International Conference

Migration and Transnational Cooperation in Education, Research and Innovation:
An Arab-German Dialogue

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German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

AGYA award for
Initiatives and projects supporting migrants/refugees in education

Deadline: 15 April 2016
1st prize: 2500€, 2nd prize: 1500€, 3rd prize: 1000€

Migration and flight induce major challenges to societies in Arab countries as well as in Germany. Research, innovation and education need to make substantial contributions to the analysis of migration related challenges and potentials, and to the development of strategies and instruments to contain disruptive effects and foster mutually gainful effects of migration. International research and education cooperation takes a wide, transnational and multi-perspective approach to these issues. Beyond this, it fosters trust and understanding between countries and regions concerned. Initiatives supporting such transnational perspectives are even more important in the current situation with numbers of refugees growing daily. Volunteers are often the first to provide support for those migrating. They organize clothes and housing, help with administration and legal matters, provide language courses and education programs, organize social activities within their communities, and even more. Access to education is one of the major challenges, not only for elementary and high school education, but also for higher education.

We would like to invite those volunteer groups and initiatives engaged in the field of education in Germany or Arab countries to promote their work and projects at the conference in the format of a poster presentation. The conference will bring together high-ranking representatives of academia and politics from Germany and the Arab world, and the poster presentation will be a unique opportunity to make their work known to the public and seek support.

Application procedure:

Initiatives/projects applying should either focus on education (including elementary, high school and higher education/university) or should be primarily organized by students, teachers, scholars or other staff of an education institution (schools, universities, language schools, etc.). Applications will be reviewed by an Arab-German selection committee. The selected initiatives will have to submit a poster featuring their projects. The posters will be displayed during the conference and will be published online. For the selected initiatives, for one representative to the conference we will be able to cover travel costs (couch/economy class) and provide accommodation. Among the invited participating initiatives, the selection committee will select the winners of the AGYA award.

Please send a short description of your initiative/project (approx. 300-500 words) and a short biographical summary of the person dedicated to present the project at the conference to: agya@bbaw.de


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