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UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS

15-17 March 2016

PROGRAMME

UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS

Universities have always played a leading role in human development, and thus have traditionally facilitated the work of institutions and organizations concerned with the advancement and exchange of cultural and scientific knowledge. The international cooperation instruments made available by the European Union, both before and after the Barcelona Process, were designed to further such scientific dialogue and cultural cooperation between the Mediterranean countries. They have created bridges between peoples and societies, reinforcing trust and mutual respect. Academic communities (students, faculty and administrators) have benefited from programs promoting cooperation and mobility, research, and capacity building. EU instruments have contributed decisively to the construction of a stable and effective environment of relationships that today is expressed by the numerous collaborations between universities and research institutes of the two shores of the Mediterranean area.

The route taken and the activities carried out by the academics, students, researchers, professors and administrative staff, shows the need to support this work in view of the current multifaceted dynamics and future challenges. In this framework, in 2015 the European Commission launched a process of consultation and review and consequently recently revised its Neighborhood Policy¹.

In this evolving context, UNIMED-Mediterranean Universities Union (www.uni-med.net), founded in October 1991, has proven to be an effective and reliable promoter of exchange and cooperation between the universities in countries bordering the Mediterranean basin. Strongly committed to playing a major role in the region, UNIMED stands ready to support EC programs, both in terms of integrating and synergizing key initiatives in research, education and innovation as well as in the delivery of actions supporting the political dialogue.

UNIMED can count on the active participation of 83 member universities from 20 countries on both shores of the Mediterranean. Over the past 20 years, this network has engaged in multiple initiatives to promote academic

¹http://eeas.europa.eu/enp/documents/2015/151118_joint-communication_review-of-the-enp_en.pdf

research and training in the Euro-Mediterranean region, contributing to scientific, cultural, social and economic cooperation. UNIMED has thus become a unique and dynamic stakeholder in Euro-Mediterranean international university cooperation.

At a time of uncertainty in our region, the UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS is an opportunity for a political reflection about the role of the European Parliament and the European Union in the Mediterranean region, involving the Euro-Mediterranean academic and research communities. It provides a pause for the evaluation of regional policies, through a rich set of multidisciplinary and diversified perspectives.

To this end, the input of the scientific and academic community is important in trying to understand, together, where the Mediterranean currently is and which options and actions should be adopted to support civil society, universities, women and youth as future leaders and game changers. The UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS will build and integrate public and private inputs at international, regional and national and regional levels.

The outcomes will include a set of policymaking recommendations for EC services, EU Parliament and main key-stakeholders in the Mediterranean, highlighting the challenges and changes needed to face them, through the development of a common Mediterranean generation able to tackle our common societal challenges and support a common knowledge and innovation space.

At the same time, the UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS is an opportunity for Mediterranean universities and research centers to better understand the tools available through the European Parliament and the European Commission. It will also provide a forum to discuss different cooperation viewpoints with participants from non-European Mediterranean countries, with the aim of promoting mutual understanding of reciprocal concerns during specific work sessions with the DGs supporting cooperation with the Mediterranean region.

Given the above, the UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS should build towards the creation of a common platform for dialogue, favoring new and innovative mechanisms for cooperation, with a bottom-up approach. Such a strategy will certainly yield significant improvements in relations between our societies, responding at the same time to the aspirations of the young people from both sides.

15th March 2016

MEETING WITH DG EAC — Directorate-General for Education and Culture

Venue's address:
Rue Joseph II 70
Room 00-013
1049 Brussels

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| 2.30 PM | Welcome by DG Education and Culture
Claire Morel |
| 2.40 PM | UNIMED Week: Aims and expectations
Marcello Scalisi |
| 2.50 PM | Key Challenges for DG NEAR with a focus on Education
Christophe Masson |
| 3.00 PM | Overview of EU-South Med cooperation from EAC perspective:
The Policy Dialogue on Higher Education with South Med countries and Erasmus+: first results
Claire Herrmann
The Mobility of Researchers under the Marie Skłodowska Curie Action
Carmela Di Santo
Jean Monnet: Contributing to make the EU and EU policies better known in South Med countries
Renato Girelli |
| 3.30 PM | Questions & Answers |
| 3.50 PM | Examples of Cooperation:
Accreditation and Recognition: the "RecoNow" project -
Valentina Manzato , University of Bologna
The Arab-Euro Conference on Higher Education: an Example for Sustainable Dialogue and Cooperation –
Goran Dakovic , European University Association - EUA
Capacity building on Joint Master Degree: eMEDia Tempus project
UNIMED |

- 4.20 PM Coffee break
- 4.40 PM **DG NEAR Perspective:** The role of Higher Education Institutions in Policy Dialogue and as Civil Society Player
José Luis Vinuesa
- 5.00 PM **Open Debate on EU-South Med Cooperation in the Higher Education's field: Challenges and new ways to handle them**
- 5.30 PM Conclusions by **Claire Morel** and **Marcello Scalisi**

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16th March 2016

The European Parliament welcomes UNIMED - Mediterranean Universities Union

*The Scientific and Cultural Cooperation in the Mediterranean:
the Role of Universities*

Venue's address:
Place du Luxembourg
Room PHS 7C050
1049 Brussels

10.00 AM

Opening session: Presentation and introduction

Pierantonio Panzeri

Member of European Parliament - Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the Maghreb Countries and the Arab Maghreb Union

Wail Benjelloun

UNIMED President

10.20 AM

Federica Mogherini*

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission

Franco Rizzi

UNIMED Secretary General

Silvia Costa

Member of European Parliament - President of European Parliament Committee for Culture and Education

11.15 AM

Maria Teresa Giménez Barbat

Member of European Parliament - Member of the Committee on Culture and Education, Vice-President of the Delegation for Relations with the Maghreb Countries and the Arab Maghreb Union

Faysal Mansouri

President of Sousse University, Tunisia

Romano Borchiellini

Vice-Rector of Polytechnic of Turin

12.00 PM

Sergi Farré

Diplomatic Advisor to the Secretary General – Union for the Mediterranean

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon

President of the European Research Council

Maria Cristina Russo

Director for International Cooperation, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

Maria Callejon

Vice-Rector for International Policy, University of Barcelona

12.45 PM

Closure of the session by:

Pierantonio Panzeri

Franco Rizzi

Wail Benjelloun

Interpreting is provided during the whole session

** To be confirmed*

16th March 2016

MEETING WITH
DG RTD — Directorate-General for Research & Innovation

Venue's address:
Rue Philippe Le Bon 3
Meeting room PLB3 1.4
1000 Brussels

- 3.00 PM Welcome by DG Research and Innovation
Maria Cristina Russo
Director for International Cooperation, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- 3.10 PM UNIMED Week: Aims and expectations
Marcello Scalisi
UNIMED Director
- 3.20 PM **Overview of EU-South Med Cooperation from RTD perspective:**
- South Med in the successive FPs until H2020:**
- Quantitative and qualitative analysis of the South-Med participation so far
Statistical overview of the South-Med participation in the successive FPs with a focus on the thematic programmes
Fadila Boughanemi
 - Future opportunities for EU-South-Med cooperation (H2020 3 pillars – including ERC)
 - Supporting top researchers from anywhere in the world, **Angela Liberatore, Massimo Gaudina**
 - Energy, **Gwennaël Joliff-Botrel**
 - Transports, **Frank Smit**
 - Infrastructures, **Philippe Froissard**
 - ICT, **Carlos Oliveira**

Towards a common Euro-Mediterranean Research and Innovation Agenda:

- The policy dialogue on STI with South-Med countries:
 - Bilateral cooperation: policy frame, strategy and main tools (JSTCC and sub-com meetings, roadmap,...) of our cooperation with the South-Med countries, **Andrea Carignani**
 - Regional cooperation: focus on one example of a joint programme with the South-Med- PRIMA, **Wanda Gaj**
 - Synergies between research and external action policies and instruments at the service of STI capacity building, **Caroline Segurado Bivar**

4.20 PM

Questions & Answers

4.35 PM

An Example of EU-MED STI cooperation:

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

4.45 PM

Open discussion on EU-South Med Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation: Challenges and new ways to handle them

5.15 PM

Conclusions

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17th March 2016

Venue's address:
Apulia Region
Rue du Trone 62
1050 Brussels

- 9.30 AM Welcome by Delegation Apulia Region
Luciana Milella
Policy Officer
- 9.40 AM **Michael Koehler**
*Director of DG NEAR- European Neighborhood Policy & En-
largement Negotiations*
- 10.20 AM **Martin Dihm**
*Strategic Communications of European External Action
Service*
"The role of EEAS"
- 11.00 AM **Patrice Bergamini**
*EEAS, Head of Division for 'Regional Policies and Horizon-
tal Affairs in the Southern Mediterranean'*
"Future challenges in the Southern Mediterranean Re-
gion"
- 11.40 AM **Mourad Ezzine**
*Manager of the Center for Mediterranean Integration - CMI
Marseille*
- 12.10 PM **Luciana Milella**
Apulia Region- Policy Officer
"The opportunities of Territorial Cooperation in the EU
programming period 2014/2020"
- 12.30 PM First edition of UNIMED week: evaluation for the prepara-
tion of a UNIMED report

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