

Towards the School of the Future

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More than a Newsletter

The Ed'Innov newsletter, whose first edition you are discovering today, was created with the ambition of becoming a leading digital space dedicated to the School of the Future and innovation in education both in Lebanon and internationally.

Each month, this newsletter will bring you exclusive content, including interviews with key decision-makers in Lebanon's education sector, testimonials from schools involved in the "Towards the School of the Future" (En Route vers l'Ecole du Futur) project, and highlights of initiatives led by stakeholders across the educational innovation ecosystem.

More than just a publication, the Ed'Innov newsletter is a source of information, inspiration, and connection designed to help you better understand the transformations currently shaping education and those yet to come.

Follow us to stay informed about the latest news, trends, and projects shaping the School of the Future.

Contribute to our newsletter and become part of the growing cluster.



Innovation at the Heart of Education and Education at the Heart of Innovation

“Towards the School of the Future” is a program initiated and funded by the French Embassy in Lebanon, placing schools at the center of innovation and innovation at the center of schools. The program supports 20 schools across Lebanon through a bottom-up approach inspired by startup methodologies, enabling them to co-create their own vision of the School of the Future while actively engaging their local communities and the broader innovation ecosystem.

At the same time, the initiative fosters the growth of Lebanon’s EdTech sector, ensuring that it responds more effectively to schools’ evolving needs while generating high-value employment opportunities across the country.

This momentum continues with the creation of an “Innovation in Education” cluster, designed to bring together all stakeholders committed to transforming education. (Discover “Ed’Innov – The Cluster” below.)

Education in Motion

Training Today for the Jobs of Tomorrow: The Challenges of the School of the Future



Mr. Fadi Yarak, General Director of Education at the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education in Lebanon.

Interview of Mr. Fadi Yarak, on the evolving role of teachers amid today’s educational transformations. Addressing themes such as innovation, digitalization, screen use, distance learning, and artificial intelligence, this conversation explores the vision of the School of the Future and how these developments can best serve students.

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Schools in Motion

Shaping Tomorrow's Leaders, Starting Today



Mrs. Lara Daccache, Principal of Collège Notre-Dame de la Lumière - Okaibe

In this interview, Ms. Lara Daccache, Principal of Collège Notre-Dame de la Lumière – Okaibé, one of the 20 schools participating in the “Towards the School of the Future” program, shares her vision for the School of the Future and the value she aims to bring to young learners through her educational project.

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New Ideas for Education

Innovating to Learn: Bridging Gaps Without Widening Inequalities



Dr. Nayla Zreik, Co-fondatrice de LAL (Lebanese Alternative Learning)

In this interview, Dr. Nayla Zreik examines the current challenges facing Lebanon's education system and explains how Lebanese Alternative Learning (LAL) is addressing these obstacles through innovative solutions. She highlights the issues her initiatives aim to resolve and the tangible impact they seek to have on student learning.

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Latest Updates of the Project “Towards the School of the Future” and Opportunities

A snapshot of key project milestones in 2025

The “Towards the School of the Future” project, funded by the French Embassy in Lebanon and developed in partnership with the Ministry of Education, CERD, and ESA Business School, was implemented by SmartESA with the support of Nafda’s expertise. Its primary objective was to support 20 schools in their transition toward the School of the Future by guiding them to imagine and articulate their own vision of the School of the Future.

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Looking Back on a Remarkable Year: WISE Qatar I November 24–25, 2026



SmartESA took part in the WISE 12 Summit in Doha, one of the world’s leading gatherings on educational innovation, bringing together startups, researchers, and policymakers to explore AI, digital transformation, and innovative pedagogies.

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Funding Opportunities

European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA)

Do you have an innovative project in circular economy?

The EU Innovation Ecosystems funded ECIV project launched its first open call to support interregional innovation projects, based on the specific objectives, priorities and topics identified in different value chains & industrial sectors of the ECIV regions.

Learn more & apply by 16 March

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Call for Applications: Innovation Programme

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is pleased to launch the call for applications for the fifth component of the EU-funded Innovation Programme. Companies have the opportunity to access grants supporting the go-to-market and commercialization of their innovative products and/or processes.

To apply, please send an email to knowhowlebanon@ebrd.com

Application deadline: Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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Ed'Innov - The Cluster

Extending the collective momentum sparked by the “Towards the School of the Future” program, Ed'innov is inviting all stakeholders committed to education to help build a dedicated cluster around this shared vision.

Target participants: We welcome a diverse network of contributors, including users and beneficiaries (businesses, universities, parents), providers of innovative solutions (startups, CSOs, research laboratories, researchers), potential funders (donors, foundations, international organizations), education suppliers (equipment providers and publishers), teacher training institutions (universities training educators, CERD), regulatory bodies (MEHE, CERD, and other relevant authorities), and of course, all schools and their respective networks.

Only through a collaborative approach that mobilizes all stakeholders can the School of the Future truly thrive.

Join a network of committed actors working together to transform the education of tomorrow.

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