

SHIFT-MED

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITIES: TWIN TRANSITIONS ACROSS THE MEDITERRANEAN



Since the project launch in February 2026, **SHIFT-MED** has moved from consortium alignment to concrete institutional transformation. Over the past eight months, partners have advanced green governance, delivered capacity-building workshops, prepared institutional sustainability strategies, strengthened dissemination and visibility, and agreed the roadmap for green curriculum development. This second newsletter highlights the main milestones achieved between February and September 2026 and shows how the consortium is turning the twin green and digital transition into practical action across Mediterranean higher education.

EIGHT MONTHS OF PROGRESS: FROM GOVERNANCE TO GREEN CURRICULA

Over the past eight months, **SHIFT-MED** has moved from initial planning to concrete institutional action across the Mediterranean. A major milestone was the Governance Workshops for Twin Transition in Universities, strengthening partners' capacities in stakeholder engagement, innovation ecosystems, sustainable development, strategic planning and green governance. This was followed by the establishment of Sustainability Committees and development of Institutional Sustainability Strategies, translating green transition ambitions into institution-specific priorities and actions. Building on these achievements, the consortium's 1st Online Transnational Project Meeting on 2–3 September 2026 shaped the next implementation phase. Partners reviewed their Institutional Sustainability Strategies and advanced T2.4 – Academic Priorities for Green Curricula, identifying opportunities for new and updated courses and sustainability-related competencies. Discussions also addressed the SHIFT-MED digital platform, T2.4 implementation roadmap, financial reporting and dissemination. Together, these developments demonstrate SHIFT-MED's transition from shared vision towards practical institutional transformation, connecting green governance, curriculum modernisation, digital innovation and Mediterranean cooperation.

INSIDE: GOVERNANCE WORKSHOPS • SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES • PAL NETWORK VISIBILITY • 1ST ONLINE TPM • GREEN CURRICULA ROADMAP

Over the past eight months, **SHIFT-MED** has progressed from project launch to concrete implementation, turning its twin green and digital transition objectives into institutional action across the Mediterranean. Governance Workshops have strengthened partners' capacities, while Sustainability Committees and Institutional Sustainability Strategies have established practical pathways for greener university governance. Building on these achievements, partners are now advancing academic priorities for green curricula, sustainability-oriented competencies, and the SHIFT-MED digital platform. Through continued collaboration among institutions in Tunisia, Palestine, Türkiye and Europe, the project is connecting governance, curriculum modernisation, digital innovation and sustainability to create lasting institutional impact across Mediterranean higher education.

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GOVERNANCE WORKSHOPS FOR TWIN TRANSITION IN UNIVERSITIES



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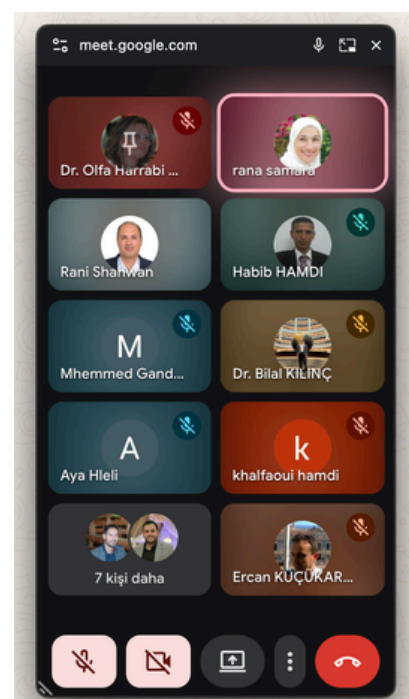
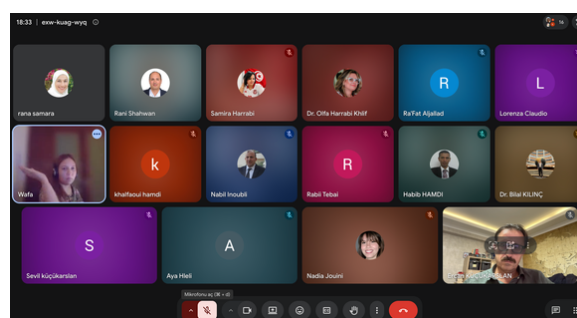
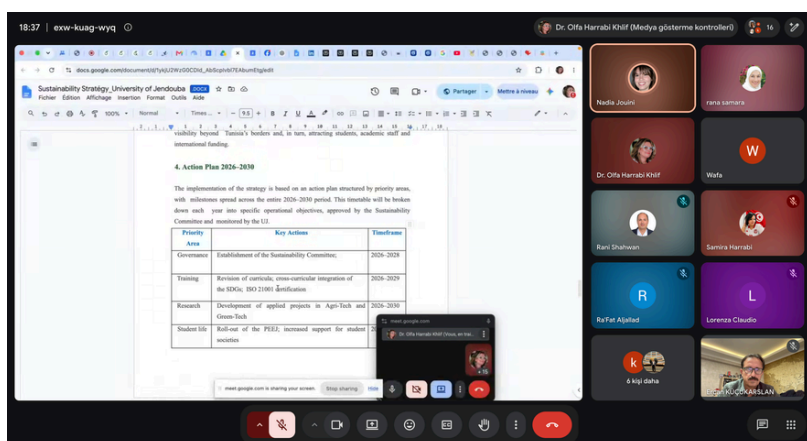


The Governance Workshops strengthened the capacity of partner universities to translate sustainability ambitions into practical institutional action. Across five days, participants explored stakeholder engagement and innovation ecosystems, sustainable development and the SDGs, strategic planning for environmental performance, sustainability leadership, institutional governance, and resource management. Through interactive exercises, case studies, the TEEG Business Game, and collaborative group work, participants applied these concepts directly to their institutional contexts. The workshops culminated in practical work on sustainability governance models, ISO 14001 and SDG integration, sustainable campus planning, stakeholder coordination, monitoring systems, KPIs, and sustainability reporting. Participants developed sustainability strategies, governance and stakeholder maps, institutional actions, and success indicators, creating a strong foundation for the Sustainability Committees and subsequent institutional sustainability work. Together, the five-day programme equipped SHIFT-MED partners with practical tools and shared approaches to lead greener, more resilient, and future-oriented universities across the Mediterranean.

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On 2–3 September 2026, the SHIFT-MED consortium held its 1st Online Transnational Project Meeting, bringing partners together to review progress and coordinate the next phase of implementation. The first day focused on project management, the Steering Committee and WP2. Partners presented, discussed and validated their Institutional Sustainability Strategies, reviewed WP2 progress and advanced T2.4 – Academic Priorities for Green Curricula.

The second day focused on the SHIFT-MED platform, partners' needs and the methodology for T2.4. The consortium explored potential new courses, existing courses that could be updated, and priority thematic areas related to sustainability and ecological transition. Partners also discussed the proposed platform, including institutional needs, required functionalities, design considerations and the technical approach.

Particular attention was given to the methodology for engaging Sustainability Committees and relevant academic departments in the green curricula consultation process. Partners agreed on the consultation approach, stakeholders, information to be collected and expected outputs, and established a common T2.4 implementation roadmap defining responsibilities, deadlines and coordination mechanisms. Financial reporting, dissemination and communication were also reviewed, concluding the meeting with clear action points and upcoming milestones.

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FROM COMMITTEES TO ACTION: INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES



UNIVERSITY OF KAIROUAN

Five connected pillars: sustainability governance; carbon footprint and energy use; waste and resource management; sustainable procurement and green campus; awareness and education.

UNIVERSITY OF JENDOUBA

A 2026–2030 vision linking quality education and employability, climate action, innovation, regional development and the university's role as a driver of ecological, digital and social transition.

AN-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

A whole-institution approach embedding sustainability in decision-making, education, research, campus operations, resource use, procurement, mobility, community engagement and reporting.

PALESTINE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY-KADOORIE

Six interconnected priorities spanning carbon and climate action, energy/water/resource efficiency, circularity, sustainable operations, green campus and biodiversity, and education/research/community engagement.

ELEMTIEZ VET CENTER

A practical institutional framework designed to be implemented, monitored and peer-reviewed, with progressive alignment towards ISO 14001 readiness.

During 2026, partner institutions translated SHIFT-MED's green-governance objectives into institution-specific sustainability strategies and action plans. Although each strategy responds to its own institutional and regional context, several shared priorities are emerging across the consortium.

