

We turn innovative ideas into successful businesses





MOU Signature

Michel Issa Foundation for Local Development (MIF) represented by its President Dr. Toni Issa, and Berytech represented by its Chairman and CEO Mr. Maroun Chammas, signed a Memorandum of Understanding in June 2017, to establish Berytech Amchit, the first Business & Innovation Center outside greater Beirut, in the presence of Rector of Saint Joseph University Salim Dacchache s.j. and IPT Chairman Mr. Michel Issa, in addition to key regional figures.

The project will help meet the economic development strategies of **MIF** and its objectives in reducing the migration of young professionals to Beirut, enhancing innovation and boosting local development. It will also be a true incubator of new companies, especially for students and young graduates.







ABOUT THE PROJECT

Michel Issa Foundation for Local Development (MIF) and Berytech Foundation partnered up together to establish "Berytech Amchit", the first Business Innovation Center (BIC) outside of greater Beirut in Amchit-Jbeil to serve the regions of Jbeil, Kesserwan and Ftouh, Batroun, and Koura with possibility to attract people from Tripoli, Zgharta, and Becharri and other northern regions.

OBJECTIVES

"Berytech Amchit" aims to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in Jbeil, Kesserwan and Ftouh, and the North to contribute to job creation and economic development, therefore addressing the economic needs of the region.

Being the first project of its kind in the area, it will allow the attraction of the best talents, university students, entrepreneurs, startups and SMEs to the area thus reducing migration to Beirut for young professionals and boosting the development and growth of novel ventures in the region.



SERVICES

In addition to supporting the development of startups by providing business support, hosting and community development services, "Berytech Amchit" will most importantly work to create a dynamic community while constantly organizing networking events, meet-ups and conferences with valuable speakers and experts. Thus, it will be designed to offer young entrepreneurs and startups with a multitude of valuable services that are available at all Berytech Business Innovation Centers (BIC) including:

- Worry-free, fully furnished, modern, ecofriendly and flexible hosting offices and services for startups and SMEs paralleled with a co-working space for freelancers and entrepreneurs.
- Business development services for the growth of enterprises including coaching, advisory, training workshops, mentoring, access to finance, networks and more.
- Meeting and conference spaces will additionally be open to benefit professionals in the area.







SECTORS IN FOCUS

- **"Berytech Amchit"** will focus on startups and SMEs in the following sectors:
- ICT
- Smart Agri-Food
- Renewable energy
- Ecotourism
- Social Entrepreneurship

BUILDING FACILITY

"Berytech Amchit" is of an area of more than 3,500 m2 comprising conference and meeting space, lounge and dining facilities, co-working space, multi-size expandable offices, etc...

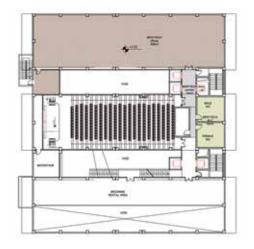
Its strategic location on Amchit highway allows it to take advantage from the availability of quality universities in the area leading to quality entrepreneurs and potential mentors and coaches that will attract the best startups and SMEs.

The project is due to open its doors beginning 2020











Berytech

The Ecosystem for Entrepreneurs



Berytech, the ecosystem of entrepreneurs initiated by Saint Joseph University in 2002, offers the right environment for the creation and development of innovative startups and SMEs, supporting and stimulating entrepreneurship.. It provides incubation, business support, acceleration, mentoring and coaching, training, hosting in high-tech infrastructure, and support in access to markets and finance for startups and SMEs. Berytech manages business innovation centers (BICs), and plays a major role in the economic revival of Lebanon, while leading pioneering programs, activities and initiatives for entrepreneurs and partnering with relevant authorities of the public and private sectors in addition to international and local donors, to achieve its objectives.





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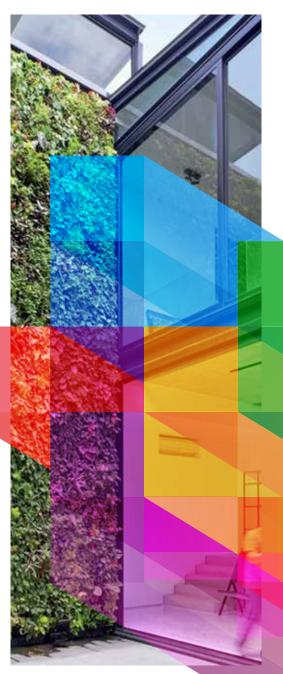
Foundation for Michel Issa Local **Development (MIF)** was established in 2012, bearing the name of the Founder and Chairman of the Lebanese petroleum company IPT sal based in Amchit (Jbeil Casa), and aiming to achieve sustainability programs in the field of local development through building capacities for selfemployment and income generation locally, in addition to fostering entrepreneurship initiatives among Lebanese youth and encouraging them to get involved in the business sector as employers, and to securing jobs for fresh graduates without the need to flee to the capital or to immigrate.

















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