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HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION  
OPPORTUNITIES & PERSPECTIVES

## FOREWORD BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

The European Union strongly believes in investing in higher education, as an asset for the future of individuals and societies as a whole, especially in recovery and peacebuilding post-conflict processes.

Young Lebanese and Syrians having sought refuge in Lebanon face a combination of hardships hindering their access to higher and further education.

For this reason, the European Union has donated more than €70 million to provide young Syrians and disadvantaged youth from Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey with opportunities for higher and further education since 2015.

More than 6000 youths, of whom 46 % are women, benefit from this support, provided through the [EU Regional Trust Fund in response to the Syrian crisis](#), the EU Madad Fund.

More than 1500 Higher Education certificates have already been awarded to young graduates, with many more to come in the upcoming years.

Thanks to European Union support, HOPES-LEB will contribute to increase the number of young people, both refugee youths and vulnerable host communities in Lebanon, being able to get a higher education and to improving their employment prospects.

This will offer them better prospects for their future no matter where they are.

In the context of the particularly difficult economic situation and the challenges experienced by many Higher education institutions, this programme will contribute to alleviate the negative impact on the sector.

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