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A Campus Connecté (Remote Campus) in Beirut to support universities and Lebanese students

The French Minister of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI), with operational support from the Francophone University Agency (AUF) and 6 Lebanese universities (*), announces the creation of a *Campus Connecté* (Remote Campus) in Beirut to support Lebanese students.

This launch is part of the Ministry's strategy to develop learning facilities deployed first throughout the national territory, then internationally.

These *Campus Connecté* aim to give people who wish to start or continue their studies remotely to have a place, connected and equipped, allowing the meetings and exchanges necessary for learning, maintaining social ties and fostering collaborative exchanges, while responding to geographic mobility constraints.

More than 25 *Campus Connecté* have already been installed in France at the start of the 2020 academic year, 40 have been labeled since 2019 and around 40 are still to be launched by the start of the 2021 academic year.

In the wake the health crisis, the ministry wanted to deploy this system internationally in order to strengthen access to French higher education training to international students, and has thus deployed 6 *Campus Connecté* which will gradually open during 2020 and 2021.

Following the explosion in the port of Beirut last August, in addition to the difficulties encountered by students due to the health situation, the launch of a *Campus Connecté* for Lebanese students is part of our willingness to support Lebanon to overcome the many difficulties encountered: places of learning partially or totally

destroyed, inaccessible infrastructures, students deprived of equipment, extremely reduced mobility due to the health situation, etc.

"I welcome this deployment of a Lebanese *Campus Connecté*, allowing us to complete our response to the Lebanese population, and especially for students who wish to pursue their studies against all odds. The MESRI, with local and operational support from AUF and 6 Lebanese universities that I would particularly like to thank here, has therefore done everything possible to deploy this learning facility in record time, and offer an equipped, connected and operational place to as of today" said Frédérique Vidal.

(* the Lebanese universities associated with this system are the Lebanese University, the University Saint Joseph, Antonine University, Saint-Esprit Kaslik University, Sagesse University and Balamand University.

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