



FOREWORD BY THE HOPES-LEB TEAM



Dear readers – friends, partners, beneficiaries and supporters of the HOPES-LEB project,

Between the challenges of coping with a global pandemic, the protracted consequences of many crises and conflicts in the region as well as the harsh economic and political situation in Lebanon where people are still struggling to overcome the traumatic impact of one of the most horrendous blasts in human history, words fail to describe the year 2020... But what also comes to mind when thinking of the last year is the way how people reacted to these challenges, the many innovative efforts undertaken and the resilience shown by all strata of society, the strengthened collaboration, solidarity and flexibility... This gives hope that these difficulties will be overcome, and the HOPES-LEB project is ready to do its best to contribute to this endeavour.

This second issue of our e-newsletter sheds light on our latest activities and achievements obtained despite all the hardships faced during 2020. The articles – focussing beside our own work on partners and students – reflect the vibrancy of our HOPES community and show the project's dedication to creating opportunities for a better education, a better life and better chances for the future for young Lebanese and refugees from Syria in need of support.

We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the continuous and generous support of the HOPES-LEB community, students and institutional partners. We sincerely wish that 2021 will become a healthy, peaceful and prosperous year full of new opportunities for you and your beloved ones and we look forward to the continuation of our fruitful cooperation!

Best wishes
THE HOPES-LEB TEAM





