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Project Newsletter: February 2017



**A very happy New Year from the EU METALIC II project team in Cardiff!
With less than 6 months left of the EU METALIC II project, here is a
roundup of the latest project activities and news from scholars.**

Thank you everyone who contributed to this newsletter!

**Thanks to Raji Mohammed Amine, an EU METALIC II Master scholar, who sent this edition's
cover photo of students at the University of Bordeaux.**



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Cohort 3 Round 2 Call for Applications

As the project did not yet meet its staff targets as well as the overall set target after Cohort 3 Round 1, the Consortium has decided to launch a second round for applications (Cohort 3 Round 2) which was open to all eligible nationalities and restricted to staff level only. The call was planned to be open from 16th May 2016 till 30th June 2016. The Consortium conducted an extensive promotional campaign to attract a large number of applicants, including a telephone campaign to all past applicants and providing individual feedback to the applicants. However, despite of all efforts, we were not able to obtain the minimum number of applications by the 30th June deadline and therefore the call was extended until 6th October 2016. The call timeline was as follows:

Third Call for Applications – Cohort 3 Round 2	16/05/2016 – 06/10/2016 (144 days)
Eligibility check	By 17/10/2016
Assessment of Academic Quality	By 01/11/2016
Selection and Nomination	08/11/2016

Following the extended deadline, a record number of 172 staff applications was submitted. The Selection Committee met via Skype on 8th November 2016 and after a thorough selection process 23 staff scholars have been nominated for 1-3 months exchange mobility under EU METALIC II scheme. This call allowed the project to meet the staff and overall targets within the project's proposed thresholds.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our Partners for their hard work and cooperation during this Call.

Cohort 3 Round 1 Scholars

24 undergraduate scholars nominated under Cohort 3 Round 1 mobilised in August/September 2016 and they should complete their mobility by July 2017.

We wish Cohort 3 Round 1 scholars good luck with their studies!



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European Commission Monitoring visit



The EU METALIC II Coordinators and our Moroccan partners, University Hassan II and SIST, had an opportunity to meet with representatives of the European Commission in Casablanca in October 2016 to discuss project's achievements, challenges and future plans. The meeting was very beneficial, the European Commission representatives had also an opportunity to meet current and past EU METALIC II scholars to share with them their EU METALIC II experience. We

thank the partners and scholars for their participation.

2nd Call for Scholarship Extensions

A second call for extension was open from 21st November 2016 to 4th December 2016 due to remaining budget available after Cohort 3 Round 2 nominations.

The Call was popular with scholars across all universities and we received 15 eligible applications. It showed good evidence of progression and academic merit to the proposed and a high number of scholars wished to expand or extend their research. The applications were assessed based on host university ranking, quality of the application and available budget.

We have awarded 9 extensions:

3 doctorates: 2 – 5 months extension

6 staff scholars: 1 – 2 months extension

We wish our scholars all the best and look forward to hearing of the results of their extended mobility!



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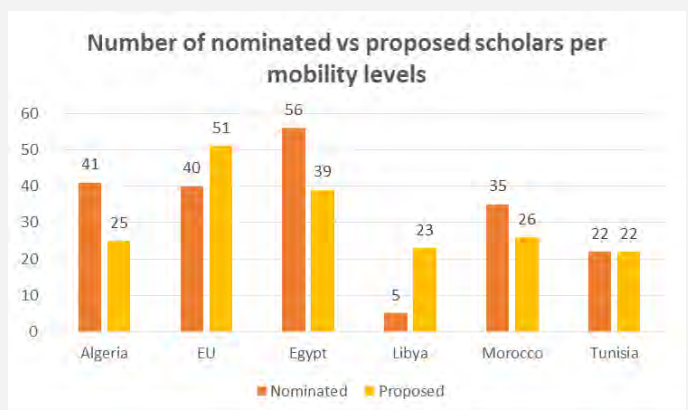
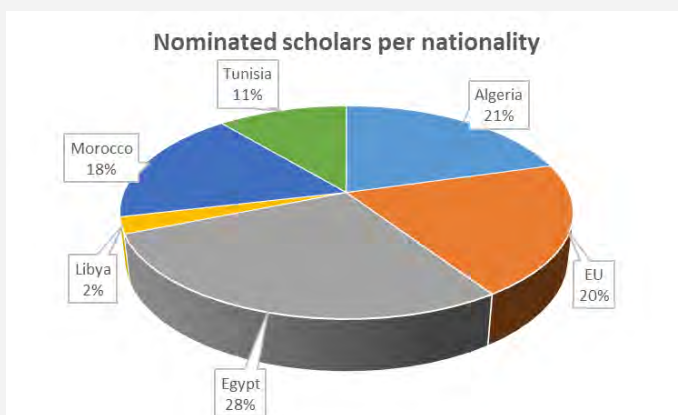
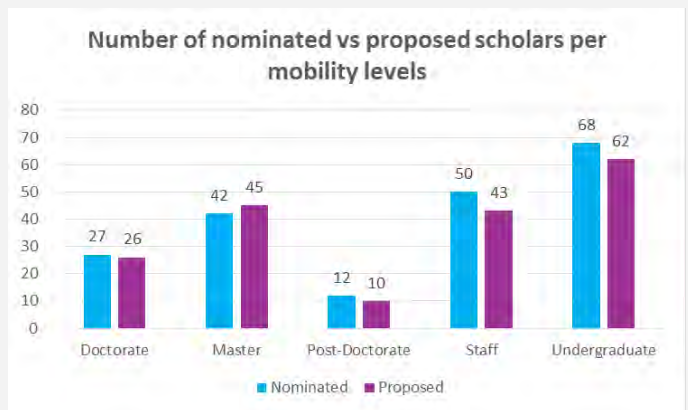
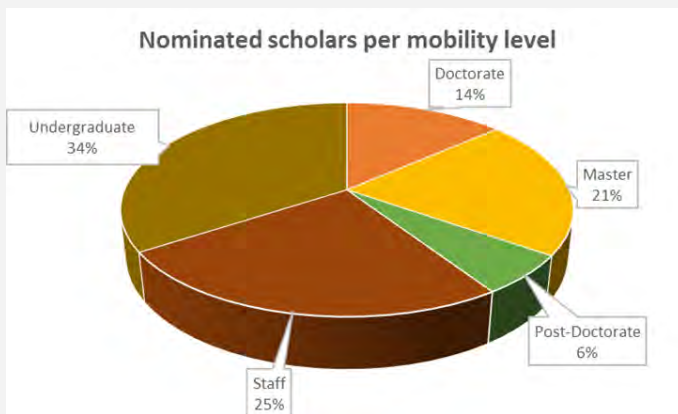
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EU METALIC II so far (without Morocco edition)

121 scholars have completed their mobility, 42 scholars are currently mobilised, 32 scholars are still due to mobilise and 4 scholars have completed the first part of their mobility and are still due to complete the second part. Below graphs outline the structure of nominated scholars per nationality and mobility level and compares number of nominated scholars to proposed number as per project proposal.



Based on the charts of proposed vs nominated scholars per mobility level and nationality the EU METALIC II project has successfully met the overall targets.



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Staff Scholars - we need your help!

We still have 36 staff scholars left to mobilise. Most of these scholars have provided us with dates for their mobility but there are still scholars who have not yet done so. We encourage all staff scholars who have not mobilised yet, to start planning their mobility. The latest start of mobility date is 14th June 2016. Do not miss this life changing opportunity!

Partners, please encourage staff to provide dates for their mobility as soon as possible. If you are unable to contact a scholar or have a drop out, we would be grateful if you could advise us at the earliest opportunity so that we have time to replace them if necessary. If you need more information on whether your university still has any staff to mobilise, please contact Ms Barbora at eumetalic2@cardiffmet.ac.uk who can provide up-to-date lists.

We still have a large number of staff scholars on the reserve list who could benefit from a scholarship in the event of any dropouts.

Questionnaires

In preparation for the Final Report that we must submit to EACEA in September 2017, we have sent out/will soon be sending out questionnaires to scholars who have completed mobility and also those still mobilised. We would appreciate if all scholars can complete the questionnaires and provide us with a valuable feedback.

Partners, please encourage scholars to complete these as their feedback is vital to the Report and to sustainability and dissemination of the project!

The scholar questionnaires will be followed by a partner questionnaire for universities to complete in the spring 2017.



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Final report

As the project ends in July 2017 Cardiff Metropolitan University, the project coordinator, will be due to submit a final report to the European Commission in September 2017. We would like to have features from universities and scholars in the final report. If you would like to share your achievements, pictures and success stories with the European Commission then please do get in touch and email us on: eumetalic2@cardiffmet.ac.uk.

Dissemination video and booklet

As part of our commitment towards the sustainability and dissemination of the EU METALIC II Project, we will be putting together a Dissemination Video and Booklet which will detail highlights of the project since its inception and its impact on the regions involved, partners institutions and grantees.

The booklet will be dedicated to the partner institutions - a page to each partner university focusing on the University and its EU METALIC II local coordinating team and the University's participation in the EU METALIC II project. In order to help us compile this, we have requested the partners to provide us with a paragraph detailing their experience of the EU METALIC II project.

Partners, if you have not already emailed your quote to eumetalic2@cardiffmet.ac.uk, please do so as soon as possible so that we can start creating the booklet.

The video will be dedicated to scholars' and project coordinators' interviews. You can be our EU METALIC II star!

If you would like the rest of the world to hear your story, experience and achievements, contact us immediately!



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Hear from the scholars.....!

All mobilities have been monitored as part of the evaluation and quality assurance activities and to get feedback from the scholars on their progress and on how they find their mobility period. We received interesting feedback on how the scholars benefited from the scholarship and enjoyed it as well.



This exchange enables not only to discover a new culture and to learn a new language and to share amazing experiences with others that you never could live staying at home ... Having such experience transforms you.

Karen Leal Fischer – University Hassan II

I have contact with a huge number of Professors and researchers in Europe and especially in Germany. The active scientific life in Berlin allowed me to attend a very important number of conferences, Workshops and seminars in the Free University of Berlin and around it like the Berlin mathematical school. *Omar Kebiri – FUB.*



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I have made friends from many other nationalities and backgrounds. This allowed me to understand and appreciate our similarities and differences much better.

Ahmed Nejjar - Cardiff Met



I never thought it was possible to make true friends in such a short period. So many international students come to study in Cardiff Met, which marks one of its unique aspects. I've met people from all over the world ... It has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

Amira Bemri – Cardiff Met



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I have learnt so much from the professors and the biology students at the university. I have also gained many skills as: public speaking, how to make research, how to write reports, etc. I have been participating in various activities organized by ESN where I got the chance to introduce my culture and my country's traditional food to the other students. *Rania Chengane – Zagreb University*

Je tiens vraiment à tirer le meilleur parti de ce séjour à l'étranger tant à l'université que dans la vie de tous les jours. J'ai l'intention de fréquenter des Français le plus possible afin de découvrir nos différences culturelles et de les comprendre, ce qui constituera un atout majeur dans la suite de mes études de doctorat, mais aussi dans la réussite de ma carrière politique.

Sara Lahsaini – University of Bordeaux



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My mobility at Functional Genomic Institute at University of Montpellier France was a strong opportunity for me to observe fundamental research and medical educational practice which encouraged me to reflect on my current research at Hassan II University of Casablanca. The professional relationships established with French colleagues continue at present and I anticipate will become strong with time.
Taoufiq Fechtali – University Montpellier



I participate as an active member at IAE BIG, which is a student association within the school in which we try to organize some events to integrate the international students of the school.
Raji Mohammed Amine – University of Bordeaux



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Success stories



Siyimane Mohaine from ECN has been elected a president of the Association of Researchers and Doctorates of Centrale Nantes (ACDC).

Rym Lajmi from La Sapienza University has presented at the conference in La Sapienza of Rome. Rym also published an article "Il ruolo delle donne tunisine nel dibattito identitario" in La Revue des Langues Vivantes, La Manouba.



Shaimaa Alsaied from Graz University had an article accepted for publishing in the Journal of mathematical and computer modelling of dynamical systems.



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Ibrahim Guenoune from ECN has published following articles:

I.Guenoune, A.Glumineau, F.Plestan, A.Chermitti. "Control of Wind Turbine Driven a Permanent Magnet Synchronous Generator Using Backstepping-MTPA Strategy Control", International Conference on Electrical Engineering ICEE, Boumerdes, Algeria, 13-15 December 2015. I.Guenoune, F.Plestan, A.Glumineau, Pilotage d'une éolienne double, GDR-EMR, Marseille, France, 09 mars 2016. I.Guenoune, F.Plestan, A.Glumineau, A.Chermitti. "Control of a New Structure of twin wind turbine", International Conference on Renewable Energy Research and Applications ICRERA 2016, Birmingham, England, 20-23 November 2016. I.Guenoune, F.Plestan, A.Chermitti. Robust Integral Backstepping Control for Twin Wind Turbines, IFAC World Congress2017, Toulouse, France, July 9-14, 2017 (soumis). I.Guenoune, F.Plestan, A.Chermitti. Modeling and Robust Control of a Twin Wind Turbines Structure, Control Engineering Practice (soumis).



Noura Touabi from Zagreb University participated in two congresses: the 6th ISE Satellite Student Regional "Symposium of Electrochemistry" with oral presentation about Zinc Recovery Process "Study of Electrochemical Zinc Recovery Process"; and 4th International Symposium on Environmental Management – Towards Circular Economy (SEM2016) where she presented her work about the effect of surfactants in Zinc Recovery: Removal and Recovery of Zinc from Wastewater: Study of the effect of Surfactants on Electrochemical Deposition Process.

Mohamed Elkarmoty from University of Bologna has published following articles:

Elkarmoty M., Colla C., Gabrielli E., Bonduà S., Bruno R. Application of low frequency GPR antenna to fractures detection and 3D visualization in a new quarry bench [poster]. In the proceedings of: International Conference on Geosciences and Geophysics, October 06-07, 2016 Orlando, USA and in Journal of Geology and Geophysics 2016, 5:5 (Suppl). Elkarmoty M., Bonduà S., Bruno R., Cangioli S. Three dimensional fractures detection by geo-radar for sustainable production of ornamental stones [abstract]. In the proceedings of: The 1st International Sustainable Stone Conference, 20 May 2016, Carrara, Italy. Tinti F., Kasmaee S., Elkarmoty M., Bonduà S., Bortolotti V., Bruno R. Macro-scale underground geomechanical and thermal mapping for very shallow geothermal applications. In the proceedings of: The 11th International Conference on Geostatistics for Environmental Applications (geoENV 2016), 6-8 July 2016, Lisbon, Portugal.



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Yosra Karaani from La Sapienza University of Rome published an article: "All changed, changed utterly: War Trauma and Identity in Joyce Carol Oates's Carthage and Inaam Kachachi's The American Granddaughter" in a book: War! L'esperienza della guerra fra storia, folclore e letteratura. Yosra submitted an article: "Narrating Violence Against Women in the Iraq War in Helen Benedict's Sand Queen" to be published in the Cambrian Law Journal in June 2017. She as well was a speaker at following conferences: Women in Modern Wars (Lisbon September 2016), Women in/at War (Open University Milton Keynes September 2016) and Transnational American Studies Histories, Methodologies Perspectives (Warsaw October 2016).

We would like to congratulate all scholars on their achievements! Let us know of your accomplishments!

Events organised by the EU-METALIC II partners



Welcome event organised by Graz University for more than 200 international students.

The mayor of the city of Graz, Mag. Siegfried Nagl, welcomed more than 750 exchange students from more than 60 countries who had started their mobility in the winter semester 2016/17.



International Day at University of Santiago de Compostela for the students to share their culture, language, gastronomy and traditions and to help local students to choose their mobility program.



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Bowling event organised by FUB.



Christmas party organised by ECN for international students.



University Montpellier - a trip to Nimes.



Welcome day for International students organised at University of Bordeaux.



The Buddy Programme at University of Santiago de Compostela.



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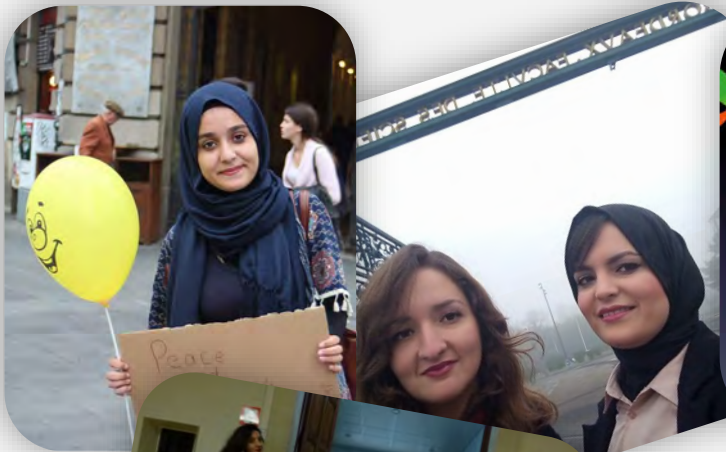
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Snapshots of our students



'Life is so short so we have to take all the opportunities that it offers to us and this is what I did ... Taking part in this program is making me live an amazing experience. This is being one of the best adventures of my life and it is still at its beginning. I am confident that I will enjoy every single moment here in Zagreb. Being here, being part of EU METALIC II is just one step to achieve more in my life, and I am so grateful for this.' - *Rania Chengane from Algeria mobilised at Zagreb University.*

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Thank you for your on-going cooperation and support and we look forward to a successful final year.

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