feedback** or participants following training to ensure that training is continually being improved.

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# COVID19 pandemic - BREXIT

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