



UNIMED

Mediterranean Universities Union

UNIMED Seminar
“Mobility in the Mediterranean area: from Erasmus
Mundus to Erasmus+”

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Nicosia, Cyprus

“Build a new mobility scheme for Mediterranean
youth: the ENPI Med Mobil project”

UNIMED Foundation & offices



1991: Establishment of the Mediterranean Universities Union, formed of 24 Universities.

2014: Network of 90 Universities of 23 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Head Office: Palazzo Baleani, Rome, Italy

Regional Offices:

An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestine

University of Salento, Lecce, Italy

Opening Soon: Cairo and Algiers

Associated Universities countries



ALBANIA – ALGERIA – CYPRUS – CROATIA – EGYPT- UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES - FINLAND- FRANCE – JORDAN - GREECE – ISRAEL- ITALY
– LEBANON – MOROCCO – MONTENEGRO – PALESTINE – PORTUGAL
– SYRIA – SLOVENIA – SPAIN – SWITZERLAND– TUNISIA - TURKEY

UNIMED main objective



UNIMED aims at promoting,
in a multidisciplinary perspective,
interuniversity research and education...

...in order to contribute to the integration process
between the two Mediterranean shores.

UNIMED carries out the following activities in favour of its members



- ✦ Promotion of the international dimension of universities;
- ✦ Planning and fund raising activity;
- ✦ Promotion of mobility in the Euro-Mediterranean region, for students, researchers and academic staff;
- ✦ Organization of meetings, discussions, seminars and round tables both at a national and international level;
- ✦ Training for academic and administrative staff of Universities, particularly for the personnel of International Relations Offices.



UNIMED current projects

- ✦ FP7-INCO-2012-2: MOBILISE— MOrocco and the EU: strengthening Bilateral Links in Innovation and Science for Economy
- ✦ FP7-INCO-2012-1, INCO-NET MEDSPRING Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research & INnovation Gateway (Regional Project). Lead by the IAM of Bari
- ✦ FP7-SST- 2012: 3iBS The Intelligent, Innovative, Integrated Bus Systems – lead by UITP - International Association for Public Transport
- ✦ FP7-SST-2013: Viajeo-Plus International Coordination for implementation of innovative and efficient urban mobility solutions lead by ERTICO-ITS EUROPE
- ✦ Agreement with Aerospace Technology District (DTA) of Brindisi on Material Technology analysis in Southern Mediterranean countries

UNIMED current projects



- ✦ TEMPUS: PRO-GREEN: Joint/Dual Professional Graduate Diploma and Professional Degree in Green Technologies (Lebanon and Egypt) – Lead By the American University of Beirut
- ✦ TEMPUS: INFOBC: L'INNOVATION DANS LA FORMATION POUR LES BIENS CULTURELS : un nouveau curriculum euro-méditerranéen pour la préservation de biens culturels – Lead by the University of Urbino (Italy)
- ✦ TEMPUS: eMEDia : a bottom-up approach for the design and pilot of a joint Master Course in Cross-Media Journalism – (Tunisia) – Lead by UNIMED
- ✦ LLP –2013 – PRIDE: Professionals in Doctoral Education: Supporting skills development to better contribute to an European knowledge society – lead by the University of Vienna
- ✦ ENPI 2013 – FOP : Future of the past (Lebanon, Palestine) – lead by the Italian Geographical Society

UNIMED current projects on Mobility issues



- ✦ Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – Project WELCOME - Lead Partner Politecnico of Turin)
- ✦ Erasmus Mundus Action 3 – Linking Med Gulf - Synergies and innovation linking the MENA region, the Gulf and Europe in Higher Education – lead by the University of Barcelona
- ✦ Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – PHOENIX - Europe - (Palestine, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon) Intercultural Exchange For Internationalization: Research management, student employability and Academic Excellence – lead by the University of Almeria
- ✦ Erasmus Mundus Action 2 – HERMES: Development of a Higher Education and Research Area between Europe and the Middle East - Strand 1 - Lot 2 (Jordan, Lebanon, Occupied Palestinian territory, Syria) – lead by the University of Aix Marseille
- ✦ ENPI 2013– MEDMOBIL : Supportive international approach to increase and improve the mobility and exchange (Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan) – lead by the Chamber of Commerce of Seville

Focus on MED-MOBIL project - I



Med-Mobil: “Supportive international approach to increase and improve the mobility and exchange”

approved under ENPI CBC MED programme
(financed by the European Union)

Coordinator: Chamber of Commerce of Seville

Location: Egypt, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Territories,
Spain.

Euro & MED area ENPI CBC MED

Focus on MED-MOBIL project - II



MED-MOBIL counts with 7 partners from 7 different Mediterranean countries.

1. Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville (Spain)
2. UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union (Italy, international Association)
3. University College of Applied Sciences – UCAS (Palestinian Authority)
4. Jordan University of Science and Technology – JUST (Jordan)
5. National Research Center – NRC (Egypt)
6. Hermel Union of Municipalities – Planning and Development Agency (Lebanon)
7. Knowledge and Innovation Consultants – KINNO (Greece)

The project will not only envisage the participation of young people as final beneficiaries in the Pilot actions, but also an effort will be made to involve less advantaged groups, such as young women and ethnic minorities.



Focus on MED-MOBIL project - III

General objective

Contribute to a sustainable and harmonious cooperation process and promote dialogue in the Mediterranean Sea Basin by outlining, testing and supporting a multistakeholders Mediterranean mobility framework that would facilitate educational, cultural and economic exchange as well as social cohesion.

Specific objective

Create a framework of cooperation to support future regulations and improve and consolidate programmes and initiatives aiming to facilitate the exchange of students, professionals and young entrepreneurs in the Mediterranean, making it capable to compare with other geographical areas.

Focus on MED-MOBIL project - IV



The project intends to create a framework of cooperation aiming to facilitate the exchange of students, professionals and young entrepreneurs in the Mediterranean area by supporting future regulations and improving and consolidating existing programmes and initiatives.

The main expected results of MED-MOBIL are the following:

- Identification of transferable mobility programmes to be widely implemented in the Mediterranean, following successful existing models in the EU, such as the Lifelong Learning Programme (Leonardo and Erasmus).
- Setting specialized **MED Mobility** offices in Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestinian Territories for the organization of mobility programmes, especially focused on those territories with further needs to widely disseminate these activities.

Focus on MED-MOBIL project - V



- A Capacity Building opportunity for Mobility Experts, in which countries, regions or Institutions with a large experience in these actions will support the least developed, enhancing mutual cooperation.
- Organization of pilot programmes involving up to 192 students, researchers, professionals, unemployed people and young entrepreneurs in pilot mobility actions.
- Establishment of 2 partnership programs among the 7 partners which guarantee cooperation and increase capacities for direct beneficiaries and other stakeholders involved

UNIMED is partner of the LLP PRIDE project



Lifelong Learning Programme Project PRIDE: Professionals in Doctoral Education.
Supporting skills development to better contribute to an European knowledge society
whose coordinator is the University of Vienna.

The project of three year lasting, has just started on October 2013 and aims at elaborating
an alternative approach to administration in the area of doctoral education.

The PRIDE project brings together a consortium with the aim of collaborating on providing
tools to professionalize administrative staff in the area of doctoral education. In the project,
the professionalization of administrative staff is characterized by:

- *an increase in formal status of administrative positions,*
- *an increase in the requirements for formal qualification and training to hold specific administrative positions,*
- *the growth and formalization of networks.*

PRIDE website: <http://www.pride-project.eu/Home>

UNIMED and the Erasmus+ programme - I



UNIMED is engaged on promoting and strengthening Euro-Mediterranean mobility not only on projects level but also on political and institutional level.

UNIMED supported the online petition launched in 2011 aimed to solicit the European Commission to the definition of the part of the programme dedicated to the Mediterranean region.

- On January 10th 2012 in the European Parliament in Brussels, during the Conference “Pour des programmes Erasmus et Leonardo da Vinci Euromed”, UNIMED delivered the European Commissioner Ms. Androulla Vassiliou, around 5.000 signatures collected during the petition for the adoption of a Euro-Mediterranean Erasmus and Leonardo da Vinci programmes.

UNIMED and the Erasmus+ programme - II



Barcelona, October 2, 2012: UNIMED conference on “International cooperation in the Mediterranean Area – EU programs from 2014-2020 – Unimed Network meets the European Commission: Dialogue on the new international cooperation framework

Rome, April 22-23, 2013: UNIMED Conference "Erasmus for the Mediterranean" titled "Mobility of Students and Researchers as key factor of Internationalization of HE Institutions."

UNIMED Appeal to the European Commission for a Mediterranean Erasmus+ programme



UNIMED has recently launched an appeal addressed to the European Commission to pressure it in order that the international dimension of Erasmus+ programme could be adapted as soon as possible.

The appeal with all the signatures has been sent to:

- the President of the European Union,
- the President of the European Parliament,
- the Commissioner of the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission, - the Commissioner of the DG Development and Cooperation,
- the Commissioner of the European External Action Service (EEAS),
- the Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean,
- the Vice President of the EIB.



UNIMED activities for 2014

UNIMED will continue to promote the international dimension of the Erasmus+ programme through lobby activities towards the European Parliament and by organizing the following events:

- UNIMED conference on « Neighbourhood Policy and the Mediterranean Youth. The key role of the Training and Mobility » - Rome – 30 September 2014 in collaboration with the French Embassy in Rome.
- UNIMED General Assembly – Cairo or Rome – 17-18 November 2014



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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