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DIGITAL SKILLS

Virtual Course

**Female Academic Role Model Empowerment, Equality and Sustainability at Universities in Mediterranean Region: towards
2030 Agenda – FREE**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

- This course is designed to enhance the role of female empowerment in higher education through increasing the number of women involved in the decision-making process and in leadership roles. In order to effectively promote female empowerment and capacity building, training in various areas such as digital skills, management and leadership is needed.
- This course aims to enhance female digital skills; namely functional skills, collaboration, social media, creativity, online research, online communications, and e-safety.
- Online and virtual practical sessions will be used as the primary method to deliver the course materials. In addition to the topics related to increasing participants' knowledge and understanding, the course will include practical training using well known tools such as MS Office 365, Moodle, and Facebook.
- This course will contribute to achieve the FREE goals in terms of improving operations management of HEIs, empowering female academics and professionals at target HEIs through series of training, and developing of research and innovation.
- The main goal of the course is to enhance the participants' digital skills through increasing their knowledge on related topics and increase their practical experience on basic online functions.

Course Learning Objectives

The objectives of this course are as follows (50 hours):

- To provide users with fundamental productivity functions that are needed for modern enterprises such as word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, and collaboration with other online users.
- To learn techniques of effective communication with colleagues and other online users using powerful online communication systems.
- To equip users with practical skills and tools of LMS (including learning platforms like Moodle and Blackboard).
- To introduce new tools for collaboration, communication and sharing content as well as setting up online profiles and making work accessible to others using social media.
- To identify how to manage creativity and innovation.
- To introduce fundamental security principles and train participants on e-safety

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Knowledge and understanding

Upon successful completion of this course, participants should have the following knowledge and understanding:

- A valuable knowledge about major features and benefits of all the key services on the Office 365 platform, how key security and legal concepts apply to Office 365.
- A useful knowledge of social networking, scientific databases, academic platforms and systems, creative presentation and evaluation of impact of dissemination activities.
- An essential knowledge of fundamental security principles for e-safety

Course Learning Outcomes

2. Conceptual Skills

Upon successful completion of this course, participants should have the following conceptual skills:

- Identify and effectively use MS Office advanced tools (Outlook, Word, Excel, and Power Point, Access), social networking tools, scientific databases, academic platforms and systems, prepare creative presentation and to evaluate impact of dissemination activities.
- Identify security threats to home users and identify appropriate security measures & tools

Course Learning Outcomes

3. Professional Skills

Upon successful completion of this course, participants should have the following professional skills:

- Efficient usage of MS Office advanced tools
- Safe usage of digital devices and the Internet
- Efficient usage of social networking tools
- Efficient usage of scientific databases
- Efficient usage of academic platforms and systems
- Effective presentation
- Evaluation of impact of dissemination activities

Course Learning Outcomes

4. Competences

Upon successful completion of this course, participants should have the following professional and social competencies:

- Professional competencies: knowledge, abilities and skills related to efficient usage of MS Office, scientific databases and academic platforms. LMS and digital devices and the Internet
- Social competencies: knowledge, abilities and skills related to efficient usage of social networking and creative presentation.

Course Learning Outcomes

5. Attendance, participation and Activity

The course has 50 ECTS credits, to be measured and evaluated as the academic staffs deems necessary for the course objectives