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**UNIMED WEEK
IN BRUSSELS**

28-30 MARCH 2017

PROGRAMME

UNIMED is a network of universities and research centres, active in promoting Euro-Mediterranean academic cooperation. Our mission is to facilitate the Euro-Mediterranean dimension of university collaborations in order to enhance scientific, cultural, social, and economic development of the region.

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UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS

Education, research and innovation have an enormous transformational potential of our societies. Education and innovation systems have a crucial role in promoting equal opportunities, equal access, build employability, as the essential pillars for sustainable, inclusive and equitable societies.

Since the Barcelona Euro-Mediterranean Conference in 1995, the EU has stepped up its efforts to achieve our shared objectives of a common area of peace and stability, shared prosperity and social, cultural and human partnership. The international cooperation instruments made available by the EU have largely contributed to create bridges among peoples and societies, reinforcing scientific dialogue, cultural cooperation, trust, and mutual understanding. EU instruments play a crucial role in building stable and effective relations among European and Southern Mediterranean countries, and education is central to the efforts of the European Union. Academic communities, students, faculty members, administrators, have benefited from a wide range of programmes promoting cooperation, mobility, research, capacity building.

The activities undertaken by the Euro-Mediterranean academic community show the value of encouraging and supporting this work, while also seeking more synergies in the light of the current multifaceted dynamics and challenges. UNIMED is strongly committed to play a major role in the region, integrating and synergising key initiatives in research, education, and innovation, as well as in supporting the political dialogue. Over the past 26 years, UNIMED has been engaged in small and large-scale initiatives to promote Euro-Mediterranean academic cooperation, contributing to the scientific, cultural, social and economic cooperation.

The UNIMED WEEK in BRUSSELS seeks to propose a political reflection by the Euro-Mediterranean academic community on the relationships between the European Institutions and the Mediterranean region, offering an opportunity for evaluation and reevaluation of regional policies.

Concurrently, the event allows improving the knowledge and use of EU-supported programmes in this field, thus facilitating the identification of further support needs. The UNIMED WEEK in BRUSSELS is an opportunity to reinforce our common platform for dialogue, raise questions, develop our skills and ability to deal with issues of common concern, and identify steps for future cooperation, in a constructive and positive atmosphere.

For the first time after 26 years since the UNIMED foundation, Prof. Franco Rizzi is not with us today to give his valuable contribution to these days of the UNIMED Week in Brussels with his reflections on the dialogue between the two shores of the Mediterranean.

Unfortunately Franco Rizzi has passed away unexpectedly last 15th February. His sudden loss has left a deep empty among us, his colleagues and friends. It is an empty that we would like to fill in, at least partially, remembering his vision and recalling its commitment to mutual understanding among different cultures.

This commitment has been proven throughout his life and during his university career. But it is mainly through the UNIMED establishment, the Mediterranean Universities Union, that Franco's vision was inspired. His idea of UNIMED has allowed several universities of both shores of the Mediterranean basis to share a common space for academic, cultural, social and political cooperation and to support the integration and the dialogue within the region.

Currently UNIMED is a network of 93 Universities of 22 different countries. All of this would not have been possible without the fundamental contribution of its founder and we believe that best way to remember Franco Rizzi is to continue the promotion of his message of humanity, openness, and cooperation.

*In memoriam of prof. Franco Rizzi (1948 –2017)
UNIMED Secretary General and Founder*

28th March 2017

14:30-18:00

Meeting with the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation

The Directorate-General for Research and Innovation defines and implements European Research and Innovation (R&I) policy with a view to achieving the goals of the Europe 2020 strategy and its key flagship initiative, the Innovation Union.

Venue: European Economic and Social Committee, TRE 7701 - Trèves Building, 7th floor, 74 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

The working language will be English

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| 14:30-14:45 | Registration of participants |
| 14:45-15:00 | UNIMED WEEK in BRUSSELS: main goals and objectives
Mr Marcello Scalisi , UNIMED Director |
| 15:00-15:20 | DG R&I and cooperation with Southern Mediterranean Countries
Ms Maria Cristina Russo , Director – DG Research & Innovation, Directorate International Cooperation |
| 15:20-16:00 | Ministerial Conference on Strengthening Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation through Research and Innovation (Malta, May 3-4 2017) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BLUEMED, Ms Sieglinde Gruber, DG R&I• Migrants, Mr Octavio Quintana Trias, DG R&I• PRIMA, Ms Katja Klasinc, Policy Officer - Eco-Innovation |
| 16:00-16:20 | European Research Council (ERC): the opportunities for Mediterranean Researchers
Ms Stefania Zaninello , European Research Council Executive Agency (ERCEA) |

- 16:20-16:40 Contribution of Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) activities to regional stability and human development: research and innovation, education and youth mobility
Mr Sergi Farré, UfM Diplomatic Advisor to the Secretary General and Spokesperson
- 16:40-17:30
- UNIMED Manifesto to improve Social Science and Humanities in the Euro-Mediterranean Region
Mr Eric Vallet, Maître de conférences, Université Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1) and coordinator of the Chair Sorbonne Maghreb
 - Capacity Building through Innovation: the 5TOI_4EWAS perspective
Mr Raniero Chelli, UNIMED EU Projects Coordinator
- 17:30-18:00 Discussion and conclusions

29th March 2017

09:45-16:30

Meeting with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and with the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR)

The EEAS is the European Union's diplomatic service. It helps the EU's foreign affairs chief, the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, carry out the Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy. Its role is to make sure the voice of the European Union and its people are heard in the world.

The DG NEAR takes forward the EU's neighbourhood and enlargement policies, as well as coordinating relations with EEA-EFTA countries insofar as Commission policies are concerned. By implementing assistance actions in Europe's eastern and southern neighbourhood, DG NEAR supports reform and democratic consolidation, and strengthens the prosperity, stability and security around Europe.

Venue: Apulia Region, fifth floor, Rue du Trone 62, 1050 Brussels

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| 09:45-10:15 | Registration of participants and welcome coffee |
| 10:15-10:30 | An overview of the European External Action Service
Mr Martin DIHM , EEAS Adviser Strategic Communications Division |
| 10:30-11:00 | The political imperatives/challenges of the EEAS and its Global Strategy,
Mr Leonello Gabrici , EEAS Head of Division Migration and human security |
| 11:00-11:30 | Questions and debate |

- 11:30-12:00 An overview of DG NEAR mandate
Ms Laetitia Ricklin
- 12:00-12:45 Contributions from Higher Education Institutions and Academics to the definition of EEAS Global strategy. Keynote speaker: **Mr Bichara Khader**, professor emeritus of the Catholic University of Louvain and founder of the Centre d'études et de recherches sur le monde arabe contemporain
- 12:45-13:30 Debate
- 13:30-14:30 Light Lunch
- 14:30-14:45 **Mr Paolo Casalino**, Head of the Brussels Representation Office, Puglia Region
- 14:45-15:10 HOPES – *Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians*, a project funded by EU-Madad Fund: project presentation and call for proposal for innovative education projects
Ms Nina Salden, Director DAAD Brussels office
- 15:10-15:30 Collaboration in doctoral education and in common research: a perspective from European University Association (EUA)
Mr Thomas Ekman Jørgensen, Senior Policy Coordinator at EUA
- 15:30-15:50 Governance of HEIs and Employability: UNIMED experience with RESUME Project
Ms Silvia Marchionne, Project officer at UNIMED
- 15:50-16:30 Questions and debate

30th March 2017

09:00-13:00

Meeting with the Directorate-General for Education and Culture (DG EAC)

The DG EAC is the executive branch of the EU responsible for policy on education, culture, youth, languages, and sport. DG EAC also supports these issues through a variety of projects and programmes, notably Creative Europe and Erasmus+.

Venue: Rue Joseph II 70, 1049 Brussels

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| 09:00-09:15 | Registration of participants |
| 09:15-09:45 | Welcome Speech from DG EAC Director for Innovation, International Cooperation and Sport, Ms Antoaneta Angelova Krasteva |
| 09:45 -10:30 | ERASMUS+: three years after, an overview of the cooperation with Southern Mediterranean countries and the coming challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobility and Capacity Building, Ms Claire Herrmann, DG EAC• Marie Skłodowska Curie Action (under H2020), Ms Lisbeth Rossmeissl, DG EAC |
| 10:30-11:00 | Questions and debate |
| 11:00-12:00 | Discussion around the future programme 2021-2027: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The preparatory work of DG EAC, Ms Deirdre Lennan, DG EAC• UNIMED Manifesto about University cooperation in the Mediterranean Region |

12:00-12:45

Showcase of UNIMED Projects:

- inHERE - Higher Education supporting Refugees in Europe, **Ms Henriette Stoeber**, Policy & Project Officer at the European University Association's (EUA)
- RESCUE - Refugees Education Support in MENA Countries, **Marco di Donato**, Project officer at UNIMED
- OpenMed - Opening-up education in South Mediterranean countries, **Cristina Stefanelli**, Project manager at UNIMED
- DIREMED - Dialogue Interculturel, Reseaux et Mobilité en Méditerranée, **Silvia Marchionne**, Project officer at UNIMED

12:45-13:00

Conclusions

30th March 2017

14:30-18:00

Meeting with the European Parliament

Education is a fundamental human right and it is essential for the exercise of all the other human rights (UNESCO). It should be considered as the first and foremost fundamental human right to be preserved and provided for all the human beings, irrespective of the place where people study, live, born. Each generation has the responsibility to provide education for the next one. Education can and should enhance individual liberties, allowing everybody to express its maximum potential for the benefit of all the society. In order to face the actual challenges affecting Europe and the whole Mediterranean area we need more education. New generations should get with the times, fighting retrospective utopias, without being left alone and isolated or unable to face the nowadays challenges.

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14:30-14:45 Entrance in the European Parliament

15:00-17:00 **Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri**, Member of the European Parliament

Mr Wail Benjelloun, UNIMED President

Mr Stauros Lamprinidis, European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights

Mr Hmaid Ben Aziza, President of University of Tunis

Mr Graziano Milia, Responsible for external relations of Fondazione di Sardegna

Ms Emma Udwin, Deputy Head of Cabinet DG European Neighborhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

Mr Georges Haddad, Rector of University of Paris
1-Panthéon-Sorbonne

Mr Fabio Rugge, Rector of University of Pavia

Moderator: **Mr Marcello Scalisi**, UNIMED Director

17:00-17:30 Questions and debate

17:30-18:00 Final remarks and conclusion by **Mr Pier Antonio Panzeri**
and **Mr Wail Benjelloun**

CURRENT PROJECTS

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RESCUE - Refugees Education Support in MENA Countries

(October 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Germany, Iraq, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Spain, Turkey

More at: www.rescuerefugees.eu



DIREMED - Dialogue Interculturel, Réseaux et Mobilité en Méditerranée

(October 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Algeria, France, Italy, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia

More at: www.diremedproject.eu



MERIC-Net - Mediterranean Network of National Information Centres on the Recognition of Qualifications

(October 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France

Countries involved: Algeria, France, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Norway, Tunisia

More at: www.mericnet.eu



UniGov - Improving Governance Practices and Palestinian Higher Education Institutions

(October 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by An-Najah University, Palestine

Countries involved: Ireland, Italy, Palestine, Portugal, Slovenia

More at: www.unigovproject.eu



EuNIT - European project design and management in the South Mediterranean region

(October 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by Université d'Aix-Marseille, France

Countries involved: Croatia, France, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Spain

More at: www.eunitproject.eu



TUNED - Tunisian Network for Employability and Development of graduates' skills

(October 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by Consorzio Interuniversitario AlmaLaurea, Italy

Countries involved: Cyprus, Italy, Spain, Tunisia

More at: www.tuned-project.eu



OpenMed - Opening-up education in South Mediterranean countries

(October 2015 - October 2018)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Egypt, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Spain, United Kingdom

More at: www.OpenMedproject.eu



RESUME - RESeaU Méditerranéen pour l'Employabilité

(October 2015 - October 2018)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, France, Spain, Tunisia

More at: www.resumeproject.eu



MIMIR - Modernisation of Institutional Management of Innovation and Research in South Neighbouring Countries

(October 2015 - October 2018)

Coordinated by University of Barcelona, Spain

Countries involved: Belgium, France, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, Spain

More at: www.mimirproject.org



ENROL - Empowering and Networking the International Relationships Offices of the Libyan University System

(October 2015 - October 2017)

Coordinated by Università della Calabria, Italy

Countries involved: Italy, Libya, Spain, Portugal

More at: www.uni-med.net/en/projects/enrol/



ILHAM-EC - Interuniversity Learning in Higher Education on Advanced Land Management - Egyptian Country

(October 2015 - October 2018)

Coordinated by Desertification Research Centre - University of Sassari, Italy

Countries involved: Egypt, Greece, Italy, United Kingdom

More at: www.ilham-ec.eu

ERASMUS+ KA1 - International Credit Mobility



COMMO - Cooperation through Mobility in the Mediterranean and Western Balkans

(June 2015 - July 2018)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Italy, Montenegro, Albania, Tunisia

More at: www.commo.it



inHERE - Higher Education supporting Refugees in Europe

(September 2016 - August 2018)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Belgium, France, Italy, Spain

More at: www.inhereproject.eu



EDIPUS - European Digital Portfolio for University Students

(November 2015 – October 2017)

Coordinated by EAEC, European Association of ERASMUS Coordinators, Cyprus

Countries involved: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain

More at: www.edipus.me

Tempus IV



eMEDia - A bottom-up approach for the design and pilot of a joint Master Course in Cross-Media Journalism in Tunisia

(December 2013 - May 2017)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Finland, Italy, Spain, Tunisia

More at: www.emediaproject.eu



INFOBC - L'innovation dans la formation pour les Biens Culturels: un nouveau curriculum euro-méditerranéen pour la préservation de biens culturels

(December 2013 - November 2017)

Coordinated by University of Urbino, Italy

Countries involved: France, Italy, Spain, Tunisia

More at: www.infobc.eu

HORIZON 2020 - INCO



5TOI 4EWAS - Quintuple Helix Approach to Targeted Open Innovation in Energy, Water, Agriculture in the South Mediterranean Neighborhood

(May 2016 - April 2019)

Coordinated by: Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain

Countries involved: Algeria, Belgium, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey

More at: www.5toi.eu

FP7 - Seventh Framework Programme



MEDSPRING - Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research & INnovation Gateway

(February 2013 - July 2017)

Coordinated by IAM of Bari, Mediterranean Agronomic - Agronomic Institute of Bari

Countries involved: Algeria, Belgium, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey

More at: www.medspring.eu

FP7 - Seventh Framework Programme



GO SUMP - Improving Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans & Measures in the Med

(November 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by Malaga City Council, Spain

Countries involved: Belgium, France, Italy, Slovenia, Spain

More at: www.interreg-med.eu/urbantransport



PANACeA - Streamlining Networking and Management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas for Enhanced Natural Conservation and Protection

(November 2016 - October 2019)

Countries involved: France, Italy, Montenegro, Spain

Coordinated by European Topic Center- University of Malaga, Spain

More at: www.interreg-med.eu/biodiversityprotection



BleuTourMed - Maritime and Coastal Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean - Community building, Communication and Capitalisation

(November 2016 - October 2019)

Coordinated by Latin Arc, Spain

Countries involved: France, Italy, Montenegro, Spain

More at: www.interreg-med.eu/sustainabletourism

Fondazione di Sardegna

ForMed - Sardegna ForMed

(September 2015 - August 2019)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: Algeria, Italy, Morocco, Tunisia

More at: www.uni-med.net/en/projects/formed

S.E.M.IN.A.RE - Exchanges in Europe and in the Mediterranean to Internationalise the Apulian Universities

(February 2017 - June 2018)

Coordinated by UNIMED, Italy

Countries involved: France, Finland, Italy, Turkey

More at: www.uni-med.net/en/projects/seminare/

Associated Universities

UNIMED represents 93 members from 22 countries.

ALGERIA

University Badji Mokhtar
University Kasdi Merbah Ouargla
University of Algiers 1
University of Béjaïa
University des Frères Mentouri Constantine 1
University of Mostaganem
University of Sciences and Technology
Mohamed Boudiaf
University of Sétif 2
University Larbi Ben M'Hidi d'Oum El Bouaghi

CYPRUS

Cyprus University of Technology
University of Cyprus
Girne American University

EGYPT

Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport of Alexandria
Damanhour University
Misr University for Science and Technology
University of Alexandria
University of Cairo

FINLAND

University of Tampere

FRANCE

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
Université de Rouen

GEORGIA

Georgian Technical University

GREECE

University of Athens
University of Piraeus

JORDAN

Amman Arab University
Princess Sumaya University of Technology
University of Jordan
University of Petra

ITALY

Foro Italico University of Rome
International University of Language and Media
International University of Rome
Link Campus University
Pegaso Telematic University
Politecnico of Torino
Sapienza University of Rome
University Politecnica delle Marche
University for Foreigners of Perugia
University Mercatorum
University of Bari
University of Bologna
University of Cagliari
University of Calabria
University of Catania
Florence University of Arts
University of Messina
University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
University of Palermo

University of Pavia
University of Perugia
University of Salento
University of Sassari
University of Siena
University of Teramo
University of Urbino
University Cà Foscari of Venice

LEBANON

Holy Spirit University of Kaslik
Lebanese University

LIBYA

University of Sirte

MONTENEGRO

Mediterranean University Podgorica

MOROCCO

Agronomy and Veterinary Science Institute Hassan II
Euro-Mediterranean University of Fès
International University of Rabat
University Cadi Ayyad
University Ibnou Zohr
University Ibn Tofail of Kenitra
Mohammed V University in Rabat

OMAN

Middle East College

PALESTINE

An-Najah National University
Islamic University of Gaza
Palestine Ahliya University College
Palestine Technical University
University Al-Aqsa - Gaza

University Al-Azhar - Gaza
University of Bethlehem
University of Birzeit
University College of Applied Sciences - Gaza
Al Quds Open University

PORTUGAL

University of Evora

QATAR

Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

SPAIN

University of Barcelona
University of Girona
University of Granada

SYRIA

Private University al Hawash
University Al-Baath
University of Aleppo
University of Damascus
University Tishreen

TUNISIA

University of Carthage
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