

# Implementation guidance

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Implementation guidance further to the decision by the EUR Executive Board d.d. 05-06-2025 regarding academic collaborations with Bar-Ilan University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the University of Haifa.

This document serves the EUR academic community by providing guidance on how the decision by the Executive Board (d.d. 05-06-2025) can be implemented. To this end, the document elaborates a number of practical actions for specific actors within the EUR academic community (individual scholars and faculties) in relation to specific academic collaborations. Rather than providing an exhaustive set of guidelines, this practical guidance is meant to support conversations and reflection about what constitutes responsible academic engagement in the sensitive context of collaboration with academic institutions in Israel and Palestine.

For individual scholars:

1. Individual collaboration between scholars falls outside the scope of the advice of the committee. This regards, for example, co-authoring a publication or acting as individual members of editorial boards of a journal that is not published by one of the three universities.
2. Participation in official committees of one of these universities (including for example PhD assessment committees, accreditation committees, and advisory appointment committees) are institutional collaborations and therefore fall within the scope of this advice. Such participation should be avoided until the Board of Erasmus University decides that the restrictions on collaboration can be lifted.
3. Individual travel to Israel or Palestine falls outside the scope of this advice. For safety and security reasons, one should solicit specific travel advice. Incoming individual travel to attend a conference is likewise outside the scope of this advice. Incoming scholars who are in a position of central or faculty leadership at one of the universities are considered institutional by definition and fall within the scope of this advice. Such invitations should be avoided until the Board of Erasmus University decides that the restrictions on collaboration can be lifted.
4. For all decisions on the level of individual scholars, even if outside the scope of this advice, the question of academic responsibility remains crucial. Scholars can use the advice of the committee and its considerations regarding specific universities to decide for themselves – preferably in consultation with peers and faculty leadership – whether they can (continue to) collaborate in good conscience.

For faculties:

5. New applications for exchange programmes or collaborative research programmes should be avoided until the Board of Erasmus University decides that the restrictions on collaboration can be lifted.
6. Student and staff exchange programmes with the three universities are not formally terminated at this point, but they should remain inactive until the Board of Erasmus University decides that the restrictions on collaboration can be lifted.
7. Participation in existing (HORIZON-funded or otherwise) research programmes or in educational programmes beyond exchange with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem or the University of Haifa can be continued if the EUR contribution is in a different work package or part of the programme than the contribution of one of these universities. Direct collaboration within such a programme with teams from these universities should be minimized until the Board of Erasmus University decides that the restrictions on collaboration can be lifted.

Overall,

8. For (types of) collaboration(s) that fall(s) within the scope of the advice but outside the scope of this implementation guidance, faculties should base their actions on the committee's considerations regarding specific universities as reflected in the advice and may, by analogy, make use of the concrete examples listed in this implementation guidance.
9. In case of doubt, the decision about collaborations on project-level lies with the dean of the faculty. In case of questions over specific actions to be taken in relation to specific collaborations, faculties are welcome to consult with the ACSC.
10. Based on the ongoing assessment of other partners / collaborations, the questions it receives, and the implementation actions that are taken by different faculties, the ACSC strives to periodically reassess and, where necessary for consistent implementation of the advice across the EUR, adapt or supplement this implementation guidance.