DeCAIR Steering Committee

Meeting 5
June 18, 2021 (10:00 – 11:30)
Zoom Meeting

Developing Curricula for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (DeCAIR)
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Attendance

- Gheith Abandah
- Wafa Batayneh
- Murad Alaqtash
- Clovis Francis
- Soubhi Abou-Chahine
- Lucia Pallottino
- Francesco Masulli
- Jorge Casillas
- Peter Eberhard
- Dimos Papakonstantinou

- Also: Sofia, Mario, Iyad, Musa, Ramzi, Mohammad, Adham

Agenda

Status review and planning for the following work packages:

1. WP7: Building capacity in AIR in universities of Partner Countries
   - Presented by Lucia
2. WP2: Development of new MSc and BSc programs in AIR
   - Presented by Francesco (Murad, Musa)
3. WP5: Improving curricula of current MSc programs in JO and LB
   - Presented by Peter and Mario
4. WP6: Improving curricula of current BSc programs in JO and LB
   - Presented by Jorge
5. WP8: Establishing and developing AIR labs
   - Presented by Sobhi
6. WP10: Quality Assurance
   - Presented by Sofia

Date and time of next meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

1. WP7: Building capacity in AIR in universities of Partner Countries

- Lucia gave a briefing about this work package that has two main activities:
  - WP7.1: Organizing short training courses in the partner universities of the Program Countries
  - WP7.2: Organizing training courses in Jordan and Lebanon by European trainers from the partner universities of the Program Countries

- These activities include some training courses originally planed to start in June 2021, but now are delayed due to the Covid-19 situation.

- She requested a contact person from each Jordanian and Lebanese partner.

- She proposed starting online courses in July, e.g., Python, ROS

2. WP2: Development of new MSc and BSc programs in AIR

- Francesco presented a plan for Activity WP2.2: Designing and developing syllabi and content for the agreed upon courses in the new programs.

- This plan was discussed during and after the meeting through exchange of email messages.

- The consortium adopted Version 2 of this plan which is simpler and more suitable to the project resources.

- The plan starts with TTU and UJ upload on the DeCAIR repository a description of the contents or the proposed syllabus of each new course related to AI and Robotics they have included in their proposal for the new BSc and MSc programs.

3. WP5: Improving curricula of current MSc programs in JO and LB

- Peter and Mario briefed about the progress in WB5. The first meeting was held on Friday 11/6/2021 where each JO and LB partner presented a proposal for courses to be developed/added in the current MSc programs.

- Four proposals were presented and discussed.

- The proposals are now assembled in one document that Mario will email to the consortium for their feedback in the specified fields about these proposals.

4. WP6: Improving curricula of current BSc programs in JO and LB

- Jorge briefed about the plans for WP6. There are two scheduled meetings:
  - Thursday 1/7/2021, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: for the Jordanian programs
  - Friday 9/7/2021, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm: for the Lebanese programs
- In these meetings, the respective partners will present for discussion their proposals for improving the current BSc programs.

5. WP8: Establishing and developing AIR labs

- Sobhi and Gheith presented the progress in purchasing the equipment.
  - The lists of needed equipment for the five partners were finalized with justification.
  - The lists were sent to the Agency for approval. The Agency suggested sticking to the original budget and asked for further clarifications.
  - JUST and TTU adjusted their respective lists to be in line with the original proposal.
  - The five partners also advised the requested further clarifications.
  - The updated lists will be resent to the Agency soon.
  - Moreover, the needed specifications for tendering are ready.
  - Once approval is gotten, the tenders will be announced.

6. WP10: Quality Assurance

- Sofia suggested that a course template is adopted for the project to develop the course syllabi.

- A proposed template will be suggested by Gheith through email.

- Sofia confirmed that the Quality Committee has approved the Survey WP1.6 deliverable.

- The approval of this deliverable by the Steering Committee will be performed off-line.

Next Meetings

- Friday 16/7/2021 (10:00 am – 11:30 am, Amman time)
  - (9:00 am – 10:30 am, CEST – Central European Summer Time)

Thank you