



MEDem National Consortium Israel

Letter of Intent

This Letter of Intent reflects the signatories' shared commitment to advancing Democracy Research and their intention to contribute to the European research infrastructure "Monitoring Electoral Democracy" (MEDem).

Purpose

The undersigned institutions agree to establish a National Consortium in Israel within the MEDem framework. The National Consortium aims to consolidate national efforts, foster collaboration, and provide structured support to MEDem.

Form of Cooperation

Cooperation among the participating institutions will be formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU will set out the principles and modalities of collaboration and govern the Consortium's activities.

Contribution to MEDem

The National Consortium will:

- Bring together key national stakeholders to ensure coordination of national activities related to the MEDem initiative.
- Promote the MEDem initiative within Israel by engaging academic institutions, policymakers, and the public.
- Identify and assess specific research needs within Israel, particularly in relation to democracy research.
- Ensure proper representation of Israel within the MEDem infrastructure by nominating National Coordinators to represent the national research community.

Governance and Scope

The MoU will detail:

- The scope of cooperation and priority areas of activity.
- The governance structure, including roles, responsibilities, and decision-making processes.
- Practical arrangements for implementation.

Participating Institutions

(Additional institutions may be added as needed)

Listed alphabetically by institution:

1. **Institution Name:** Bar Ilan University

- Representative: Dr. Liron Lavi
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2. **Institution Name:** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

- Representative: Prof. Jennifer Oser
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6. **Institution Name:** Reichman University

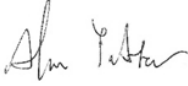
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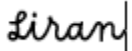
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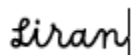
National Coordinators

The National Coordinators will:


- Act as the primary liaison between the National Consortium and MEDem Headquarters.
- Contribute to building a National Consortium that reflects the diverse expertise and research needs within Israel.
- Represent Israel in the National Coordinators Forum.

Listed alphabetically by coordinator's family name:

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