

FUNDING FRAMEWORK

Ta'ziz Networking 2023–2025

PROGRAMME
OBJECTIVES

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The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst – DAAD) is awarding funds provided by the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtige Amt – AA) to support the programme line ‘Ta’ziz Networking’ under the ‘Ta’ziz Partnership’ programme. The Arabic word ‘Ta’ziz’ means ‘strengthening /consolidation’ and is intended to clearly express the planned outcome of this programme.

The ‘Ta’ziz Partnership’ programme includes two further programme lines: ‘[Ta’ziz Science Cooperations](#)’ and ‘[Ta’ziz Short-Term Measures](#)’. Each of these two programme lines has its own respective funding framework.

All programme lines of the ‘Ta’ziz Partnership’ programme support political processes aimed at more democracy and rule of law in the MENA region. Higher education and academic cooperation play an important role in times of social and political transformation. A Ta’ziz Partnership creates additional opportunities to strive for reform at Arabic higher education institutions, and to include non-university partners from academia and research, the public sector (including politics, administration, state-owned corporations/enterprises), business (e.g., private companies, industrial companies) or civil society (e.g., NGOs, associations, foundations). In all programme lines, special attention is paid to the participation of women, diversity, and the increase of practical relevance in order to improve the employability of the participants.

Funding under the Ta’ziz Networking programme line is intended to promote the establishment and/or expansion of professional networks between German higher education institutions, research institutions, partner universities and partners from the non-university sector (non-university academia and research, civil society, business and the public sector) and those in the MENA region (**Middle East & North Africa**), primarily from **Tunisia, Sudan, Lebanon** and **Iraq**; as well as from **Egypt, Algeria, Yemen, Jordan, Libya** and **Morocco**. Strategies are to be developed to strengthen and/or consolidate the exchange of knowledge, experience, and expertise among the network participants.

Once established, the Ta’ziz networks are an instrument of successful science communication.

Through innovative and reform-oriented projects, that demonstrate how the exchange of scientific knowledge with broad social participation can help initiate positive changes in the societies of the region. This can be done through events (e.g. public conferences, dialogue series, workshop series, exhibitions, performances, concerts) and/or publications without a pure scientific character, and/or other forms of products or projects (e.g. digital products), or even site-specific installations.

In this way, it will be illuminated how academia can contribute to stabilising reforms and processes in the states and systems of the region through exchange and networking with, as well as participation of, non-university partners.

Ta'ziz networks are open to any discipline and adapt to the possibilities and scope of the different Ta'ziz partner countries, both in terms of selection of countries and outcome. Their multilateral nature should provide an environment in which partners can learn from each other on a transnational basis/across countries.

The programme is designed to have a long-term effect (**impact**) on...

- the sustainable strengthening of academic freedom in the participating partner countries.
- the support of reform efforts in the higher education sectors and the societies of the participating partner countries.
- the establishment and expansion of sustainable networks between the participating higher education institutions and non-university partners develop a multiplier effect.
- creating participatory spaces for dialogue and communication with social visibility in the partner countries involved. the sustainable exchange of knowledge and science communication (Third Mission). among the participating higher education institutions and non-university partners.

To achieve these long-term effects (impacts), the programme pursues the following programme objectives (**outcomes**):

- Programme objective 1 (outcome 1): networks between higher education institutions and non-university partners have been established.
- Programme objective 2 (outcome 2): innovative and/or reformative (knowledge) products and/or projects (relating to the exchange of knowledge) involving non-university partners have been jointly realised.
- Programme objective 3 (outcome 3): strategies for communication and exchange of knowledge between partner higher education institutions and non-university partners have been established.

These programme objectives are to be achieved through the following direct results (**outputs**) of the measures/activities:

- Contacts between participating higher education institutions and non-university partners are initiated, intensified and/or extended.
- Exchange of knowledge involving participating higher education institutions and non-university partners is realised.
- Strategies for communication and exchange of knowledge between the participating academic and social partners are jointly developed.

Each project can have a different focus. However, a contribution to all programme objectives (outcomes) is essential in this programme line, although

these can be weighted differently. The inclusion of non-university partners is a key component of this programme line and is therefore obligatory.

The higher education institutions are asked to develop projects based on the programme's results framework and programme indicators and to formulate measurable project objectives and associated indicators. These must be outlined in the application and in the project planning overview, and the project objectives must be consistent with the programme objectives (see **Annex 2** 'Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring' with instructions for results-oriented project planning, the results framework and the catalogue of indicators).

Environmental sustainability

The DAAD has set itself the target of further reducing its ecological footprint as an organisation and funding provider. In the context of project funding, efforts should be made to plan and realise all projects in a way that preserves resources and protects the climate and the environment. This particularly applies to mobility/travel. Depending on the type and scope of the project, it may also relate to procurement and contract tendering, event management, or marketing and public relations work. (Information about this aspect is provided voluntarily and is not relevant to the selection process.)

MEASURES/ ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

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Measures/activities eligible for funding include:

- Project-related return trips to and stays in both Germany and the partner countries
- The implementation of and participation in (digital) events (e.g., symposiums, conferences, dialogue events, workshops, summer schools, exhibitions, performances, concerts)
- The development of (knowledge-based) products and/or projects relating to knowledge exchange
- Targeted public relations and marketing activities (creation of printed matter e.g., flyers, posters, brochures, guides; as well as podcasts and/or explanatory videos)

Not eligible for funding are:

- Measures/Activities that are exclusively focused on research cooperation
- Representative trips not relating to a project
- Stays (e.g., research, teaching and study stays) that serve exclusively to fund individuals and are not granted as part of a partnership project.
- Publications that are exclusively scientific.

ELIGIBLE GRANT EXPENDITURE

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See **Attachment 1**

FORWARDING

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Forwarding of the project funding grant to a project partner (fully or in part) is possible, if it is necessary to achieve the purpose of the grant.

The expenditure items that are to be forwarded must be marked accordingly in the financing plan that is part of the application for project funding submitted to the DAAD.

If the specific details of forwarding are not known yet at the time the application for project funding is submitted (before a contract is concluded), expenditure that may be forwarded can be designated as the institution's own expenditure in the financing plan for the time being. In the event that specific plans to forward funding emerge after the contract has been concluded, the grant recipient must seek approval from the DAAD by means of an amendment agreement (adjustment of the project description and financing plan).

Any forwarding of funds must take place on the basis of a forwarding agreement.

Evidence of use from the forwarding recipient must be submitted to the DAAD along with the related audit certificate.

TYPE OF FINANCING

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Funding takes the form of full financing.

FUNDING PERIOD

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The funding period begins at the earliest on 1 March 2023 and ends at the latest on 31 December, 2025.

GRANT AMOUNT

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In the case of a **bi-lateral** network partnership, a grant of up to **300,000 euros** may be applied for, divided among the budget years in the approval period as follows:

2023: EUR 100,000
2024: EUR 100,000
2025: EUR 100,000

In the case of a **tri-** or **multilateral** network partnership (involving more than one Arab partner), the grant is generally up to **375,000 euros**, divided among the budget years as follows:

2023: EUR 125,000
2024: EUR 125,000
2025: EUR 125,000

DISCIPLINES

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The programme is open to all disciplines.

TARGET GROUP

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Students (bachelor's/ master's degree), doctoral candidates, lecturers, (early career) researchers, professors, higher education management staff.

In addition, it is mandatory to include non-university academic and research partners from Germany and the above-named Arab partner countries, civil society, the public sector and/or business (e.g., societies, associations, foundations, organisations, private companies, governmental administrations and corporations, but also individuals from the above-mentioned fields who can contribute to the project in a targeted way).

The inclusion of alumnae and alumni from Germany would be welcomed.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

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Eligible applicants are officially recognised German higher education state institutions and/or non-university research institutions based in Germany which are recognised as non-profit organisations and conduct their own research.

SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION

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The application for project funding must be submitted in complete form and before the deadline via the DAAD portal (www.mydaad.de).

- Project application with details of all partners (via the DAAD portal)
- Financing plan (exclusively via the DAAD portal)
- Project description (exclusively using the **form template**) (attachment type: project description)
- Project planning overview (exclusively using the **form template**) (attachment type: project description)
- Project description and financing plan of the forwarding recipient/s (if known at submission of the application, otherwise to be submitted as soon as known) (attachment type: Programme-specific attachments)
- Any cooperation agreement involving the participating higher education institution/s (Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Intent) (attachment type: contracts/ agreements)
- Project approval by the German higher education management (s) (see **form template**) or an explanation if not available until the application deadline. In this case, it must be submitted before the contract is signed (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)
- Project approval by the foreign higher education management(s) (see **form template**) or an explanation if not available until the application deadline. In this case, it must be submitted before the contract is signed (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

- Confirmation letter from the non-university partners or an explanation if not available until the application deadline. In this case, it must be submitted before the contract is signed (attachment type: programme-specific attachments)

Modifications to the financing plan, project description, project planning summary or any documents submitted or modified after the application deadline can no longer be considered. Incomplete applications will be excluded from the selection procedure.

As an exception to this rule the project approval of the German and non-German higher education management and the confirmation letter from the non-university partners may subsequently be submitted up to the point at which a contract is concluded. This must be justified in the timely application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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The application deadline is **8 December, 2022**.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selection of applications for project funding

An expert assessment of the applications will be carried out by a selection committee. This assessment serves as a decision-making basis for the DAAD.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- (1) Relationship of the project to the programme objectives (according to the results framework) and results-oriented planning using indicators that meet the SMART criteria (see Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring) (weighting: 10%)
- (2) Necessity of expenditure for realising the measures/activities (weighting: 5%)
- (3) Academic quality of the project and balance of the cooperation measures/activities (weighting: 15%)
- (4) Quality of the network design and relevance of the regional and international partners included within the network (higher education institutions and non-university partners) (weighting: 25%)
- (5) Quality of the (knowledge) products and/or projects (relating to the exchange of knowledge) (weighting: 25%)
- (6) Prospective contribution of the intended project objectives (outcomes) to participatory, reform-oriented changes in the respective society (weighting: 20%)

PARTICIPANT SELECTION PROCEDURE

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Selecting participants

A selection committee appointed by the grant recipient is to decide on the selection of participants with special consideration to the participation of women.

The selection procedure must be described in the project description.

- Public announcement of the funding programme
- Composition of the selection committee (e.g., grant recipient, partner higher education institution, number of committee members)
- Selection criteria (e.g., aspects like selection of the best, professional performance, personal suitability in terms of social and cultural commitment and motivation)
- Documentation of the selection decision in a selection protocol

ATTACHMENTS

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1. Eligible grant expenditure
2. Guide to Results-oriented Monitoring (including results framework and catalogue of indicators)
3. Honorary table

FORM TEMPLATES

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- Project description
- Project planning overview
- Project approval by German higher education management
- Project approval by foreign higher management

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Mobility information for those with a disability or chronic illness
- Exemplary project planning overview
- Overview of help texts for mandatory/ detailed information in the financing plan
- FAQ
- Link to results-oriented monitoring [video 1](#) and [video 2](#)
- Information event notification

Information event relating to the Ta'ziz Partnership programme lines on 17 October, 2022 from 14:00 to 16:00 o'clock via MS Teams

Information event relating to submission of an application (with results-oriented monitoring (ROM)) on 25 October, 2022 from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock via MS Teams

free-form registration please via email to P24@daad.de stating your name, function, institution, department and email address



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