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## **CONFERENCE**

**« BEYOND BORDERS :  
EURO - MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIPS  
BY THOSE WHO CREATE THEM »**

## Mediterranean of Projects

### **Message from Laurent Fabius**

The Palais du Luxembourg welcomes, on the 19th and 20th June 2014, a series of talks entitled “Beyond Borders: Euro-Mediterranean Partnerships by those who create them”. On this occasion, The Forum for Peace presents a window to the various innovative initiatives in this region. This forum presents a practical approach to some of the challenges in the region, and is an approach for which I congratulate the organisers. It emphasises concrete action in favour of economic and social development in the Mediterranean region. The featured projects span many areas – culture, education, environment, security... they demonstrate the diversity and dynamic of cooperation between the two shores.

France encourages and hopes for the emergence of regional cooperation. This collaboration is essential, particularly when societies on the Southern coast are experiencing major change. Community expectations, in the younger generation over all, run high on all fronts. There is a thirst for development, education, culture, freedom. We must respond with an ambitious partnership. The integrated nature of our shared history has led us to this point. It is the spirit of the “Mediterranean of Projects” that the President of the Republic appealed for at the summit in Valletta of October 2012.

In order to succeed, the will and commitment of the political must be based on initiatives from civil society - businesses, associations, universities, and cultural actors. The projects listed in this publication address a broad range of topics, all of which seek to answer similar questions of shared and integrated development between the North and the South Mediterranean. I believe that the establishment of joint production chains (co-locations, as such), the coordination of regulatory and normative frameworks, the establishment of networks for transport and energy, and the sharing of knowledge and expertise in areas of agriculture, health, education, culture, will collectively meet the challenges that climate change currently poses for the region.

These initiatives help establish tangible links, as well as an awareness of our common destiny. They contribute to peace and prosperity. They are part of a long-term vision. Whilst in Asia and America, major and individual economic forces have established dominance; Europe, the Mediterranean and Africa are

destined to come together in working towards mutual, complementary goals. This publication is an initial step: one that will be extended by a participatory digital platform. It will ultimately enable an inventory of all cooperative and on-going projects in the Mediterranean to be born. It will encourage connectivity and mutual understanding between the North and South. Above all, it will act as a multiplier of cooperation through the diffusion of existing projects. I welcome this initiative and, upon it, I wish the greatest of success.

**Laurent Fabius,**

Minister of Foreign Affairs

And International Development



## **Onwards: The Euro - Mediterranean**

### **Why, today, is the Euro - Mediterranean region our banner?**

There exists, first and foremost, an ancient and deep conviction that, in order to succeed in this region, a common reality must survive in order to provide equal opportunity for those in the South, the North; everywhere. For

many years now, we have felt a common yearning, each in our own way, to ensure the sustainable future through cooperation of the Euro - Mediterranean region. We are aware of the difficulties, of which many are political, cultural or financial in nature, yet we also know that the will of men and women is the only tool that can overwhelm this. Today, it is this desire that we wish to draw attention to by bringing together leaders of initiatives, small and large, from both coasts of the Mediterranean and providing a forum for exchange, communication and expression.

It is this spirit and vitality that we wish to offer to you today, and is the essence of the new initiative “Success 4 Med” that will be launched at the conclusion of this talk, with a simple objective – that enhanced cooperation in the future is based on successful partnerships of the present.

The current political environment of Europe and the Mediterranean serves as a warning, and should further motivate us to unite and cooperate. The greed of those who strive to return Europe to a continent of nationalism, and the alacrity with which others seek to stifle the democratic aspirations that gave birth to the Arab Spring would overwhelm us. However, we must consider them, au contraire, to be a force uniting us in the face of adversity. Indeed, the success of the Euro - Mediterranean region – something that we so earnestly yearn for –, that is, a liberal space dedicated to trade and the cross -border exchange of ideas and citizens; to retreat back to an age of conservatism would be the greatest failure. Laying the foundations for true cooperation within the Euro - Mediterranean region is not only a victory for Europe and the Mediterranean, but moreover a victory for our future.

#### **Bariza Khiari,**

Vice-President of the French Senate

#### **Ofer Bronchtein,**

President - Founder of the Forum for Peace

#### **Miguel Ángel Moratinos,**

Former Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs  
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for the Middle East Peace Process





## Introduction

### **« BEYOND BORDERS: EURO - MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIPS BY THOSE WHO CREATE THEM »**

As a vibrant centre for commerce, dialogue and a gateway to the East, the Mediterranean is a hub for regional and international trade. It is a combination of projects brought to fruition through the collaboration of both private and public organisations; individuals and

institutions. At the Barcelona Conference, The European Union drew attention to this with the establishment, of the Union for the Mediterranean in July 2008. Through this, the desire to build a sustainable, economic and socially beneficial partnership was reinitiated. Movements that have disrupted southern parts of the region pose new challenges to this partnership and demand, now more than ever, a concrete and collaborative response to civic appeal.

As an intersection of religion, culture and people, the Mediterranean is a region of both harmony and discord. The diversity of its history, geography and, most importantly, its communities attest to this. These revived tensions fuel distrust and instability. However, increasing reciprocal understanding, as well as the promotion of trade and dialogue, can lead to a unified and universally beneficial partnership. Our commitment and renewed desires aim at transforming the Euro-Mediterranean region into an area of peace and prosperity. Currently, there exists no clear answer to the challenges facing the region. It is therefore essential that community leaders focus on mutually beneficial interests, and create a space that establishes and encourages mutually advantageous dialogue.

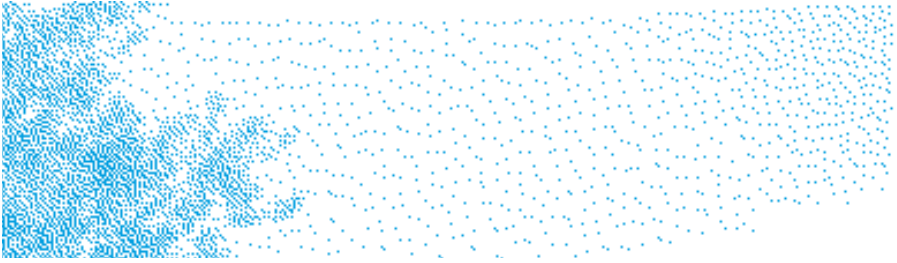
By shining a light on completed and ongoing projects, this forum purports to invite regional actors to share the collective responsibility for communication. It aims at giving a new dynamic to ongoing projects in line with the “Mediterranean of projects” goals set by the President of the French Republic. Frameworks for successful partnerships will be outlined. Additionally, discussion will focus on three primary topics: sustainable economics, networks of the future and cultures of peace. Each partner will contribute, highlighting the multinational nature of the discussion. Participants of the forum are encouraged to draw specific attention to elements instrumental in the success of their initiatives in the ensuing talks, collectively forming a “toolbox” for Mediterranean cooperation.



# Sustainable Economics

*Agriculture, water, environment*

**Agriculture, management of water and environmental issues lie at the heart of the economic challenges facing the countries of the Mediterranean. An established and universally supported system for the management of these resources is vital in securing a viable future for the region.**



2008 -  
2014

Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Israel, Italy,  
Lebanon, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Montenegro, Slovenia, Tunisia, Turkey

## **MEDPAN : Development of a network of managers of marine protected areas (MPA) in the Mediterranean**

The network currently has eight founding members: National Park of Zakynthos (Croatia), Egyptian Agency for Environmental Affairs, WWF France, Port Cros National Park

(France), City of Agde - AMP des Posidonies du Cap d'Agde (France), WWF Italy / Miramare Marine Reserve, Nature Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, WWF Turkey. The network also gathers 46 members and 31 partners from 18 Mediterranean countries.

The MedPAN association, created in 2008 under the technical coordination of WWF France aims to promote the creation, sustainability and operation for a Mediterranean network for MPAs.

The aim is to preserve the Mediterranean marine ecosystem through the use of an ecologically coherent network of protected areas. This project also aims to strengthen effective conservation of the marine and coastal biodiversity, through the creation of a network of marine-protected areas in the Mediterranean.

## **A Few Figures**

Today, the association has 54 members who manage more than 80 protected areas in the Mediterranean with 31 partners from 18 different countries around the Mediterranean marine areas.

## **Practical**

This aim will be reached through various activities in 5 different components:

1. Innovative aspects of MPA management
2. Sustainable management of fisheries in MPAs
3. Sustainable management of tourism in MPAs
4. Communication
5. Project management.

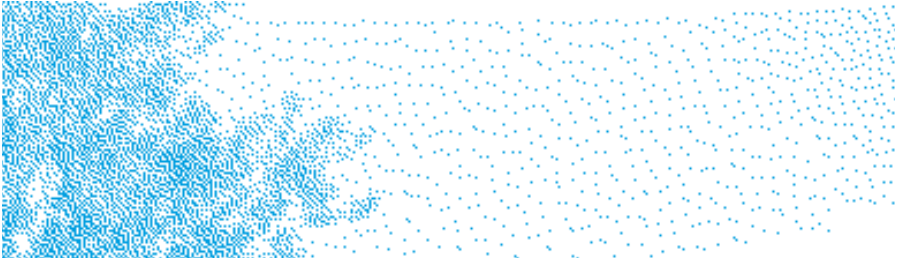
For each component, structuring the cross-national activities of the network (common recommendations, common tools...) will be systematically ensured with the implementation of concrete management activities (monitoring, area planning, consultation, communication) in different MPAs.

The project will contribute to the related European policies: Habitats Directive, Action Plan for Biodiversity, Marine Directive, Common Fisheries Policy, Maritime Policy, Tourism and their implementation in the territorial policies in each country concerned, as well as to national policies

The aim of the activities for the sustainable protection of the marine environment, especially in terms of sustainable tourism and fisheries, is to maintain long-term employment and even to create new jobs in these two areas.

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2010 -  
ongoing

Partner countries of PNUD

## **GWS: Global Water Solidarity**

Global Water Solidarity is an institutional platform to facilitate the management of water and sanitation services at a local

level. This project invites local institutions to cooperate and acts as an instrument to strengthen the delivery of services in the face of technical, political or financial adversary.

GWS complements the ART (Articulation of Territorial Networks for Sustainable Human Development) initiative, which promotes sustainable development at the local level. GWS and ART are two tools of decentralized cooperation implemented by UNDP and its partners.

The objective of GWS is to establish sub-national partnerships between local institutions, providing distribution services developed and sub-national territorial institutions where access is not yet assured. The project addresses the broader objectives of the Millennium Development Goals and beyond 2015. This is to integrate the principles of sustainable development into state policies and programs and reverse the loss of environmental resources.

## **Practical**

These partnerships involve the use of decentralised mechanisms for solidarity. They allow the provision of additional financial resources, local capacity building and transfer of technology. These mechanisms are guided by a framework whose criteria are: the availability, quality, acceptability, access, affordability, comprehensiveness and sustainability of services.

The Geneva office conducts feasibility studies with local actors through the decentralised cooperation with municipal authorities. In addition to this: the assurance of the standardisation of solidarity mechanisms and a proposal for integrated technical staff. The action of GSW revolves around two central pillars:

- Management and the sharing of technical knowledge in water management;
- Harmonisation of partners and technical procedures.

A range of services are available to these institutions, and consist of:

- “Global Water Solidarity Reconnaissance”: certificate of approval. This certificate supports the strengthening of the position of solidarity mechanisms via -à - vis local and national institutions.
- “The International Charter for the promotion of solidarity mechanisms”:

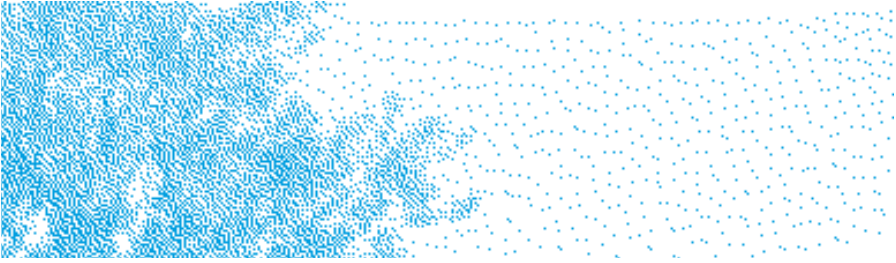
commitment of public institutions for the promotion of solidarity mechanisms.

- Technical Network on request: facilitation of technical cooperation among stakeholders.
- Actively promoting the international debate: active participation of GWS and its members in international forum for water and sanitation.

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November 2014 -  
November 2018

Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Morocco, France

## **Adapting to water shortages and droughts: Using 'STRATEAU' for the GIRE**

The project is supporting cooperation in the Mediterranean in order to contribute to regional peace.

The objective is to provide, through Strateau, indicators and recommendations to States and local and regional authorities with the vision of commencing national and international plans of action and, ultimately, a revision to current governmental structures. Additionally, Strateau aims to provide benefits for the implementation of the GIRE (Integrated Water Resources Management) in the shared knowledge of resource-distribution and usage, together contributing to an increase in peaceful relations, in health, and a depollution of the Mediterranean.

The technical teams involved are: Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Jordan - Ministry of Energy & Water, Lebanon - Palestinian Water Authority - The National Institute of Geographic and Forest Information (IGN) - Seine - Normandie Water Agency - Rhone - Mediterranean and Corsica Water Agency (researchers and academic experts from partner university UMJAE, for example: Réseau Méditerranéen des Ecoles d'Ingénieurs (Mediterranean Network for Engineering Schools)



“RMEI”).

A system for exchanges, events, demonstrations, studies and surveys will be implemented in order to coordinate the technical component of the collection of local data in Strateau. Its users will be facilitated through partner university networks of UMJAE, as well as research centres, communities and ministries who maintain an ongoing relationship with the Young Ambassadors of Water – JAE.

### **Practical**

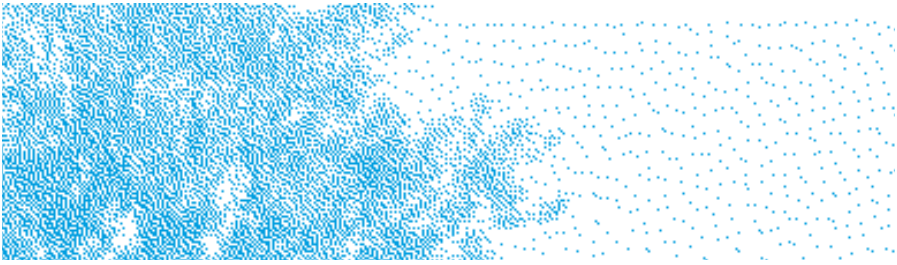
To date, Strateau has been utilised within the context of the Mediterranean Union of Young Ambassadors for Water (UMJAE), in partnership with the French team UpM, of the MEDDED and agencies involved in the management of water in four Mediterranean states (Italy, Lebanon, Morocco and Palestine). Quantitative data from both French and southern Mediterranean sources are additionally implemented in Strateau. Strateau has furthermore been selected as a primary solution by the World Water Council and was presented to the Village of Solutions at the World Water Forum held in Marseilles in 2012, whereupon the French government committed to Strateau's implementation throughout the Mediterranean region. Interns with Master-level degrees have ensured the col-

lection of data for Strateau in Lebanon and more than two-dozen infrastructure projects have emerged/have been achieved as a result of cooperation with UMJAE.

In the long-term, Strateau will be instrumental in the management of water infrastructure in the region. It will allow countries such as Jordan to share their experience and knowledge with southern Mediterranean countries, as well as merge their collective data for the development of a true GIRE, and in preparation for future changes in climate.

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2013-  
2016

Jordan, Tunisia Countries interested : Morocco, Palestine, Albania, Egypt, Lebanon UpM, GWP - Med, OCDE Financial partners: SIDA (Swedish Agency for International Development), BEI

## **Governance and Financing of the Water Sector in the Mediterranean**

Countries in the Mediterranean region often fail to meet the financial demands outlined in recommended water - related

strategies, despite the allocation of public funds and large amount of foreign aid. Correspondingly, following the recent protest movement that calls for radical reforms of socio-political frameworks, citizens are demanding a greater role in the decision-making process regarding water and sanitation. The question of good governance emerges at the heart of these debates. This project calls for a better understanding of conditions for a governmental structure conducive to the provision of water and sustainable sanitation and participation that benefits the private sector.

This project is aimed primarily at governments, public figures and private operators in the water sector in order to foster a more cohesive management system between all parties. It is based on establishing a national dialogue (during approximately one year), as well as a regional trading platform, to identify and analyse challenges to successful governance in the mobilising of funds through public-private partnerships. The initiative supports the development of agreed action plans based on successful international practices.

## **Practical**

At the national level:

- A series of studies by country, developed through national consultations.

At the regional level:

- Regional dialogue in order to promote the sharing of experience and the propagation and replication of successful practice.

The first phase has already been completed in Jordan and Tunisia:

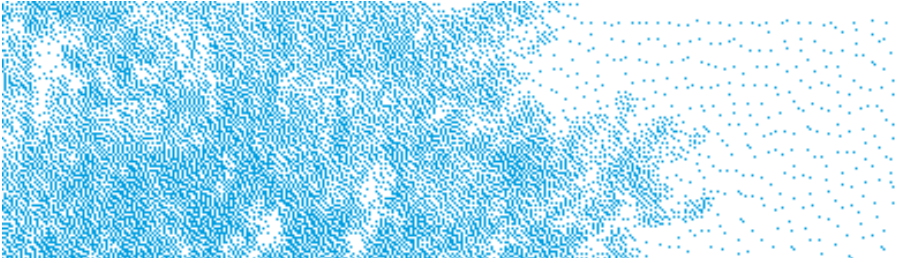
- Consultations and dialogue between countries has taken place;
- This in turn led to the establishment of an action plan for each country with tangible recommendations, including the establishment of pilot projects.

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2005 -  
ongoing

Jordan, Palestine, Israel

## **Red Sea - Dead Sea**

The rehabilitation project of the «Red Sea - Dead Sea» is a central part of the regional peace process.

Accredited and partially financed by the World Bank and the French Agency for Development (AFD), the initiative purports to save the Dead Sea by transferring water from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea through a canal 180 km in length. The «Peace Canal» will produce additional freshwater resources for the three countries involved in the project. In response to the rapid disappearance of the Dead Sea, an initial feasibility study was asked by Jordanian officials in 2005 of the World Bank, Israelis and Palestinians. In 2013, a second study was initiated, concluding with a report. Donors for the execution of these studies are respectively: France, Greece, Italy, Japan, South Korea, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United States of America.

## **A Few Figures**

It is possible to send up to 2 billion cubic metres of water from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea per year.

400 vertical meters between the input and output of the channel could be used to turn turbines and generate electricity.

## **Practical**

These feasibility studies have aided in:

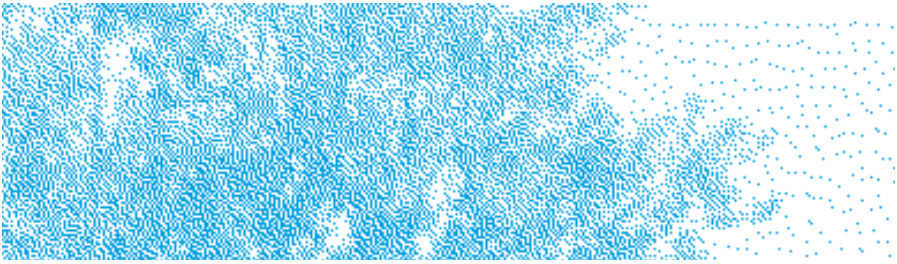
- Anticipating the environmental impact;
- Examine the profitability and economic benefits of this operation;
- Analyse alternatives to the Red Sea-Dead Sea canal proposal;
- To bring together the three parties to discuss future water needs over the long term.

The results of these studies are available for viewing at [www.worldbank.org/rds](http://www.worldbank.org/rds). This report reflects public consultations and meetings between stakeholders at every stage of the project.

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2014 -  
on going

Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Tunisia and Turkey  
FAO, CIHEAM (International Center for Mediterranean Agronomic Studies)

### **Med AMIN: Mediterranean Agricultural Markets Information Network**

The network MED - AMIN intends to increase transparency and disclosure in agricultural markets to prevent excessive price fluctuation and enhance security.

This network draws on the AMIS initiative (Agricultural Market Information System), established in the context of a necessary action plan to control the volatility of food prices and agriculture that came into play in 2011 under the French Presidency of the G20, and bringing together the G20 States and 7 countries among the major producers/consumers of grains (maize, rice, wheat, soybeans). Launched in 2014 in Paris and endorsed by 13 Ministers of Agriculture from member States of CIHEAM in February 2014 in Algiers, MED - AMIN strives for the harmonisation of the cereal contents produced in each state, as well as reaching an alignment of data collection systems and the sharing of the collated information.

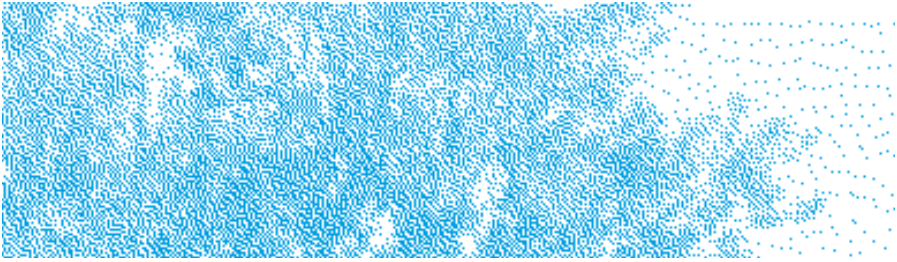
Throughout the primary phase, this network will be concentrated on grain products (wheat, corn, barley and rice) and will be coordinated by CIHEAM and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (IAMM). It will function in conjunction with the AMIS Secretariat, hosted by the FAO in Rome.

***Practical***

Under the leadership of CIHEAM, initial progress has begun in equalising cereal content across State borders and further development will be discussed at the second meeting of MED-AMIN to be held in Turkey in November 2014.

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2014-  
ongoing

Cyprus, Israel, Italy, Jordan and Portugal

### **MEDOLICO : Mediteranean coopertation in the treatment and valorisation of olive oil mill wastewater**

This project was initiated by the NIREAS (International Water Research Center and the University of Cyprus).

Partners are Ben-Gurion Uni-

versity of the Negev, MATIMOP (Israeli Industrial center for R&D), Unioncamere Liguria, Università Studi di Genova deglo, University of Science and Technology, Jordan, and National Laboratorio de Energia e Geologia.

Currently, the majority of the olive oil presses in the Mediterranean region use basic methods of wastewater treatment such as evaporation or discharge into the surrounding areas. However, these waters are highly polluting and difficult to treat. MEDOLICO aims to improve the process.

The primary objective is to reduce the environmental risks associated with the production of olive oil through the coordination of research and production facilities. MEDOLICO aims to improve the treatment of wastewater from olive oil presses by joint research work and analyses.

As an initial step, an assessment will be conducted on the performance of existing technological processes to treat wastewater in olive oil production. Further, it discusses options for the reuse of the water.



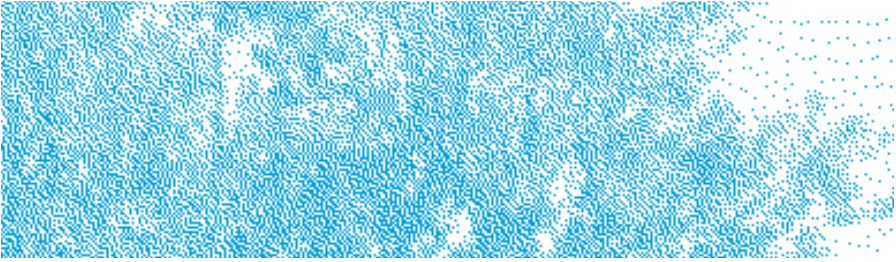
**Practical**

A joint report on the state of existing infrastructure and their performance will be prepared. Opportunities for recycling some of the wastewater components (particularly phenols) for use as products in other industries (e.g. cosmetics, food, bio fuel) will also be identified.

A test project will be implemented in Cyprus, Israel and Jordan. The feasibility of implementing plans for wastewater treatment in countries involved in the project will be evaluated.

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2005 - 2008

2011 - on going

Israel and Palestine – Near East Foundation, USAID, Human Concern International, UNDP, FAO, Palestinian Center for Agricultural Research and Development (PCARD), Peres Center for Peace

## **Olive Oil Without Borders**

Olive trees are the basis of the rural economy in both Palestine and Israel. Olive Oil Without Borders is working together in these areas to improve the production of this shared wealth.

The initiative's objective is to increase the production of olive oil, its quality and its overall competitiveness in the market. Olive Oil Without Borders evaluates the olive oil from this region throughout the entire production chain: producers, pressers, vendors and consumers.

## **A Few Figures**

The project has been developed in 6 sets of villages (34 villages) across Israel and Palestine. Since 2005, more than 3,000 Palestinian olive oil producers have received training to improve their agricultural techniques.

The second part of the project began in 2011 and has reached 2000 olive growers.

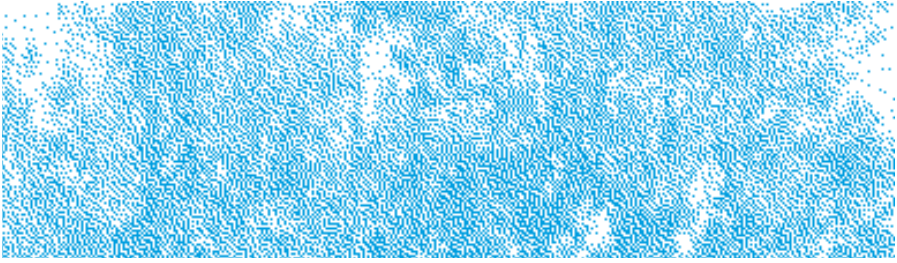
## **Practical**

Training workshops are set up for olive oil producers, ranging from sales and marketing programs to the renovation of presses and consumer awareness campaigns.

More than 2000 individuals affected by the program will see an increase in income. 400 community leaders will participate in more than 20 cross-border training exercises, and 20 instances of Israeli - Palestinian cooperation.

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2007 -  
2011

French Agency of Development (AFD) - Palestinian Trade Center (PALTRADE),  
Palestinian Farmers Union (PFU), Palestinian Food Industries Association  
(PFIA), Palestinian Standard Institution (PSI)  
This initiative has also been introduced in Jordan (2011 – 2015)

## **Support Program for the Export of Palestinian Olive Oil**

The project objectives are firstly to improve the production and quality of the olive oil in order to meet the requirements of international standards of traceability and food safety, and secondly, to develop small family olive farms, strengthening their exports to reach international markets.

## **A Few Figures**

The olive cultivation represents over 80% of fertile trees in the Palestinian area. 95% of the olives are processed into olive oil. Considered before as a secondary source of income, the production of olive oil in 2000 became the main source of income for roughly 70,000 families.

The project concerns a hundred small farms organised into thirty co-ops, ten mills and five export companies. In total, operators, employees and their families represent about 1500 people.

As regards exports, Israel, which was previously the main outlet for Palestinian olive oil, has closed its market. Yet Palestinian olive oil maintains strong export potential. Some tests have shown that it can be classified first category, extra virgin olive oil.

## **Practical**

The project has four components:

- Improve the productivity of producer groups, strengthening their management capacity through training in procedures and techniques in olive harvesting and storage of oil, and helping to produce a quality oil with the provision of specialized equipment;
- Check the quality of the oil-filling equipment through laboratory tests compliant with international standards, forming new panels of tasters and verifying compliance with the charter to receive a quality label and international trademark;
- Obtain a quality certification for Palestinian mills according to international standards in order to meet requirements of traceability and food safety requirements of international markets;
- Encourage exports by implementing a strategy adaptable individual, regional markets and production costs after identifying niche markets on which Palestinian exporters should focus.

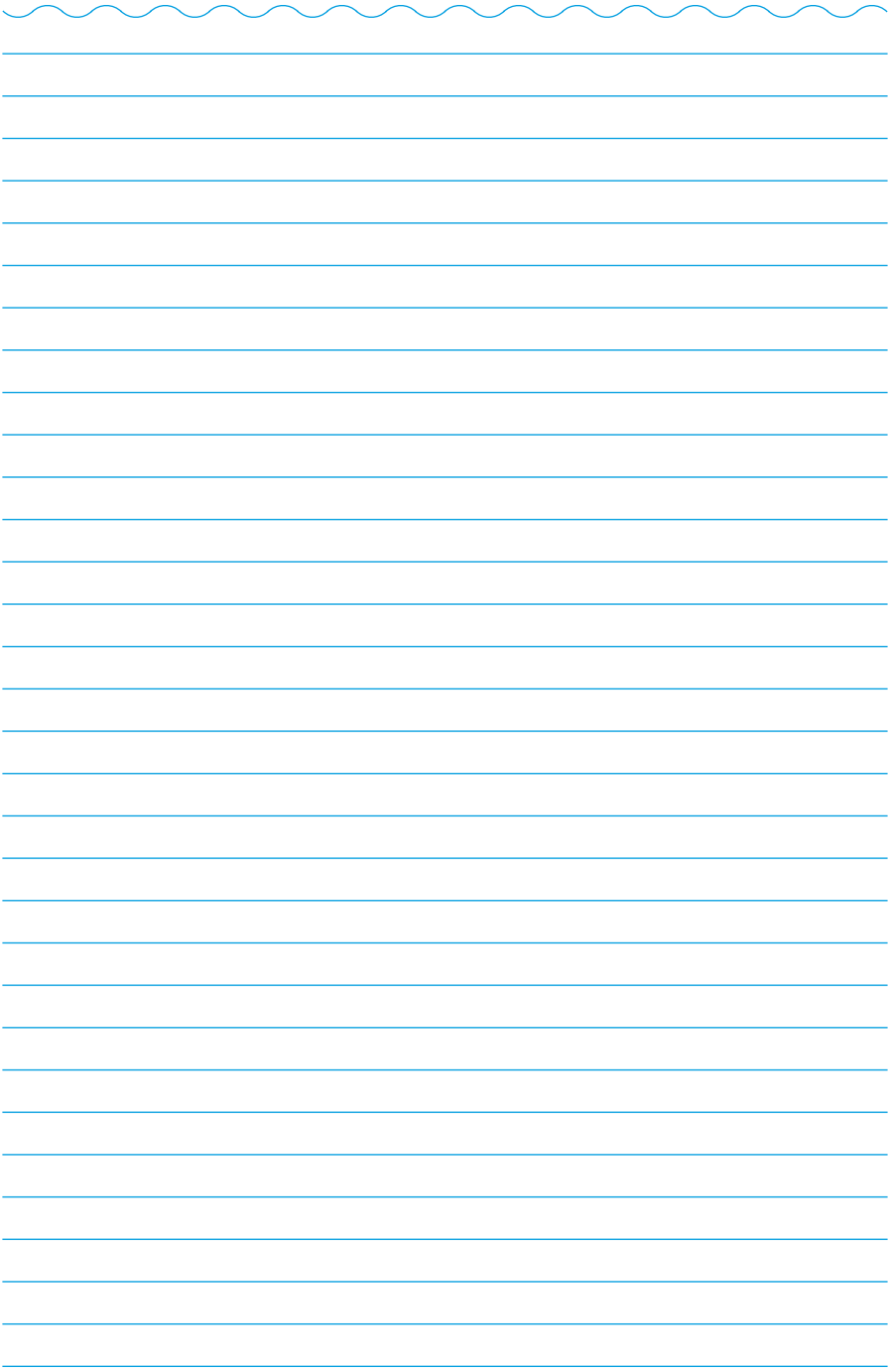
The optimisation for the production of olive oil has a leverage effect on the volumes exported and therefore adds to the value and income distribution generated by the olive oil sector.

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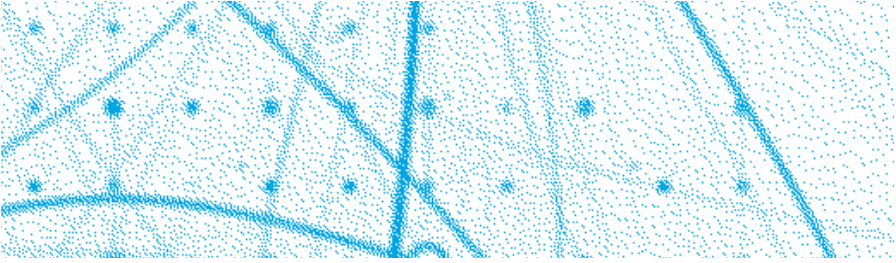




# Networks of the Future

Energy, Infrastructure, entrepreneurship

The elimination of regional détente in the Mediterranean through the development of prospective, collaborative networks. Unification and advancement in energy, industrial and digital domains encourages relations across state borders and brings to the fore a collective alliance. The establishment of entrepreneurial networks that can provide a wide variety of employment opportunities will further increase stability. The projects highlighted will focus on the optimisation of digital and industrial infrastructure, and the development of entrepreneurial incubators.



December 2012 -  
December 2015

Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia

This project will be extended to all countries of the Mediterranean region (The project is expected to run over a period of 3 years, but with the intention of future continuation)

## **AREAS: Project Alliance for Renewable Energy Access and Sustainability**

AREAS is supported by the Inter - ministerial Delegation for the Mediterranean (DiMed) and who counts amongst its various

stakeholders and leaders: CDC Climat, French Agency for Development (AFD), The World Bank, European Investment Bank, Union for Mediterranean (UfM), Mediterranean Energy Observatory (MEO), The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General of Treasury Babyloan Anaxago, as well as two crowd - funding platforms.

The AREAS alliance is a platform for establishing international foundations and co - investment in sustainable infrastructure and projects.

The main objective is a reduction in management costs, notably to allow the development and financing of medium - sized projects. This approach allows a wealth of development and bilaterally inclined banks to invest in projects that were previously ill adapted for current structures.

This initiative aims to provide sufficient information for the coordination of key actors in the public, private and non - profit spheres in order to enable the structuring and financing of sus-

tainable infrastructure of medium size projects (1M € 50 M €), particularly in the South Mediterranean, such as renewable energy, sustainable neighbourhoods (e.g. infrastructures and building with a low energy consumption) and free access to water projects.

### **Practical**

The foundation of AREAS rests primarily on two notions:

- The AREAS Online information system and a set of complementary tools for the financing of an endowment fund
- A participatory funding platform, AREAS Crowdfunding, which will raise funds used to supplement the equity portfolios of projects.

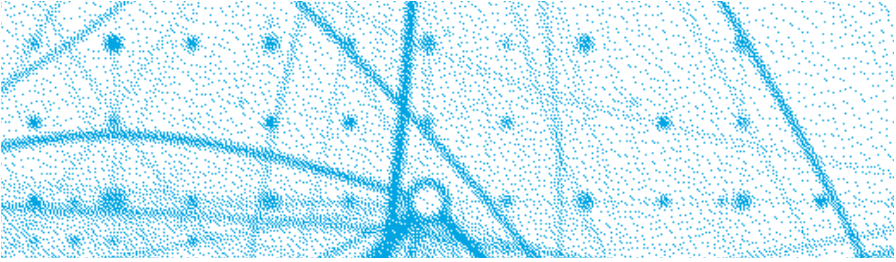
The AREAS activities are structured around research and project accreditations; financial structuring is a first among major donors, financial institutions and members of foundations AREAS network; a crowd-funding campaign; and the ability to include additional funding.

AREAS projects a test period launch for October via a crowd-funding platform in order to establish a primary information system with various innovative, financial capabilities. A further twenty projects by 2016 are planned,

all with a vision to create and sustain unique methods for financing projects with a strong economic and social impact in mind.

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May 2010 -  
ongoing

Algeria, Palestine, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco,  
Syria, Tunisia and Turkey

**InfraMed** InfraMed Infrastructure is a corporation existing under French law, in which the Sponsors invest directly. Five main investors form the basis of this project: Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP - Italy), Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (CDC - France), European Investment Bank, Caisse de Dépôts et de Gestion (CDG - Morocco), EFG Hermes (Egypt). InfraMed maintains as its main objective the equity investment in urban infrastructure projects for energy and transport, in terms of the market, in a region where urban growth rates are among the highest in the world. The project aligns itself with the philosophy of the Club of Long - Term Investors, founded by the CDC, Cdp, KfW Bankengruppe and the EBI, in order to encourage long - term investment decisions and thereby generating a return for the investor.

## **A Few Figures**

The partnership with the Moroccan CDG and EFG Hermes consists of advice and the establishment of co-investment funds (that will be set up in their respective countries) with these institutions – «InfraMaroc» and «InfraEgypte» – and whose investment strategies share similarities with those of InfraMed. These investments in local projects will be on a parity basis, for a minimum amount of €100 million or 20% of the total commitment of the InfraMed Fund in Morocco and Egypt respectively throughout the period of the investment.

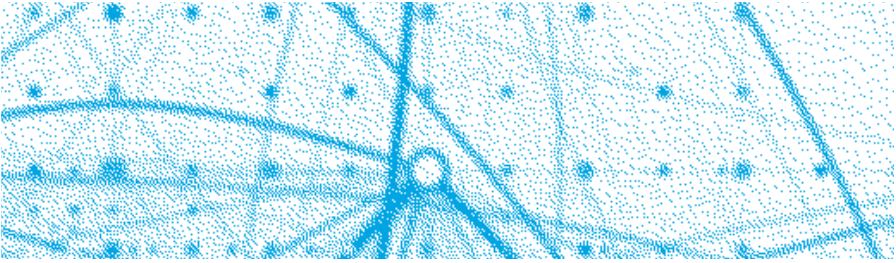
## **Practical**

Two councils typify this organisation: The «Investors Board», composed of representatives of each sponsor and up to 3 representatives of future large investors, responsible for ensuring that investments are incurred in accordance with the objectives and strategies of the company; and the «Strategic Board» that is made up of senior experts who are charged with delivering strategic advice to InfraMed Management SAS (the «Manager»).

InfraMed Management SAS management takes a backstage and is completely owned by the independent management team. It identifies, evaluates, selects and implements all investments and divestments on behalf of the company. Investment decisions and disinvestment will be made by the Investment Committee, which is composed of three independent members and two members representing the management team.

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2011 -  
2014

European Union, Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan, Turkey

## **Medgrid : Feasibility - Relevance of Mediterranean interconnections by 2020**

Medgrid is an industry-based initiative uniting 21 enterprises from around the Mediterranean: Abengoa, Alstom Grid, Areva Renouvelables, Atos WorldGrid, CDC infrastructures, EDF-EDEV, Cofely Ineo, Nemo, Nexans, ONEE, Prysmian, Red Electrica, REN, RTE, Siemens, Soitec, Terna, Walid Elias Establishment.

Medgrid aims to promote interconnectivity throughout the region by: demonstrating that trans-Mediterranean interconnections are technically feasible; that there exists an adequate support network for these goals; and show that a properly sized connections network is profitable both economically and environmentally speaking for the South and the North.

## **Practical**

Primary pursuits of Medgrid:

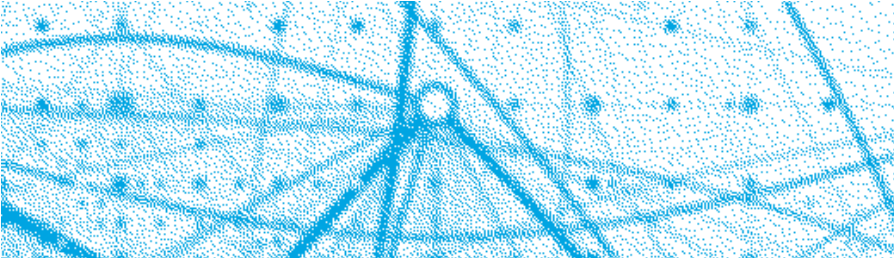
- Technological studies, designed to assess the possibility of achieving a viable level of interconnectivity – a flagship study examines the feasibility of underwater connections at a depth of 2500m;
- A study of the possible networks between the Maghreb and Europe in 2020: what submarine links are available, what network developments are needed through transit countries (Spain and Italy): how, and at what cost? What would be the gain (economic and environmental) provided by the network and would they be profitable by 2020?
- An analysis of regulatory adjustments in both the North and South is needed in order to develop proper connections and help organise exchange of electricity between Europe and the South/East of the Mediterranean.

By summer of 2014, results will be available and will show that additional networks are feasible and viable by early 2020, particularly between Europe and the Maghreb via the Iberian Peninsula and Italy.

This will further aid in broadcasting the main objective of this initiative to countries involved, including but not limited to major political and financial institutions throughout the Mediterranean and wider Europe.

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June 2012 -  
September 2015

Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco

**E - MedMed** Concerning platform and digital training services in the field of health operated by the Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication (OCCAM), in partnership with IITM (International Institute of Tele-Medicine) Uninettuno, B! Technologies and Aurum audit. They will be structured and linked similarly with local partners - thanks to a platform specifically created for this process.

The approach is based upon base standards in available technology and broadband internet connections through digital and satellite television. These services are supplied courtesy of a Mediterranean digital services platform.

At the centre of this initiative is a central, multifunctional medical hub established by OCCAM. Through linked regional and local services, specialists and paramedical staff will have access (from certain hospitals and clinics) to the entire ICT database. Additionally, it permits the sharing of information and knowledge on clinical health services, which facilitates public access and improvement, in order to ensure an optimal level of preparation in updating clinical staff and, ultimately, providing adequate medical care to the entire population.



## **A Few Figures**

The initiative will ultimately endeavour to:

- Provide access to care for 10,000 people through e-health platforms and equipment;
- Provide training in 70 new categories of employment in e-health services;
- Increase the quality of training of nurses and midwives;
- Create up to 40 modules for use in distance learning for nurses and midwives, as well as the training of 50 midwives and 100 nurses;
- Better inform the public about proper nutrition;
- Improve the health of mothers and their children post-birth; and extend the familiarisation of the public with digital tools at hand.

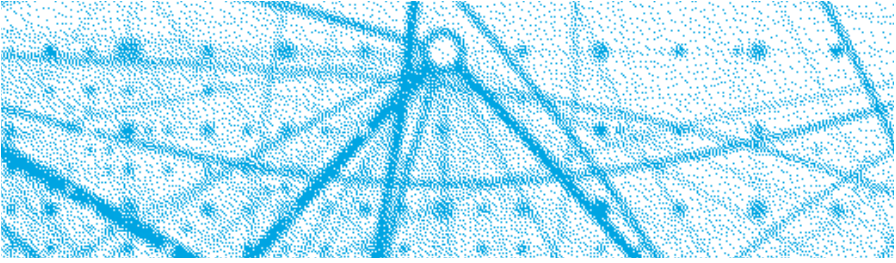
## **Practical**

The E-MedMed project is primarily aimed at: youth in school; women; students from surrounding universities, existing carers and the elderly. It will lead to the training of 150 technicians in eHealth (radiologists, laboratory technicians, imaging technicians – ultrasound). This will be achieved in four steps:

- 1st phase: needs assessment of the affected population in order to target future actions and the training of local trainers, headed by a coordinator. It will also consist of the preparation of educational materials imperative in providing adequate distance-learning services;
- 2nd phase: specific technical equipment will be set up by a team of experts in the field;
- 3rd phase: preparation of specific services targeted to the needs of the individual community. Distribution of the services will take place by means of a structured business plan, which will distinguish between free and paid services;
- 4th phase: consolidation of the learning services. These services will continue to be provided, particularly with regards to the training of local communities. The initiative however relies on retrospective assessment, and each program will set out to tailor itself to the individual demands of the local markets.

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April 2012 -  
June 2015

Spain, Italy, France, Malta, Greece, Slovenia, Cyprus, Montenegro  
19 Mediterranean partners (experts, technical aids, university and institutes):  
the Piedmont Region, the Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur, the Region  
Emilia-Romagna, decentralised authority of Greece in Crete,  
the New Generation Internet Foundation (FING), and the  
Agency for Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Territories  
(AVITEM).

## **HOMER: Open Data in the Mediterranean**

“Harmonising Open Data in the Mediterranean through better access and reuse of public sector information”

HOMER is an Open Data project in the Mediterranean, functioning as part of the MED program; a European initiative of transnational cooperation in the Mediterranean region. The primary objective of HOMER is the promotion of Open and Shared Data across the Euro-Mediterranean platform. The project targets five priority areas: energy, environment, agriculture, tourism, and cultural heritage. At its core, HOMER is a dynamic of decentralisation: it is a program, regional in scope, designed to reference the data from the respective portals of different member regions. HOMER's priority is the creation of regional portals of Open Data, which is achieved by establishing a common reference point in terms of legislation and technical standards.

## Practical

The project is carried out in two parts:

- The «economic» component: coordinated by Veneto (Italy), «Hack4Med» pilot project is the organisation of a series of hackathons with the primary objective of reusing this data (across the Mediterranean business network) to create mobile applications, all the while developing a model of collaborative work. A hackathon is a gathering of developers organised by team of project leaders with the goal of producing a prototype application in a specified timeframe.

- The «citizen participation» component: organisation of themed creative workshops by FING (Fondation Internet Nouvelle Génération), the PACA region (Provence Alpes Cote d'Azur) and AVITEM (Agence ville et territoires méditerranéens durables) to introduce non-specialists to the practice of reusing public data (e.g. cycling and sustainable development associations).

By the end of 2013, the HOMER initiative showed promising results, with the successful implementation of Open Data portals 8 through 13 and, with the achievement of the first regional data exchange, 3000 datasets were able to be exchanged.

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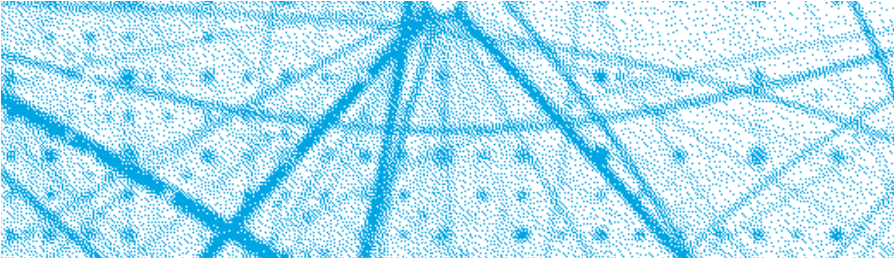
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2008-  
2012

Euromed Héritage 4

A collective of all Mediterranean countries. This project brings together a total of 20 partners, of whom there are 14 Mediterranean television companies :

Rai (Radiotelevision Italy), INA (Institut National de l'Audiovisuel - France), EPTV (Entreprise Publique de Télévision - Algérie), JRTV (Jordan Radio and Television), SNRT (Société Nationale de Radiodiffusion et de Télévision Morocco), 2M - SOREAD (Société d'Etudes

et de Réalisations Audiovisuelles Morocco) UER (Union Européenne de Radiodiffusion), ERTU (Egyptian Radio and Television Union), HRT (Hrvatska Televizija - Croatia), PBC (Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation), IBA (Israel Broadcasting Authority), CyBC (Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation), TV3 (Televisio de Catalunya), TT (Tunisie). There are also 7 professional organisations and various cultural partners and senior scientists - COPEAM (Conférence Permanente de l'Audiovisuel Méditerranéen), MMSH (Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l'Homme - France), CMCA (Centre Méditerranéen de la Communication Audiovisuelle), Biblioteca Alexandrina (Egypte), Uninettuno (Italy), Astram (Arts, Sciences et Techniques, Recherche Audiovisuelle et Multimédia - Université Aix Marseille).

## **MED - MEM :** **Audio - visual memories** **of the Mediterranean**

Med-Mem actively concentrates on highlighting a common heritage and encourages the use of a digital backup platform for audio - visual archives in the Mediterranean.

MedMem is an initiative that aims to bring together a wide range of documents and audio - visual archives, of all countries in the region, onto a single digital platform, available free to all users in French, English and Arabic.

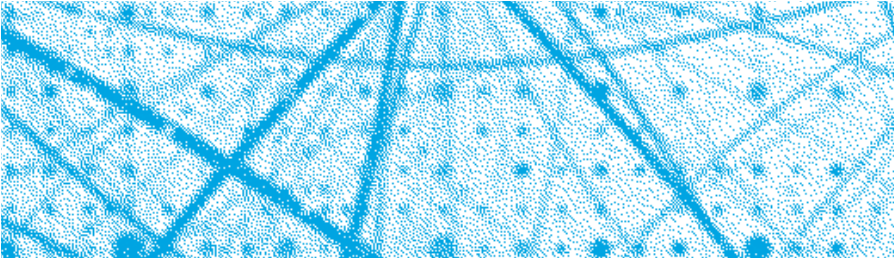
The documents are classified by theme, or as they appeared in their original form.

## ***Practical***

On October 12th, 2012, a free and open internet for all websites was launched with over 4,000 audio-visual documents of the Mediterranean countries available to the public. Archives (both television and radio) are placed in their historical and cultural context and are accompanied by a trilingual documentary in French, English and Arabic.

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2014-  
2016

Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey

**EUROMED Invest** This project ENPI with ANIMA Investment Network consists of a consortium of six partners: Eurochambres (Association of European Chambers of Commerce), ASCAME (Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce), BusinessMed (Union of the Mediterranean Confederation of Enterprises), EMDC (Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises), Gačić (German-Arab Chamber of Commerce) and LABC (Euro-Arab Business Council).

EUROMED Invest has the ability to rely on a network of 79 affiliated organisations in the project, from 26 countries, including 7 of the 10 countries covered by the IEV (European Neighbourhood). Seven international organisations are also involved in the project: European Union National Institutes for Culture (EUNIC), Anna Lindh Foundation, Office of Economic Cooperation for Mediterranean and Middle East (OCEMO), OECD, Technical Unit of the Agadir Agreement, Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO) and United Nation Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

EUROMED Invest aims to renew the interest of SMEs in the Euro-Mediterranean market, increase investment flows and business projects and to ensure that the EU finds its lea-

ding position as a source of foreign direct investment in these countries.

### ***A Few Figures***

EUROMED Invest predicts that the rolling out of the project will take place over a period of 36 months, during which 127 actions (workshops, surveys, business meetings, mentoring, etc.), 15 publications and 3 web platforms will be developed in a total of 26 countries.

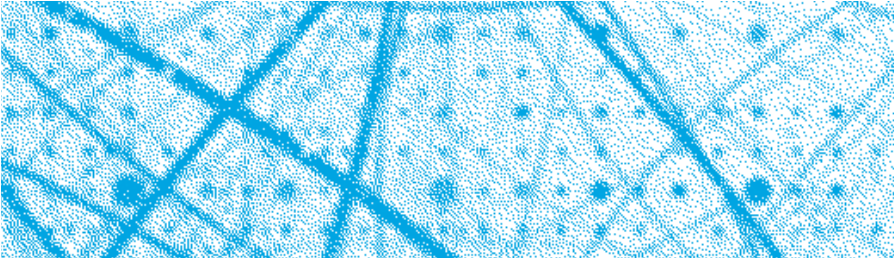
### ***Practical***

To stimulate business and private investment in the Euro-Mediterranean region and contribute to inclusive economic development. Project activities are directed to empower Euro-Mediterranean investment and business networks implement and targeted at the development of SMEs strategies in certain sectors: food, water, alternative energy, tourism, transport and logistics, cultural and creative industries.

A range of economic actors will benefit from this initiative's activities including: investment agencies, SME development, chambers of commerce and industry, professional organisations, clusters, investors and public and private funders, as well as break into foreign diasporas such as female entrepreneurs in Europe and similarly in the southern Mediterranean.

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2010-  
ongoing

Countries of MENA region  
OECD

## **WOMEN'S BUSINESS FORUM**

Established in 2007, the Women's Business Forum OCDE-MENA (WBF) brings together more than

500 women and men who are actively working to promote and support the economic empowerment of women in the MENA (Middle East – North Africa) region and beyond. Network members include CEOs, managers and entrepreneurs, representatives of national associations, regional and international businesswomen, civil society, regional and international organisations and personalities from governments in the region and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The objective of the Forum is threefold: It aims to improve existing policies related to female entrepreneurship, in order to give a voice in the public-private sector; facilitate access to sources of financing, information and managerial support; and ensure efficient implementation of entrepreneurship policy in the region.



## A Few Figures

- 1 of 8 – the number of women in the MENA who run their own business area, against 1 in 3 men
- 700 – the number of participants in the network
- 18 – the number of countries participating in the WBF – a national working group undertook extensive studies on various issues concerning women's entrepreneurship in the region

Only 27% of women in the region are engaged in the labor market (compared to 76% of men). The work of the WBF, published in the 2012 publication *Women in Business: policies to support women's entrepreneurship in the MENA region*, highlighted some key challenges women entrepreneurs face in founding and growing their businesses, including the increased difficulty in accessing economic and financial developmental services.

## Practical

OECD has launched an interactive platform for female entrepreneurs and investors. This support for dialogue and information is in line with workshops and technical and managerial training for entrepreneurs and also support agencies, associations and institutions

currently relying on the expertise of the OECD. Continuous support is provided in 18 countries in the MENA region that are covered by the project.

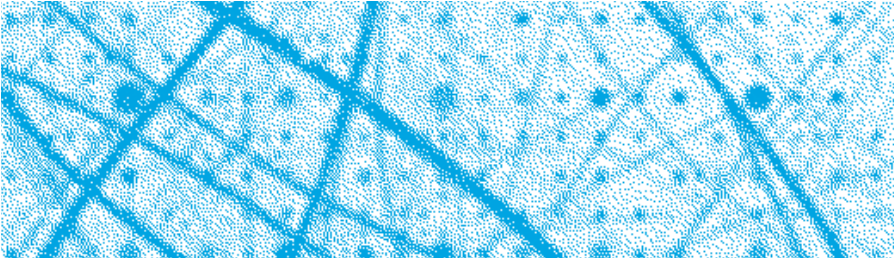
In 2013, a study was initiated to better comprehend the context of the financing offered to businesses managed by women. In collaboration with the Union of Arab Banks, the project resulted in a guide published in 2014 describing banking solutions and funding available for women entrepreneurs in the MENA region.

Additionally, a new publication *Accelerating Women's Entrepreneurship in the MENA region*, published in 2014, assesses the impact of bank's financing of businesses run by women and offers public and private actions to bridge these gaps. The publication also examines in depth the main barriers to women's access to services and economic development and provides recommendations targeted for MENA governments and other such parties as female entrepreneurial associations and international organisations.

Two other key projects are currently underway: one that examines the impact of legal barriers on female entrepreneurship, and a second project on «Women's Leadership in the business world.»

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2013-  
2015

Each of the 3 years corresponds to an individual project  
The initiative is extended to all the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean  
with a desire to join the project

## **Young Women as Job Creators**

Officially launched April 30, 2013 in Barcelona, the « Young Women as Job Creators » initiative was certified by the Union for the Mediterranean (UpM) in September 2011. The project is sponsored by the Association of Women's Organisations for Mediterranean Affairs (AFAEMME), a Euro-Mediterranean platform of initiatives oriented towards equality in the field of work and the struggle to improve the legal, social and professional position of women.

The partners associated with this project consist of the national associations of women entrepreneurs in the four participating countries: Jordan Forum for Business and Professional Women (JFBPW), l'Association de Cadres et de Femmes d'Affaires de Ramallah (BPWRC), l'Association des Femmes d'Affaires Marocaine (AFEM) and the Catalan Association for Executives and Business Women (CEAA). The project has been developed with financial support from the Norwegian government, the European Investment Bank (BEI) and the Spanish multinational energy titan Gas Natural Fenosa.

The project aims to encourage self-entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship among young college women with strong business drives. The overarching objective is to facilitate the

transition of young college women to work and to contribute and strengthen the role of women, in both social and economic terms, within the Euro-Mediterranean region. The involvement of 2,500 young women is expected at the end of the project.

### **A Few Figures**

The first phase of the project was successfully carried out in 2013 over 32 universities in Morocco, Jordan, Palestine and Spain. More than 800 young women have benefited from individual support and have been provided with a toolset for how to create and maintain their own business. Collaborations and synergies were successfully established.

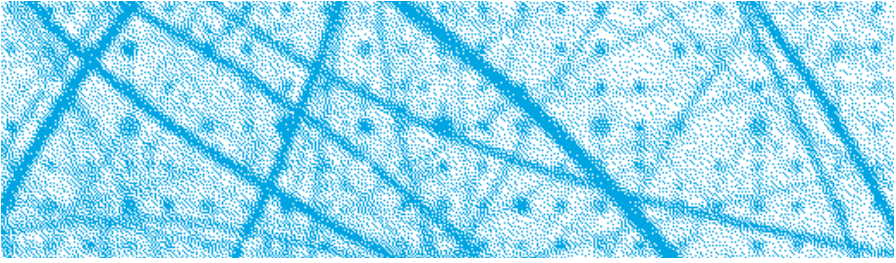
### **Practical**

“Young Women as Job Creators” supports young students of the Euro-Mediterranean area in founding their own business. The first phase of the initiative was considered a success. The second phase began in 2014 and seeks to benefit women in Albania, Egypt and Tunisia, in addition to the four original countries. The third phase in 2015 should include Turkey, Algeria, Lebanon and Croatia. The main undertakings are:

- Organised events from Journées de l’entrepreneuriat féminin (WEDs). These events offer specific training and support for business creation. Participants receive technical information on setting up a business, developing a business plan, legislative issues as well as incentives for entrepreneurship at national level. Successful business women are also present to share their personal experiences.
- The National Association of Business Women offers support sessions for young women who already have a business plan.

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2015-  
2018

Algeria, France, Italy, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia  
and Libya

## **Finalisation of the central part of the Trans - Maghreb highway**

The “Finalisation of the central axis of the Trans - Maghreb freeway” is endorsed by the CETE (Centre for Transportation Studies for the Western Mediterranean), the Secretariat

of the Group of Transport Ministers of the Western Mediterranean (GTMO 5+5). The members of GTMO consist of the Transport Ministers of the ten countries concerned (and the Directorate General for Energy and Transport of the EC, which has an observer status. CETMO acts as the secretariat and provides technical assistance.

This project will enable the construction of a continuous highway from Agadir, Morocco, to Ras Jedir, Libya. It will improve regional integration and socio-economic development by facilitating trade and the mobility of the population in the region. Through this initiative, a highway connecting the three Maghreb countries will come to fruition.

The aim of the «Finalisation of the central part of the Trans - Maghreb freeway» project is to complete the construction of missing links through the vital parts of the Trans - Maghreb highway, joining the national Algerian, Moroccan and Tunisian motorway networks. This project will further

enable the creation of a continuous highway corridor from Agadir (Morocco) to Ras Jedir (borders between Tunisia and Libya).

### ***Practical***

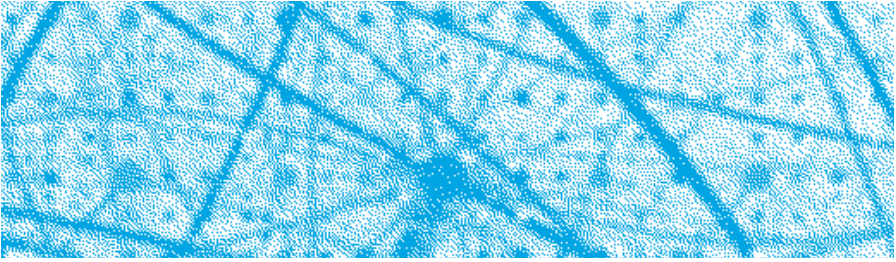
More than 80 million people will benefit from this new route. Economic exchanges will take place over a faster network and will be easier to facilitate between the North African.

Missing connections are consistent with those between Oujda (Morocco) to the Algerian border (22 km) and Bou Salem (Tunisia) to the Algerian border. In order to complete the highway, a road (at least two lanes wide) must be laid running parallel to the Maghreb coast.

Along with the completion of the infrastructure, the countries of central Maghreb wish to work in a coordinated manner with the GTMO 5 +5 and the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) for the management of the axis to ensure its total interoperability and a high quality service across its entire length. To this end, an action plan to complete the coordinated management of the highway is being prepared by the UpM, in collaboration with CETMO, and will be presented for approval at the Conference of Transport Ministers GTMO to be held in October in Lisbon.

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1994-  
ongoing

Israel, Jordan

## **Israel - Jordan Industrial Zone**

The project «The doors of Jordan» is a joint initiative between Israel and the Kingdom of Jordan for the establishment of a joint industrial zone in both countries. The idea of this project was initially formulated following the peace treaty between both states in 1994.

The objective is the construction of a joint industrial zone. Israeli and Jordanian factories plan to be built on Jordanian soil, whilst the Israeli side will consist of a logistics base and be used in the transfer of goods from Israeli ports. A bridge will be built solely between both shores for the transfer of goods and pedestrians

The development of the industrial zone is intended to strengthen economic and trade relations between Israel and Jordan and, therefore, cooperation and stability in the region. In addition, this industrial zone will expand job opportunities for local inhabitants.

The industrial zone is based on the principle of free trade among countries and the United States; in this context, a tax exemption will be given to products that are manufactured in the industrial area and that will be exported to the United States.

## **Practical**

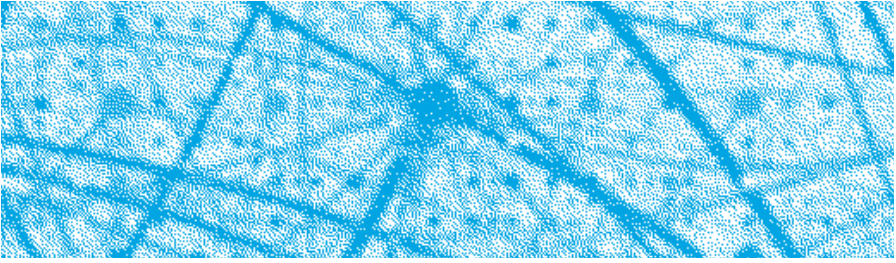
In 1998, an agreement was signed between Israel and Jordan for the construction of an industrial park (the agreement was ratified by Government Decision No. 5069 in 1999).

Following the agreement between both countries, the Israeli government has allocated an area of approximately 24.5 hectares in the area of Kibbutz Tirat Tzvi in the planning of the industrial area, including roads and the construction of a bridge linking the two states.

Jordan has allocated about 700 hectares and plans to complete construction on Jordanian soil (where the plants will be built) look positive.

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Palestine, Israel, France - A joint project of French, Israeli, and Palestinian governments, in partnership with AFD.

## **Industrial Park in Bethlehem**      The industrial area, which extends to over 20 acres, was opened in 2011 at the end of the construction of administrative buildings.

During the ceremony, the French government made its commitment known to, amongst other things, provide tax relief to the producers in the region. The zone was designed to significantly improve the Palestinian economic sector. There further exists the opportunity to extend to 31 hectares.

Agreements between several French companies were signed, including Orange France Telecom - which committed to the construction of a business centre in the park area, the Schneider company, technology companies of French - Palestinian origin, and others.

The project is expected to create 500 to 1,000 jobs per year over a period of five years.

Moreover, Palestinian companies with plans to work in the area from 2014 are:

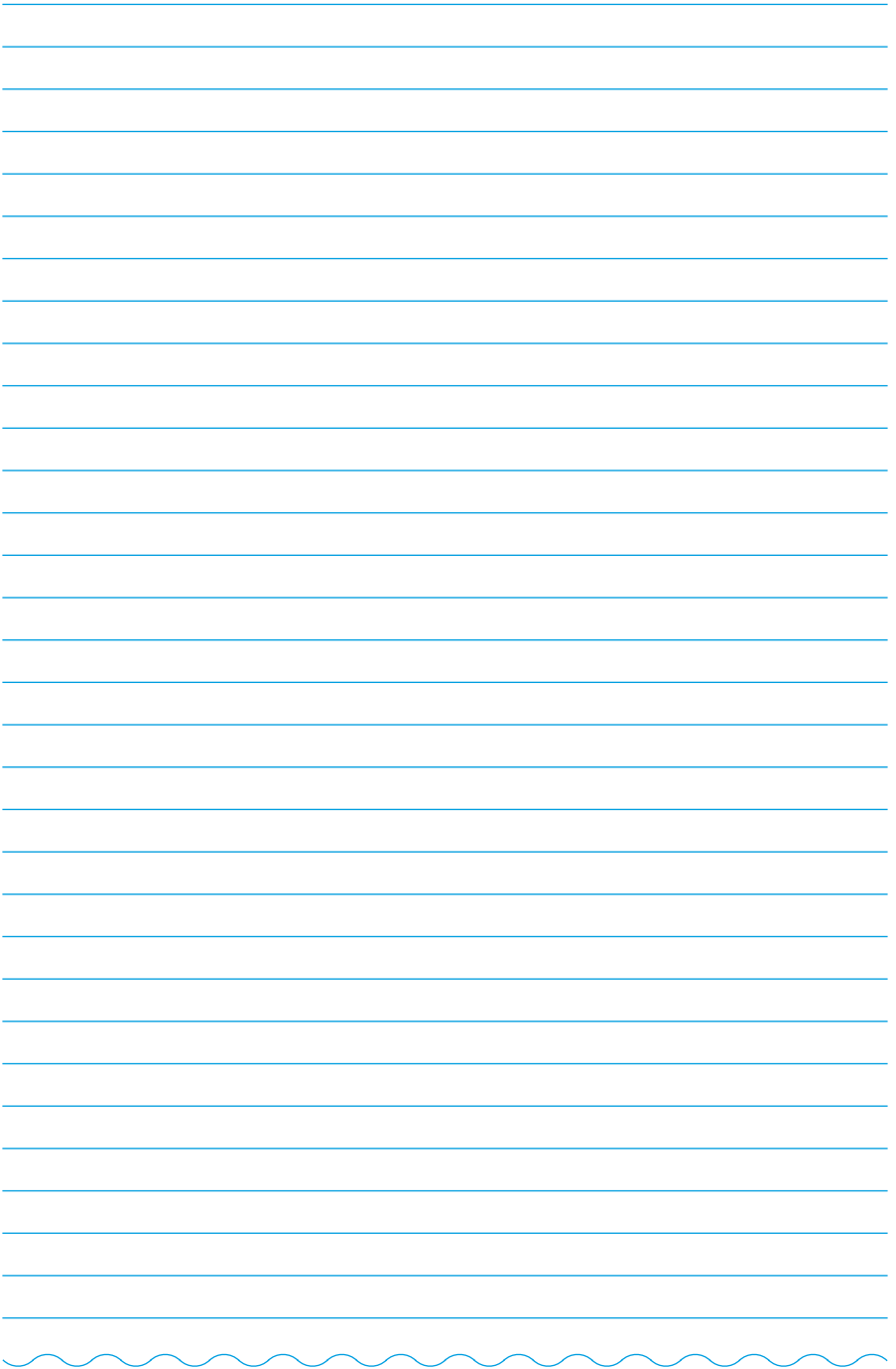
- Factory for toilet paper – Kar'a.
- Milk factory – Gibrini.
- Carpentry factory – Manoli.
- Printing house – Jarashi.

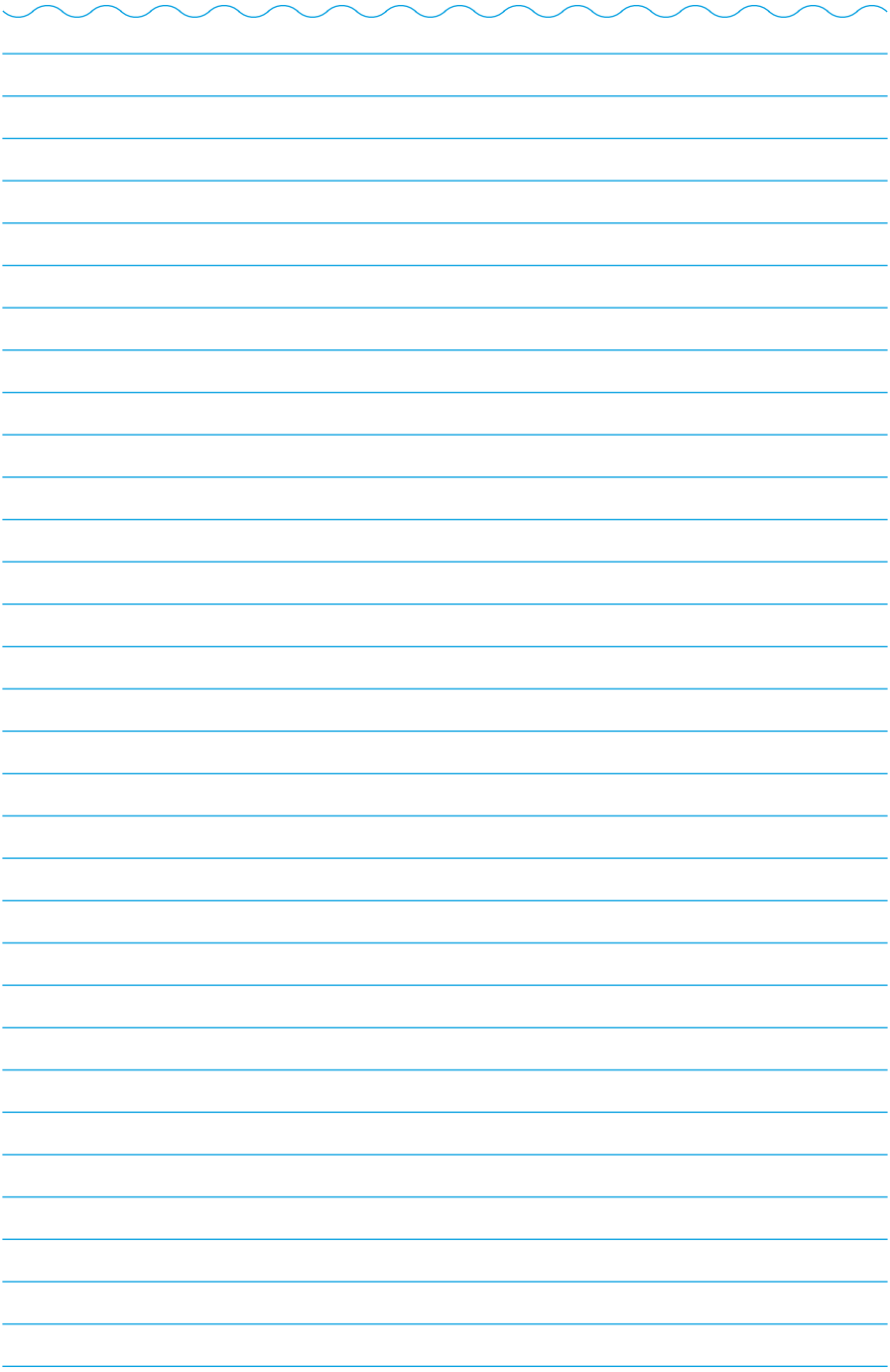


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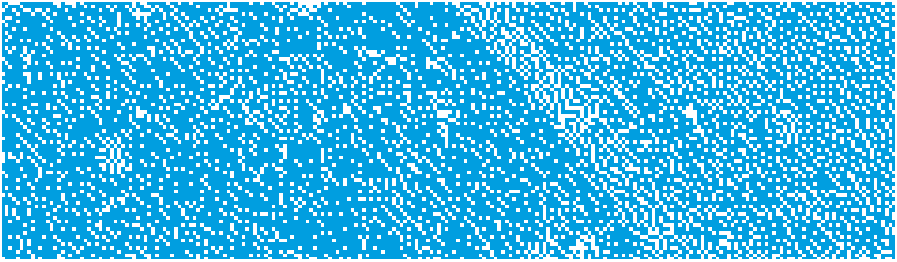




# Cultures of Peace

Training, education and trade

The rapprochement of lifestyles leads to greater harmonisation among cultures. For this reason, these projects in the fields of education and culture contribute greatly to the way a society views another. They give a rise to a shared cultural heritage and joint production through both academic and professional training and education.



2013 -  
ongoing

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Albania, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia and Russia

**ERASMUS +** For the sector of higher education, mobility and from other partner countries will be possible from 2015. The Erasmus + program is a part of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Encouraging mobility projects and cooperation in Europe, Erasmus + is designed to strengthen the skills of all for better employment opportunities, innovative support in schools and education and training and organisations on an international scale, in order to promote a transparent and consistent application of knowledge and competency-based skills, and overall, the promotion of cooperation between European and non-European actors.

## **A Few Figures**

This new exchange program consists of three main pillars: education and training; youth; sport. Budgets will be allocated as follows:

- 77,5% will be allocated to education and training;
- The youth sector will benefit from 10%;
- Sporting sectors will receive 1,8%.

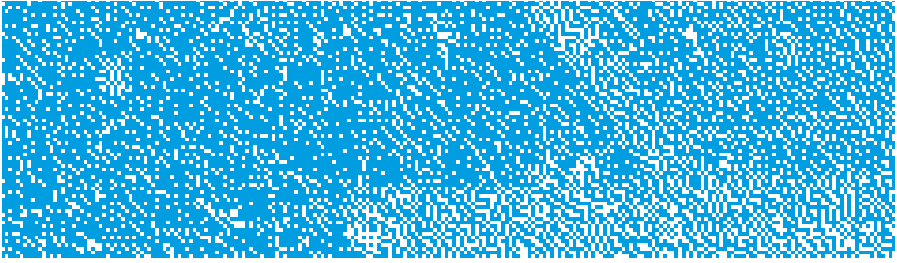
## **Practical**

To achieve this, The Erasmus + program is divided into three categories:

- Key Action 1 -The mobility for learning: Such mobility may be carried to and from partner countries (outside Europe) for higher education and the youth sector. This includes members of educational teams and staff and students: for period of study or training in business, youth training, youths outside the education system, professionals and leaders in the youth sector.
- Key Action 2 -Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices: Projects of international cooperation and the sharing of experiences between institutions are strengthened. All sectors are concerned: the school, higher education, vocational training, education for adults and the youth sector.
- Key Action 3 -Support for policy reform: Two specific actions, the Jean Monnet initiative that promotes teaching, research and debate on history, politics, economics, law, etc., the European Union and cooperation in the field of sport complement this new program.

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2005 -  
ongoing

Jordanie (Ministry of Water and Irrigation), Liban (aMinistry of Energy & Water), Palestine (PWA), Maroc (AHBBC), France (IGN Group, AESN, AERMC)

## **eTwinning and eTwinning Plus**

This program from the European Commission is coordinated by a European Support Office in collaboration with the Executive Agency « Education, Audio -visual and Culture. » A total of 33 countries comprise the initiative: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Romania, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic Macedonia, Croatia, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey.

Part of the new Erasmus Plus program, eTwinning seeks to promote the learning of languages and intercultural dialogue through developing a digital network for schools in various European countries. eTwinning Plus is an extension of this action into neighbouring countries in Europe, and in particular the Mediterranean.

The initiative seeks to assist teachers in coming together online in order to collaborate and engage their students with projects from all across Europe via the virtual world.

By registering at [www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net), European teachers are able to join a community of dynamic institutions, exchange ideas and jointly develop collaborative activities. For teachers



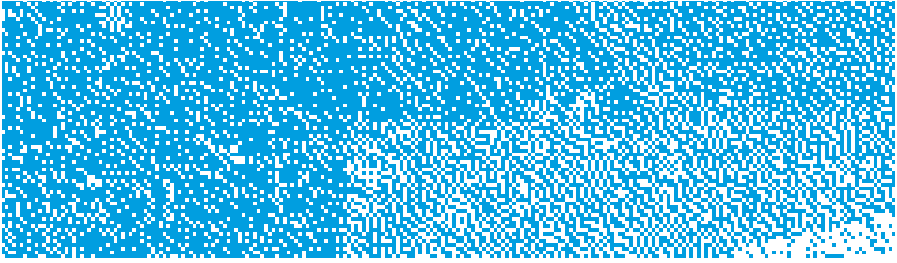
involved with their classes in exchange projects, eTwinning offers a free and secure online platform through which personalized educational and technical support is offered. eTwinning Plus is an extension of the European policy of strengthening relations between countries in the European Union and its neighbouring states. Since March 2013, this program has provided a platform for schools in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Tunisia.

### ***A Few Figures***

Ranging from kindergarten to high school, 5,000,000 students have been affected over a 10 year period. 230,000 teachers use this platform already for educational purposes, 116,000 organisations have registered, 32,000 projects have been brought to fruition, 22,500 French teachers are involved. As well as 13,000 French establishments, there are roughly 8,000 projects that last anywhere from a few days to several months. e-twinning prices are presented individually and depend on the language with regards to the European Union and France.

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2013 -  
ongoing

All Mediterranean countries

## **Virtual Training Platform “Euro - Med Mobilities”**

The project was launched at the initiative of the Europe - Education - Formation - France Agency

(Agency 2e2f). It consists of thirty partners including Higher Education Institutes (Centrale Marseille, Aix - Marseille University), local authorities (General Council of Bouches - du - Rhône, Provence - Alpes - Côte d’Azur), and research organisations (Research Institute for Development).

The Euro - Mediterranean zone is characterised by a population eager for education and employment. The desire to study and learn abroad is also widespread from coast to coast. From this perspective, the “Euro - Med mobilities” platform is dedicated to improving mobility for younger generations, and to education and learning in the Euro - Mediterranean region.

With the aim of promoting mobility and cooperation in terms of training/education in the Euro - Mediterranean region, «Euro - Med Mobilities» seeks to offer :

- Information on opportunities regarding this objective ;
- A system for keeping track of current education policies for youth ;
- A forum for useful information on mobility in the region ;
- Guidance on the currently available forms of financing.

## **Practical**

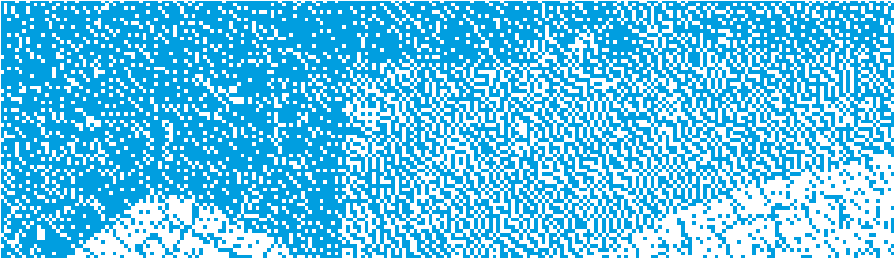
The initiative provides expertise in computers and technology, as well as increased support capabilities available online. It is furthermore an intrinsic goal of “Euro-Med Mobilities” to reach out to the maximum of actors in the region.

The platform ([www.euro-med.fr](http://www.euro-med.fr)) relies on the expertise of all its partners, and presents a unique opportunity for cooperation and knowledge exchanges in the fields of education, training and youth.

The notion of mobility for Euro-Mediterranean citizens within the education system, as well as the mechanisms that benefit this labour market, strongly promote employment and facilitate the sharing of common democratic and civil values. It allows for a Euro-Mediterranean zone that is truly open to the world.

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All Mediterranean countries

## **The Euro - Mediterranean University in Fes**

Labelled as such in June 2012 by the Union for the Mediterranean (UpM), the Euro-Mediterranean University in Fez (FMTU) was initiated by the King of Morocco.

The project sponsor is the Moroccan Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training. The UEMF is intended to be a unique regional campus which helps to promote cultural exchanges and cooperation between the two shores of the Mediterranean in the fields of higher education and research. This approach will result not only in a diverse offering of students, teachers, researchers and non-academic staff, but also at the level of teaching and the content of training programs and research languages.

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Objectives:

- Deliver training programs and high-level research at an international environment on all academic levels (bachelor, master and doctorate);
- A proposition based on thematic priorities for the integrated development of the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- Promote international mobility of students, teachers and researchers through the construction of double and joint

degrees and international internship opportunities ;

- Promoting employment - opportunities for graduates and encourage the creation of spin - offs and start - ups from college through the advocacy of research and innovation and the transfer of knowledge and technology.

### ***A Few Figures***

The UEMF is a centre of excellence and will welcome, by 2024, roughly 6,000 students from across the region, with an offering of a wide range of programs in the humanities and engineering.

### ***Practical***

The Statutes of the University and the operating rules of the governing bodies of the University were upheld at the Constituent General Assembly in November 2012. Construction of the University will begin in late 2014 and the first building is to be completed in August 2015. The campus will cover nearly 20 hectares.

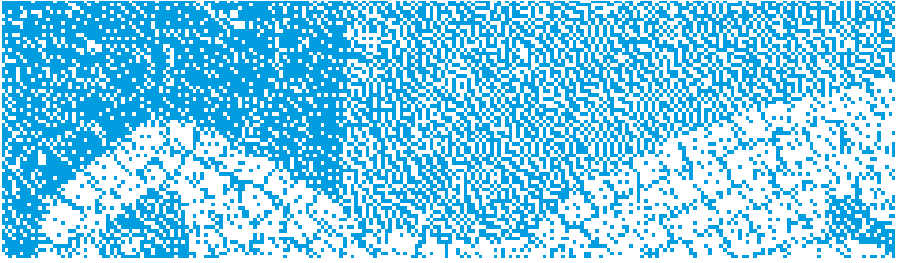
The University has already begun the formal process of recruiting staff. The UEMF will furthermore include a branch of the international division of the National Institute of Applied Sciences (INSA). The inauguration of the institution and the opening of the first programs will be held in September 2015.

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2008-  
ongoing

All Mediterranean countries

**“ The Mediterranean :  
A History to Share ” :  
Manual of Mediterranean  
History**

This project proposes the development of a manual that collates the shared history of the Mediterranean region, and was initiated by the French presi-

dency of the EU during a summit of the *Etats Généraux Culturels Méditerranéens* in November 2008.

Piloting this initiative is Marseille-Provence 2013, European Capital of Culture, with the support of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur, Villa Mediterranean, French Ministry of National Education and Inter-ministerial Delegation to the Mediterranean.

The project will offer educational resources for a renewed approach, with the Mediterranean geographical space as a specific historical entity. A collation of resources, directed to trainers and teachers, will be proposed: a book, a digital platform and training to support the implementation of the national history curriculum. Indirect formation of a critical and historical consciousness in young people is crucial in establishing a Mediterranean region based on reciprocity and understanding.

The project is characterized by two methodologically distinct phases:

- Phase I (2009-2013): The development of the content of

a history manual pioneered by a group composed of fifteen teachers and historians from France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia.

• Phase 2 (from 2014-): The implementation of educational materials in national and regional training process and in particular:

- Development and testing of training modules for teachers and future teachers by groups of trainers;
- Creation of a collaborative platform;
- Presentation of teaching materials to national education authorities in the region;
- Favouring an approach that focuses on the geographical area of the Mediterranean, in addition to the implementation of national, multi-perspective programs, based on the intersection of history, teaching approaches and intercultural dialogue.

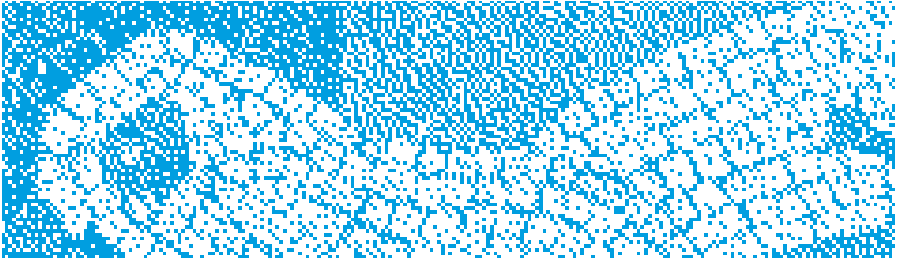
### ***Practical***

The French edition of the manual was published Nov. 8, 2013. Its five chapters trace the periods from prehistory to the Arab Spring. The manual and the virtual platform are in both French and Arabic, but will be distributed in the other Euro-Mediterranean languages. The impact of the book has been positive in the design of national programs and textbooks and will result in strengthening of the skills of teachers

in the fields of history and pedagogy in general. This positive response to an alternative approach to research and education demonstrates the willingness of the people to cooperate within the region.

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September  
2013 - ongoing

All countries of the Euro-Mediterranean

## **Women's Foundation of the Euro - Mediterranean**

Approved by the ambassadors of the Union for the Mediterranean (UpM) in 2011, the Women's

Foundation of the Euro-Mediterranean project was politically endorsed by the UpM Ministerial Conference for strengthening the role of women in society. The Euro-Mediterranean Academic and Scientific Network on gender and women (RUSE-MEG), the Mediterranean Women Forum (France), the European Institute of the Mediterranean (Spain), the Federation of Democratic Women's League (Morocco), CAWTAR (22 Arab countries) and the French government, are responsible for this project.

The Foundation aims to bring together equal actors from a variety of backgrounds: ministries of women's rights, local authorities, researchers and academics, associations and companies.

The Foundation aims to become recognised by institutional and private actors (governments and local authorities, associations, businesses and researchers) as a reference space for knowledge on the subject of gender and gender relations in the Mediterranean region, and establish the space as a place for the implementation of coordinated, coherent and sustainable initiatives for women's empowerment in the Medi-



terranean. The creation of an interactive digital platform in French, English and Arabic will be developed and will help maintain relationships between different actors in the region, with the overall goal of strengthening the role of women in society.

### **Practical**

What will be achieved:

- Tools for knowledge: a Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for gender equality, a university network and scientific Euro-Mediterranean on women and gender, as well as an exchange of laboratory practices;
- A Project proximity focusing on girls' education, training, access to employment and income-generating activities;
- A network of actors involved in pursuits of equality: states, local authorities, associations, research units and education institutions and businesses.

The foundation's platform will host a range of projects such as «Women of the Future of the Mediterranean», championed by the Institute Sciences Po, with the support of the French Ministry of Rights for Women, the City, Youth and Sports and the French Mi-

nistry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with the Inter-ministerial Delegation for the Mediterranean.

The initiative aims to boost twenty individual winners of the professional program and broadcast a culture of equality based on this network of women who will make a personal commitment to promote gender equality in their country and their industry.

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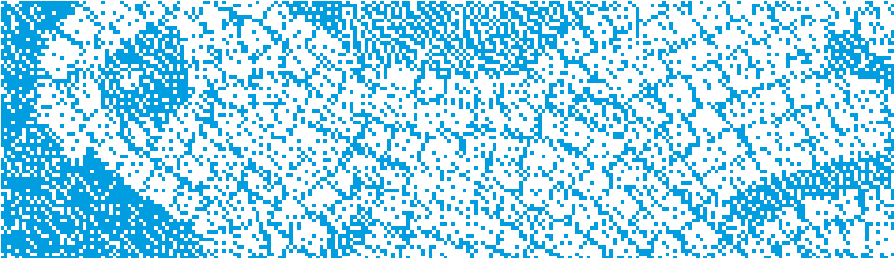
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**Cartooning for Peace** The Cartooning for Peace initiative ([www.cartooningforpeace.org](http://www.cartooningforpeace.org)) was founded in 2006 at the UN headquarters in New York, where Kofi Annan and Plantu (current president of the association) organized a seminar on «Unlearning Intolerance». From this meeting arose the association whose mission is to promote better understanding and mutual respect between people of different cultures and beliefs, using newspaper cartoons as a means of expression of a universal language. The association now has 109 artists from 42 different nationalities and organises exhibitions, meetings and educational activities in France and abroad.

Depiction of the media in cartoons has a high educational value. It is central to the activities of Cartooning for Peace since the inception of the project, and consists of opportunities for young audiences (schools and students) to meet experienced designers, as well as providing teaching materials developed specifically by the association (educational booklets and educational traveling exhibition).

## **Practical**

As of March 2013, the exhibition *Cartooning for Peace* has been presented in more than thirty French schools. It has been translated into English, Spanish and Basque and will rotate throughout various French Institutes in the Mediterranean from 2015.

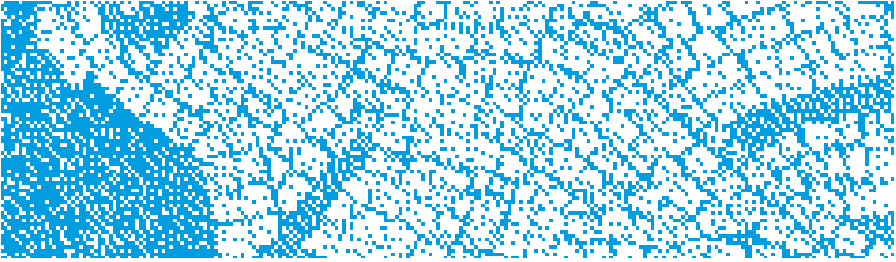
In October 2013 *Cartooning for Peace* was presented in Tunis, where designers throughout the Mediterranean gathered to share and discuss the role and impact of images in complex socio-political contexts with the students of the School of Fine Arts, School of Journalism and the general public of the Book Fair Tunis,

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2012 -  
2014

Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan

### **DAWRAK - Citizens for Dialogue**

«DAWRAK – Citizens for Dialogue» is a program launched by the Anna Lindh Foundation to provide civil society skills

to better integrate public life and contribute to build open and plural societies. DAWRAK specifically targets the youth of Arab countries that have social and cultural change in their countries. This project is led by Anna Lindh Foundation and supported by the European Union.

## **A Few Figures**

- 9 countries ;
- 20 events ;
- 2000 participants ;
- 30,000 indirect beneficiaries.

## **Practical**

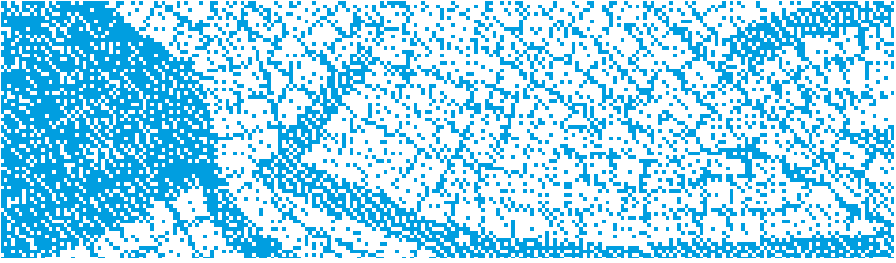
The initiative proposes:

- Three trainings in the form of modules implemented in different countries : “Youth and local dialogue” (Lebanon) – “Art for social change” (Jordan) – “Education for intercultural citizenship” (Tunisia) ;
- Three Euro-Mediterranean exchange programmes (one to three months) facilitating the mobility of participants. The exchanges aim to develop dynamic networking and synergies between the members of the program. Particular emphasis is placed on the mobility of journalists. Dawrak offers to share their experience in newsrooms of other program countries ;
- Spaces for exchange and dialogue in program countries.

A Regional Convention of citizens will gather 300 to 400 partners and beneficiaries to conclude the programme.

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2009 -  
2013

Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan

### **MEDLIHER Initiative: Mediterranean Living Heritage**

Egyptian National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Higher Education Egyptian; the Ministry of Culture of Lebanon, the Jordanian

National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Education of Jordan, and the Maison des Cultures du Monde, France. Funded by the European Union project for the implementation of the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO in Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan.

“The term intangible cultural heritage designates practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills -as well as the instruments, objects, artefacts and cultural spaces associated therewith - that communities, groups and individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.” Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of UNESCO – 2003.

This initiative is defined in four objectives:

- Safeguard the Intangible Cultural Heritage in partner countries;
- Strengthen the capacity of partner countries to participate in international safeguards;

- Reinforce regional cooperation;
- Raise awareness of the importance of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in the participating countries.

### **Practical**

The first phase provides an inventory of facilities, programs and existing experience in safeguarding intangible cultural heritage in partner states. An initial workshop has been held, with participation from government officials charged with implementing and coordinating the inventory on a national scale.

The results of the inventories in each partner state were evaluated and presented at a meeting with government officials and representatives of major institutions / organisations active in the field of cultural heritage. Initiatives for safeguards on a national and international level were prepared on the basis of the strategies and priorities that were identified during the assessment of each inventory. The participation of national and local organisations aided in developing an online network, maintained by and accessible through a UNESCO multilingual interface. Several intangible heritage projects have already been implemented:

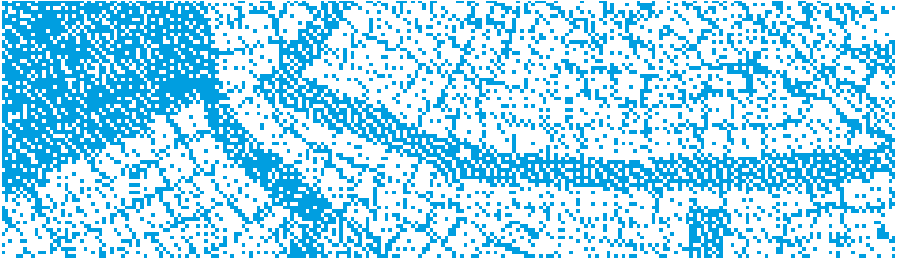
Egypt: «Inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Nile River»;  
Jordan: «Establishment of an invento-

ry of intangible cultural heritage in the Governorate of Madaba»); Lebanon: «Pre-inventory of oral traditions and expressions in Lebanon (especially the Zajal tradition)»; regional projects: «Production of a documentary focusing on intangible cultural heritage in Lebanon, Egypt and Jordan”.

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2008-  
2012

Collective of all Mediterranean and MENA countries  
European Commission

**EuroMed Heritage IV** Nearly 400 partners members of the European Union and the MENA countries (Algeria, Palestine, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey) countries have benefited from this program during its previous phases.

By encouraging the support of cultural heritage, the EuroMed Heritage program supports dialogue between cultures in the Mediterranean region. EuroMed Heritage IV (2008-2012) creates new opportunities to raise public awareness for the reappropriation of their extraordinary, shared cultural heritage.

EuroMed Heritage IV (2008-2012) aims to help the Mediterranean take ownership of its own national and regional cultural heritage by facilitating access to education and knowledge of this heritage.



## Practical

EuroMed Heritage IV provides technical assistance to 12 projects:

- ATHENA: restoration and renovation of heritage theatres in Algeria, Italia, Jordan, Spain and Tunisia;
- ELAICH: approach cultural heritage through educational ties in Belgium, Greece, Israel, Italia, Malta, Turkey;
- DES FONDATIONS POUR UN AVENIR SOLIDE: participation of youth in Lebanon and Jordan for the promotion of importance of cultural heritage;
- HAMAMMED: awareness of the cultural heritage of Hamams (Turkish baths) in Austria, Egypt, Morocco, Syria;
- MANUMED II: Manuscripts and men in Algeria, Belgium, East Jerusalem, Egypt, France;
- MARE NOSTRUM: on the trail of Phoenician maritime routes and historical ports and cities of the Mediterranean – Greece, Italia, Lebanon, Malta, Syria, Tunisia ;
- MEDLIHER: Safeguarding the living heritage of the Mediterranean in Egypt, France, Jordan, Syria;
- MED-MEM: Safeguarding the audio-visual heritage of the Mediterranean;
- MONTADA: Forum for the protection of the traditional architecture in

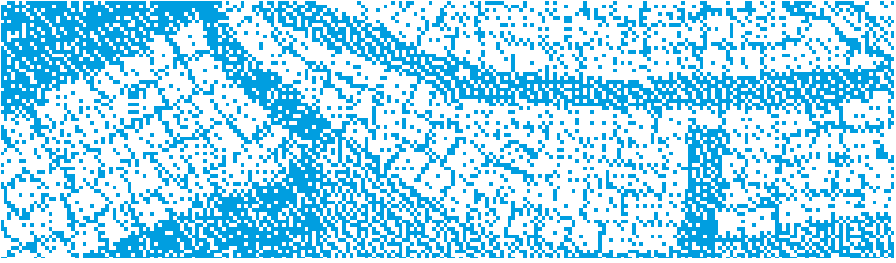
Algeria, France, Morocco, Spain, Tunisia;

- MUTUAL HERITAGE: Historical integration with contemporary and active participation (France, Italia, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia);
- REMEE: Rediscovery of the common heritage of water; in Algeria, France, Greece, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey
- SIWA - TANGIER: Protection and defence of tangible and intangible heritage in Egypt, Italia, Morocco.

A regional monitoring and support unit (RMSU), based in Brussels, was created to help recipient countries and partners to achieve the objectives of the EuroMed Heritage IV program. In collaboration with the EuropeAid Cooperation Office, this unit assists projects to ensure their consistent implementation; ownership of projects by target populations; support and facilitate the exchange of information and the conveying of results.

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2014 -  
ongoing

## **20/20: History of Israel and Palestine revisited**

Buoyed by the Forum for Peace, 20/20 is a neutral, disengaged and apolitical photographic survey of

twenty pivotal events in the shared Israeli - Palestinian history, which has respectively touched both populations.

Designed as a textbook for secondary and higher education, this set of photographs and accompanying text is a documentary base from which teachers can address these different episodes of the story with their students.

This educational tool promotes a tolerant education based on visual elements.

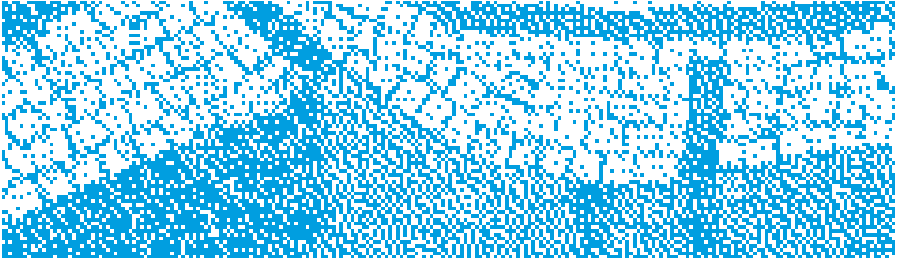
## ***Practical***

In the first phase of the project, the textbook will be distributed across 50 Israeli and Palestinian schools. Simultaneously, 20/20 will open as an exhibition for the study of the Israeli-Palestinian history.

The project is accompanied by an interactive website where contributions and responses are collated progressively, and meetings with students, teachers and visitors to the exhibition and encouraged.

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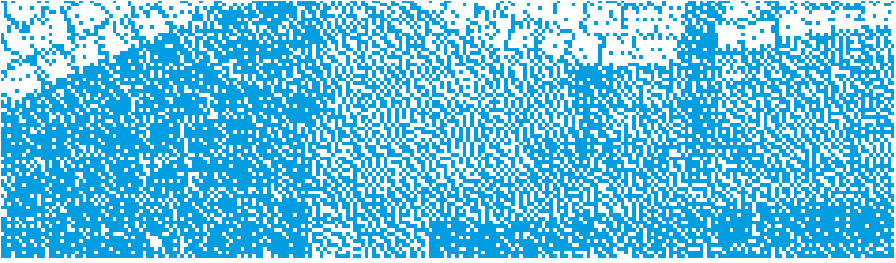
**Parents Circle -  
Family Forum** The Parents Circle - Families Forum is a Palestinian and Israeli initiative with more than 600 families who have lost a family member in the Israeli - Palestinian conflict.

The association organises joint cultural activities with these families to encourage reconciliation and dialogue. In 1998, the first meetings were held with a group of Palestinian families in Gaza.

In 2000, the PCFF expanded to include Palestinian families in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. These new members have significantly influenced the activities of the association.

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2004-  
ongoing

Lebanon

**Souk el Tayeb** Souk el Tayeb has evolved since 2004 from a small market of producers to a set of local and international projects that promote and preserve the culinary traditions and rural heritage of Lebanon, whilst bringing communities together.

The objective is the celebration of food and culinary traditions that unite women from different communities and supporting the farmers and producers who work for small-scale sustainable agriculture. Souk el Tayeb's mission is to establish environments that allow people from differing backgrounds to come together and unite around a common culinary project.

## **Practical**

The first initiative taken in this approach was the establishment of “Tawlet” restaurant. Consisting of three locations, each day celebrates the cooking and tradition of a guest female chef, either from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine or other parts of the world. They have, since its founding, set up a boutique market that heralds small-scale producers and farmers: Souk el Tayeb.

Advisory workshops and individual interviews are in place to optimise the production conditions for farmers. Additionally, entrepreneurship training for groups of women who lost their jobs and who do not have a sufficient income to support themselves has been a focus. It revolves around a central idea of demonstrating the skills necessary in setting up one’s own catering business or restaurants. From there, the initiative proceeded to focus its efforts on the women in the Palestinian camps Ain el Helwe and Nahr el Bared in 2012. The project “Falastine” was set up in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation and the Norwegian embassy in Lebanon. A similar project, « 100% Falastine » addressed the Palestinians Burj el Barajneh, and is a collective initiative with both a local association and one with Alfanar.

Of late, three new projects have been launched:

- “Ataybel Zaman I et II”: developed in partnership with Caritas and UN-HCR and the aimed at Syrian refugees in Beirut and Saida;
- “Atayed Chghel bel beit”: developed in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation for the Sri Lankan domestic workers, Bangladesh, Madagascar, Cameroon and Benin;
- “War Widows” in Tripoli: a project to consolidate 10 widows of war in the neighbourhoods of Jabal Mohsen and Bab el Tebbaneh.

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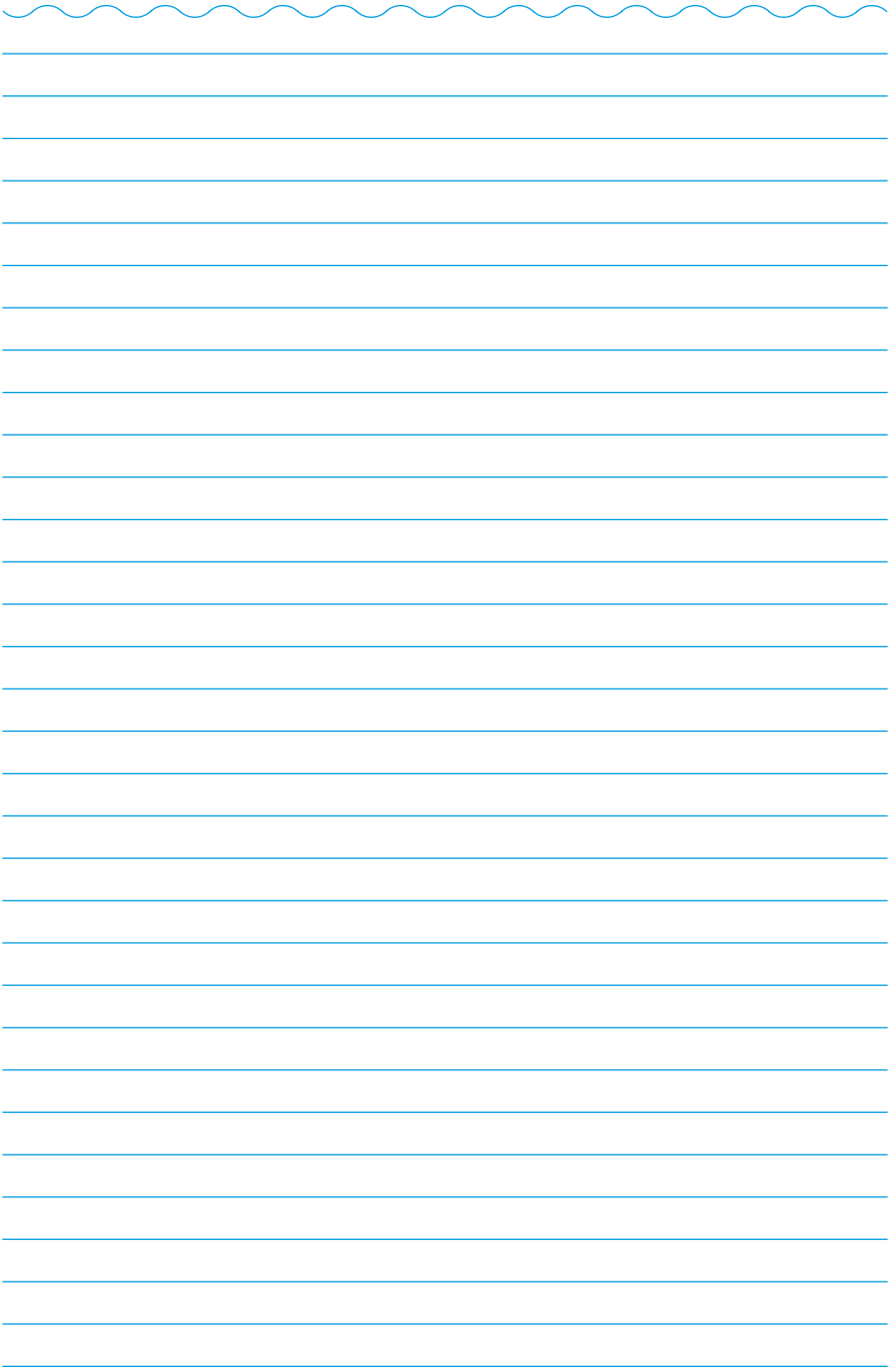
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### **SEETFEL : Le Système d'Echanges Electroniques Transméditerranéen pour les Fruits et Légumes**

Introduce paperless procedures and simplify data exchange for the trade and transport of fruits and vegetables.

Trade documents (certificate of origin, certificate of conformity, phytosanitary pass, delivery slip and other trade documents) for perishable commodities will be processed in electronic form.

Goods will therefore be delivered more quickly and will be tracked throughout the various stages of flow, administrative and regulatory management.

The pilot phase will involve one port hub and one North African country.

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### **Sustainable water management and de - pollution of the Mediterranean**

The project aims to implement policies for sustainable water management and good practices in the region. It also supports the initiative to de - pollute the Mediterranean Sea.

European Union (ENPI), SMAP, MEDA (Water programs). Countries : Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia

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### **A regional reclamation project Kidron / Wadi el Nar**

Establishment of a regional reclamation project for reuse of effluents in the Kidron / Wadi el Nar Basin for development of agriculture and palm groves in Jericho and its surrounding area as well as for local agriculture in other areas such as Ubiedyeh.

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### **PHI - UNESCO – MedPartnership**

The MedPartnership aims to enable a coordinated and strategic approach to catalyze the policy, legal and institutional reforms, and the necessary investments to reverse the degradation trends affecting this unique large marine ecosystem, including its coastal habitats and biodiversity.

Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

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### **DIKTAS (Dinaric Karst System) – Water Integrated Sustainable Management System**

DIKTAS is a project initiated by the aquifer-sharing states and supported by Global Environment Facility (GEF) to improve understanding of trans-boundary groundwater resources of the Dinaric region and to facilitate their equitable and sustainable utilization, including the protection of unique karst groundwater dependent ecosystems. Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia - Herzegovina, Croatia.

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### **Enhancement of agro - pastoral cultural landscapes of the Mediterranean agro - pastoral**

The UNESCO has implemented a project aimed at the development of cultural landscapes as an engine of regional development.

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### **MEDREG**

MEDREG is the Association of Mediterranean Energy Regulators, born in 2007 under the Italian law. It currently gathers 24 energy regulators from the following countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia - Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Libya, Malta, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey.

MEDREG carries out its activities through a well structured and effective internal cooperation process and external collaboration with energy stakeholders in the Mediterranean Basin, with the objective to implement the conditions for the establishment of a future Mediterranean Energy Community, based on a bottom-up approach.

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### **Free Zone Trade Centre - Jénin and Gilboa**

Creation of a free zone for agricultural products and food. Israel and Palestine.

Contact : Gilboa Region / Mayor de Jénin

### **EAMGM – Euro - Arab Mashreq Gas Market Project**

The project supports the development of an integrated gas market between four countries (Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria), in order to create a regional gas market and as a step towards integrating with the EU gas market.

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### **Maghreb entrepreneurs & Tuensa**

Acim (Agency for entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean) is involved in the development of skills and know-how structures to help in the creation and development of businesses: training, study visits, internships, board-expertise and field support. Nearly 100 players entrepreneurship are trained each year in Tunisia and Morocco.

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### **Franco - Tunisian alliance for Digital Culture (AFTN)**

The objective of the Franco-Tunisian Alliance for digital culture is to develop strong Franco-Tunisian partnerships that will participate in international tenders.

Partners: Get IT, INFOTICA, accept, TACT, connect IT MINCOM, CEPEX, the French Foreign Ministry, the Inter-ministerial Delegation for the Mediterranean (DiMed) ADETEF Ubifrance DGCIS, MEDEF International, the Embassy of France in Tunisia, Cap Digital, Syntec Numérique, and Systematic.

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### **5+5 Defense Initiative**

5+5 Defense Initiative is a pragmatic and non-institutional approach to defense and security issues, it is a privileged instrument of cooperation (40 activities planned for the year 2014). Countries: Algeria, Tunisia, France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Malta. Main projects :

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- Maritime Surveillance – LV Séguier [remi.seguier@intradef.gouv.fr](mailto:remi.seguier@intradef.gouv.fr)

### **Antigone – Co-produced by the National Palestinian Theater and Ivry Theatre (Abdel Hakim)**

French General Consulate in Jerusalem, Chateaubriand Cultural Centre, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, TAM, Groupes des 20 théâtres en Ile-de-France. The Palestinian National Theatre is touring parts of Europe with its version of Sophocles' Antigone in Arab, subtitled in French

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### **Private sector development in the Southern Mediterranean**

Boosts the private sector in order to contribute to sustainable and inclusive growth and job creation, both regionally and sub-regionally.

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### **LOGISMED - TA**

The project aims at increasing the national education offer and improving the level of qualifications of logistics platforms' operators and managers in view of generating valuable and skilled human resources to operate the platforms.

Partenaires : UpM-BEI – European Union-Partenariat de Deauville – Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt

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**MEDIakitab**

Launched in 2009, by COBIAC and Zinc ECM, the project aims at developing a Euro -Mediterranean platform for books and multimedia. Partners : COBIAC and Zinc ECM. Supported by Euromed Jeunesse en Action, Seydoux Foundation, Marseille and PACA Region (Cités Unies France).

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**Pèlerinage en décalage**

Pèlerinage en décalage est une invitation à se plonger, le temps d'un festival, au cœur d'une nébuleuse de microcosmes qui composent les sociétés israéliennes et palestiniennes.

Pays concernés : France, Israël, Palestine

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**Surfing 4 Peace**

Surfers Community based at Tel -Aviv, Surfing 4 Peace aims at organising projects based on 'beach culture', using inter - cultural dialogue and surfing.

Countries concerned : Cyprus, Malta, Greece, Italia, France, Spain, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Turkey.

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**Mediterranean Animal Health Networks (REMESA)**

Since 2009, REMESA aims at prevent and fight against cross - border animal diseases in 13 Mediterranean countries by harmonizing monitoring measures.

Partners : FAO, OIE

Concerned countries : Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Spain, France, Greece, Italia, Libya, Malta, Morocco, Mauritania, Portugal, Tunisia.

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**VTS/VTMIS to improve maritime security in Occidental Mediterranean Sea**

This project is part of the 5+5 Initiative.

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