

Moratorium on collaborations with Israel

In light of the International Court of Justice's binding rulings and in view of the interrelated nature of Israeli partner institutions with the country's military authorities, the BC has decided on the following regarding collaboration with Israel:

- The existing MOUs with Israeli institutions are considered terminated; no new MOUs will be concluded for the time being.
- Our institutional collaboration agreements with Israeli partner institutions are put on hold.
- For the time being, no new bilateral projects will be set up with academic and government-related partners or with companies, unless they can demonstrate that the project is in no way linked to human rights violations.
The question of whether/to what extent the institution, or the relevant part of the institution, is involved in a human rights violation is included in the consideration.
- The EU projects that are currently active (cf. list made public earlier) continue to be finalised. For such projects, the following applies: should the EC MiHRS, determine that in a project a partner contributes to a human rights violation, the project coordinator will be asked to inform the Grant Officer at the European Commission with reference to the Grant Agreement, Art. 14 - Ethics and Values, allowing the Commission to take action regarding that partner.
- Participation in new multilateral projects involving an Israeli partner remains possible, but should always be evaluated by the EC-MIHRS, at the level of the individual project, with the project coordinator being responsible for the choice of partner. The question of whether/to what extent the institution, or the relevant part of the institution, is involved in a human rights violation is included in the consideration.

The University of Antwerp calls on its academic colleagues in Israel and Gaza to urge their governments to respect the International Court of Justice rulings on the Gaza conflict.

The university also expresses the hope that all parties will abide by international law and that a period of reconciliation and peace will emerge as soon as possible, allowing Gaza to be governed freely and democratically.