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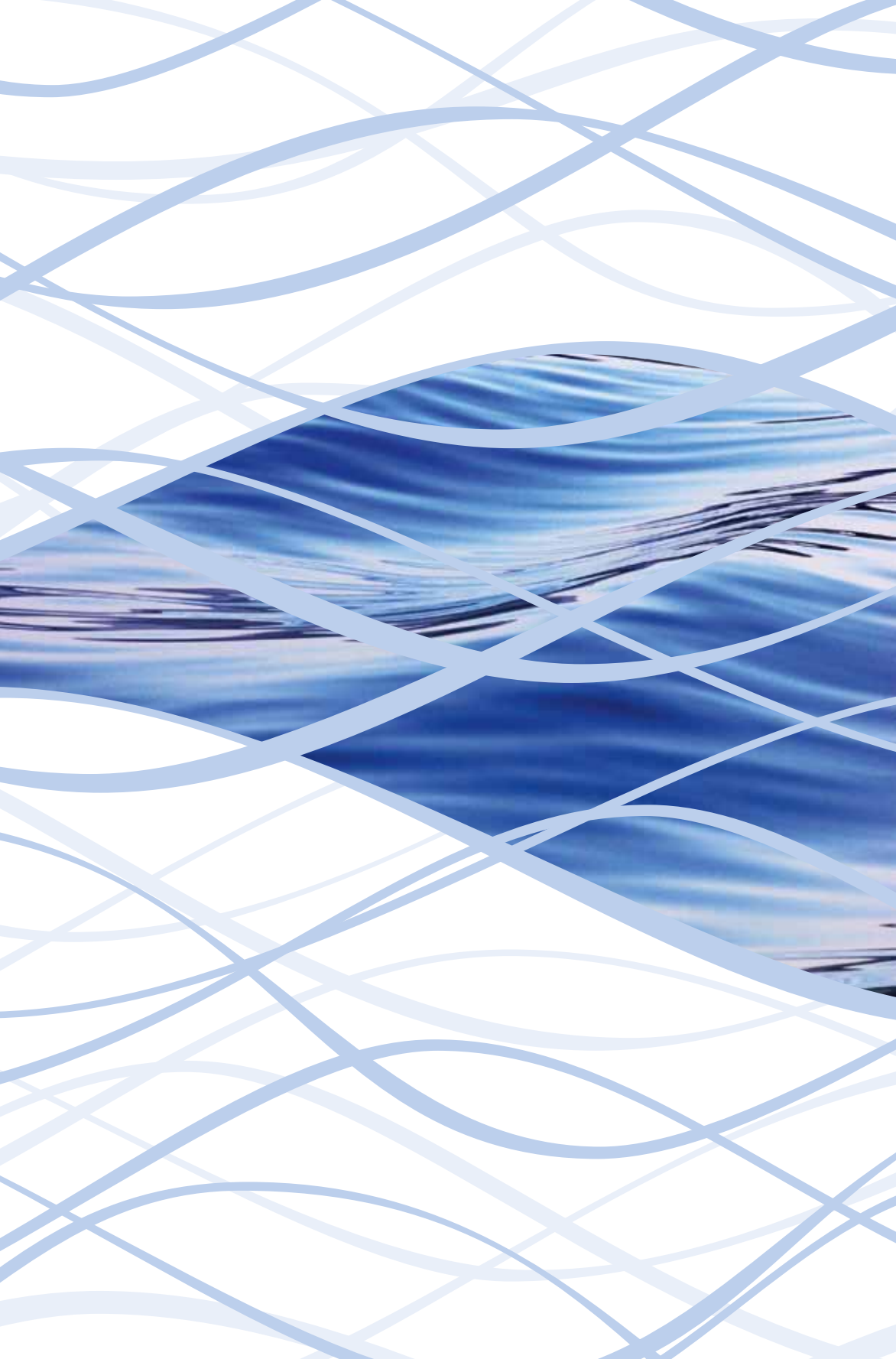
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1.

INTRODUCTION

With the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean University on 9 June 2008 an important step was made towards creating a unified, integrated Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education, Science and Research Area. EMUNI was established to advance co-operation in higher education, following up the objectives of the Catania Process (2005) and the first Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research (Cairo, June 2007).

Through a co-operation network of 115 institutions from 32 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region, the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI University) with co-founding institutions provides study, research and training programmes, organises conferences, seminars and several other activities.

The partnership of co-founding institutions is further enhanced through academic and other activities of EMUNI that are carried out at different academic sites in other countries.

EMUNI is based on the mobility of knowledge and acts as the promoter of co-operation in the Higher Education with its role of a coordinator and facilitator of joint academic and research activities. It involves universities, higher education, research and other institutions from all Euro-Mediterranean countries, which gives it a unique character. Its main objective is to facilitate and enhance the mobility of staff and students in co-operation with the co-founding institutions. EMUNI provides postgraduate and doctoral study programmes, focusing on the priority areas of the Union for the Mediterranean and other areas, such as Human Rights and Migrations, Euro-Mediterranean Studies, Gender Issues, Development Studies, Water Management, Performing Arts and Regional Integrations.

The General Assembly of EMUNI, consisting of co-founding institutions adopted the statute and elected the bodies of EMUNI on 26 November 2008 in Barcelona, Spain. The next General Assembly will be held in November 2009 in Sousse, Tunisia.



To start the running of the University the Slovenian Government established the Center EMUNI (October, 2007) to act as the secretariat of the EMUNI University. The EMUNI Foundation facilitates the obtaining of financial resources for the university.

The activities in the Academic Year 2008/2009 included three pilot Master study programmes in the areas of Energy and Sustainable Development, European Mediterranean Cultures and Policies, and Euro-Mediterranean Culture and Tourism; the second Euro-Mediterranean Summer School held at 7 locations in 4 countries; the organization or co-organisation of 10 international conferences and a Doctoral Research Seminar on the De-Pollution of the Mediterranean Basin.





2.

ABOUT THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

It took 13 years from the first idea of a Euro-Mediterranean University relating to the goals of the Barcelona Declaration (1995) to the actual inauguration under the Slovenian Presidency of the EU Council (2008). In its initial year of operation, EMUNI, with a seat in Portorož, Slovenia, elected its constitutive bodies and implemented a variety of activities in relation to Euro-Mediterranean topics.

The main objectives of the University, specified in the Foundation Charter of the Euro-Mediterranean University are:

- ▶ to develop academic and professional human resources in the region, as well as to generate scientific and scholarly knowledge and information, and thus contribute to the attaining of the main goals of the Barcelona Process, with special regard to the creation of a common higher education and research area in line with the developments of the Bologna Process, the Catania Declaration and the Cairo Declaration,
- ▶ to support and strengthen the existing co-operation networks among universities and institutes in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Countries by promoting and organizing joint study and research programmes,
- ▶ to contribute, through its activities in the field of higher education and research, to the enhancement of intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region and to the strengthening of the Barcelona Process.

In order to secure the success of the EMUNI project and ensure a safe beginning of operation, financial support was assured by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, the European Commission and the EMUNI Foundation, established to obtain the financial resources for the university. Several Slovenian and foreign donor contributions for the EMUNI Foundation were used for the implementation of the first postgraduate programmes and support of other EMUNI projects.



2.1. The evolution and establishment of EMUNI

2.1.1. Declarations leading to the inauguration

The idea about the Euro-Mediterranean University - EMUNI University is closely connected to the Barcelona Declaration (1995), which defined the integration of the Euro-Mediterranean area, as well as recognised the importance of encouraging contacts and exchanges between young people. Following the Barcelona Declaration, the idea of a Euro-Mediterranean University gained wide political support from EUROMED governments and parliamentary assemblies, including the Tarragona, Alexandria and Cairo Declaration.

The meeting of rectors and university representatives in the frame of the Mediterranean University Forum in Tarragona (2005) played a decisive role in the process of establishment, as it stressed the importance of an integrated Higher-Education space in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

The Slovenian initiative to set up a Euro-Mediterranean University was also warmly welcomed in Alexandria (2007), whereas the First Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research, held in Cairo in June 2007, stressed the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean University through a co-operation network of existing universities with its seat in Slovenia as an important step forward.

Also EMUNI's role in the Union for the Mediterranean is of enormous importance, as the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean in 2008 defined EMUNI among the six major regional projects of the Union for the Mediterranean.

The crucial year for the establishment of EMUNI was the year 2008, when the Republic of Slovenia took over the EU Council Presidency. Slovenia has been well aware of a social significance of the EMUNI project. In 2006 the government formed a project team on the initiative of Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha, which was composed of the following members: Dr. Dušan Lesjak, Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha, Dr. Romana Jordan Cizelj, Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, Prof. Dr. Lucija Čok, Romana Kofler, Mag. Eda Okretič Salmič, Mag. Mitja Grbec, Prof. Dr. Miha Pogačnik, Dr. Martina Skok and Dr. Andrej Rahten. The project group reviewed options for establishing an international higher education institution with its seat in Slovenia from a legal and contextual perspective, which has since worked on numerous activities in close co-operation with the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology.

2.1.2. Inauguration of the University

As a tangible contribution to the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue and the Euro-Mediterranean Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008, EMUNI was established on 9 June 2008 at the inauguration ceremony in Portorož, Slovenia, which became the seat of the university. With the inauguration of the university at the Slovenian coast Portorož became a place where all countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership came together to welcome one of the crucial projects of the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue.

A formal inauguration ceremony was held in Portorož-Piran under the auspices of the then Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia and the President of the European Council, Mr Janez Janša. The formal opening addresses were also delivered by Mr Amr Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Mr Hans-Gert Pötering, President of the European Parliament and Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission, who in their speeches stressed the importance of the new-established university. In the following pages, we remembered some thoughts from their address speeches:



Mr Janez Janša, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia:

"Plato taught that "Education is the art of making man ethical; it is not a business or a pragmatic exercise of rhetoric." Considering the profound truth of Plato's thought, it becomes clear where the key to the future of the Mediterranean area a future of perfect peace, tolerance and mutual co-operation

lies: in educating young people and making them ethical beings who are open to the world and regard intercultural dialogue as an important human value. This will also be a fundamental added value for the new university. And each individual working or teaching at this institution will be an ambassador of a special kind for intercultural dialogue."



Mr Amr Moussa, Secretary-General of the League of Arab States:

"This university can play an essential role in studying and recommending common Mediterranean approaches to overcome challenges which constitute a serious threat to our societies, our people, as to regional and international relations. [...] The university should manifest itself as a melting pot of different

cultures joining efforts to achieve common goals and to ensure a secure and a healthier Mediterranean space for all its inhabitants."



Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering, former President of the European Parliament:

"Young people are the future of the European Union and of the Mediterranean region. What better way to increase the understanding of each other's cultures than to bring together young people from both sides of the Mediterranean through study programmes specifically aimed at increasing their knowledge and mutual understanding? [...] Dialogue can act as a bridge, a bridge towards peace, a bridge over the Mediterranean, linking states, peoples and human beings. If we can come to respect and appreciate the authentic dignity of each and every human person – and find a way to live and work together – this may help resolve some of the most difficult problems facing us. What better way to start than by encouraging and making it possible for future generations to come together to study in this beautiful location and to work on this process?"



Mr José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission:

"Someone once said that the purpose of education was to replace an empty mind with an open one. So I can think of no better way of strengthening the EuroMed partnership and Dialogue than by bringing peoples together in academia: the ultimate place for an open-minded exchange of ideas and the pursuit of understanding."

2.1.3. Further steps to the legal establishment

An important milestone in the development of EMUNI was 13 July 2008, the date when the Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean was adopted, specifying EMUNI as one of the Priority Areas of the Union for the Mediterranean.

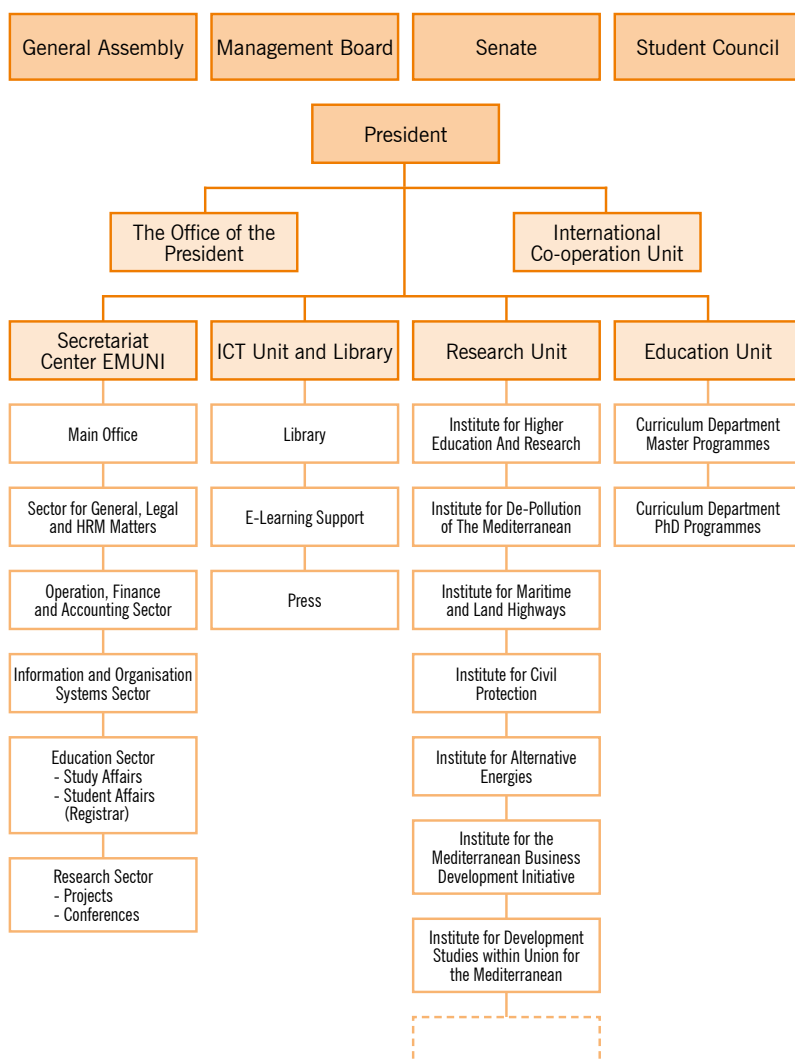
The EMUNI project also gained strong academic support. By signing Letters of co-operation, educational and research institutions from the Euro-Mediterranean region expressed their interest to collaborate on the EMUNI project. Since June 2008, EMUNI partners have been signing the Foundation Charter, thus declaring to be an EMUNI co-founder. Until November 2008 the Charter had been signed by 115 institutions from 32 countries. More than 30 new members are expected to join at the General Assembly in 2009.

The first EMUNI General Assembly was summoned on 26 November 2008 in Barcelona, where the founding members adopted the university statute and elected the bodies of the university. The official date of the establishment of EMUNI is 13 February 2009, when EMUNI was officially registered as a legal entity.

The first EMUNI study programme was accredited by the Council of Higher Education in June 2009, while on 17 July EMUNI entered into the Register of Higher Education Institutions of the Republic of Slovenia, which was also fulfilment of the criteria for obtaining the ERASMUS University Charter.

2.2. Organisation of EMUNI

2.2.1. Organisation structure



The organisational structure of the EMUNI University is comparable to other international universities and in accordance with the Legislation of the Republic of Slovenia.

In order to start the running of operation of the university, Center EMUNI and EMUNI Foundation were established.

Center EMUNI was established in October 2007 by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia as a public institution to act as a secretariat of the EMUNI University and to perform organizational, administrative and expert tasks.

The Euro-Mediterranean University Foundation (EMUNI Foundation) was founded by the Center EMUNI as a private institution on 5 August 2008. Its primary goal is to obtain financial resources for the operation of the EMUNI University.

2.2.2. EMUNI Bodies

The organisation structure of EMUNI is composed of the following bodies: the President of the University, the Senate, the Management Board, the General Assembly and the Student Council.

The **President of the EMUNI University** is since 26 November 2008 Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud.

The **General Assembly** was formed by the signatories of the Foundation Charter of EMUNI University that confirmed their legal entity and their right to establish a new legal entity. The constitutive session of the General Assembly was held in Barcelona on 26 November 2008 and was constituted by 115 members from 32 countries. They are listed in the Appendix C. The next General Assembly will take place on 25 November 2009 in Tunisia, where presumably more than 30 new members will be accepted. A detailed list can be found in the Appendix D.

The Senate is composed of 25 members. EMUNI Senate members are (as of October 2009):

Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, Malta/Slovenia - President
Prof. Dr. Albert Marouani, France
Prof. Dr. Alejandro del Valle Galvez, Spain
Prof. Dr. Anasse Bouhlal, Finland
Prof. Dr. Antoine Hokayem, Lebanon
Prof. Dr. Elpida Keravnou-Papailiou, Cyprus
Prof. Dr. Giuseppe Giliberti, Italy
Prof. Dr. Hind M. M. Hanafy, Egypt
Prof. Dr. Jilani Lamloumi, Tunisia
Prof. Dr. Labib M. M. Arafah, Palestinian Authority
Prof. Dr. Maria Amélia Martins-Loução, Portugal
Prof. Dr. Maurits Van Rooijen, Spain

Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko, Slovenia
 Prof. Dr. Mohamed Salah Zerouala, Algeria
 Prof. Dr. Mohammed Dahbi, Morocco
 Prof. Dr. Panagiotis Grigoriou, Greece
 Prof. Dr. Rolf Friedrich Krause, Hungary
 Prof. Dr. Ugur Erdener, Turkey
 Prof. Dr. Yossi Ben-Artzi, Israel
 Representative of University Students (5).

The constitutive session of the Senate was held on 27 and 28 February 2009 in Palermo and Catania, Italy. The second session took place on 26 and 27 June 2009 in Slovenia. The Senate plays an important role in EMUNI University – it is the body responsible for study programme activities. Through its commissions, the Senate is active the whole year, mostly using the services of the EMUNI e-space. At the two Senate sessions the first study programmes were adopted. The next Senate session will take place on 24 November 2009 in Sousse, Tunisia.

The Management Board has 11 members. Management Board members are (as of October 2009):

Prof. Dr. Maurits Van Rooijen, Spain - Vice-Chairperson
 Prof. Dr. Anasse Bouhlal, Finland
 Prof. Dr. Francesco Paolo La Mantia, Italy
 Prof. Dr. Hassan Nadir Kheirallah, Egypt
 Prof. Dr. Ivan Rozman, Slovenia
 Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, Slovenia
 Prof. Dr. Ugur Erdener, Turkey
 Representative of EMUNI Foundation
 Representative of University Employees (2)
 Representative of University Students.

The constitutive session of the Management Board was held on 26 November 2009 in Barcelona, Spain. The Management Board held another 5 sessions. The next Management Board session will take place on 24 November 2009 in Sousse, Tunisia. The Management Board is a university management body, which, among other tasks, adopted the Work Programme with the financial plan for 2009.

The Student Council of EMUNI University will be constituted in the academic year 2009/10.

Sessions of EMUNI Bodies 2009/2010

- ▶ 24–25 November 2009, Sousse, Tunisia: Management Board, Senate, General Assembly, Student Council
- ▶ 26–27 February 2010, Slovenia: Management Board, Senate
- ▶ 11–12 June 2010, Alexandria, Egypt: Management Board, Senate
- ▶ 26–27 November 2010, Ankara, Turkey: Management Board, Senate, General Assembly, Student Council

2.3. Operation of EMUNI

EMUNI University operates as an international university, implementing different types of activities and thus attracting students, researchers and teaching staff with different profiles and interests. EMUNI activities involve:

- ▶ teaching / implementing master and doctoral study programmes,
- ▶ lifelong learning programmes, summer schools, organising different seminars and courses,
- ▶ research activities, organising Doctoral Research Seminars, projects,
- ▶ organization of conferences,
- ▶ issuing different publications.

EMUNI welcomes the initiatives for co-operation of all interested institutions, therefore it publishes open calls to involve as many institutions as possible to its activities. Thus all EMUNI members can co-operate in formulating the programme of the university.

Thematically EMUNI focuses on the Priority Areas of the Union for the Mediterranean, as well as on other areas that are currently of focal interest of the international community. The priority thematic areas of University are:

- ▶ Maritime and Land Highways,
- ▶ Civil Protection,
- ▶ Use of Alternative Energies,
- ▶ Higher-Education and Research,
- ▶ Business Development and Economic Studies,
- ▶ Maritime Issues,
- ▶ Culture and Tourism,
- ▶ Human Rights and Migration,
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean Studies,
- ▶ Gender Issues,
- ▶ Development Studies,
- ▶ Water Management,
- ▶ Performing Arts and
- ▶ Regional Integration.

The operation of the EMUNI University and the implementation of the planned activities of the EMUNI University in 2009 are being financed from the:

- ▶ Budget of the Republic of Slovenia in the amount of 800.000,00 EUR for the establishment and the start of the operation of the EMUNI University. The Recipient of the funds is the Secretariat of the EMUNI University, a public institution which performs professional, operational and administrative tasks and activities for the EMUNI University in the fields of business operation (general affairs, financial matters, legal matters and ICT support) and in implemented University programs and projects;
- ▶ EMUNI Foundation in the amount of 383.960,00 EUR for the planned projects and programmes – EMUNI ReS, Summer School 2009, Implementation of study programmes 2009/2010, implementation of "EMUNI label" programmes, some operational costs of EMUNI University;

- ▶ European Commission in the amount of 1.000.000,00 EUR in 3 years for the development of study programmes and planned projects for the period 2010 – 2012.
- ▶ Tuition fees;
- ▶ Other sources from the applied projects.

2.4. International dimension of EMUNI

Apart of active involvement and co-operation at the academic level, EMUNI co-operates with many international institutions and is active in political bodies of the Euro-Mediterranean Area. EMUNI cooperates with Higher Education Institutions, Research Institutions, Higher Education, Research Networks and other associations. EMUNI also signed agreements and memorandums with international institutions, which are active in the Euro-Mediterranean Region or follow similar goals as EMUNI.

2.4.1. Co-operation with international institutions

United Nation Alliance of Civilizations

- ▶ EMUNI and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations signed a co-operation agreement on 19 December 2008, confirming common efforts aimed at strengthening intercultural dialogue, particularly in the fields of education and research. EMUNI University will operate in the framework of the Alliance of Civilizations primarily by organising conferences, lectures, seminars, and by supporting research work. The first project that the institutions worked on was an event, organised on the first anniversary of EMUNI – a student research conference Res Souk. The Anna Lindh, the European Training Foundation and the UN Alliance of Civilizations co-operated in the project as partners.
- ▶ EMUNI is also involved in the AoC Research Network, launched at the AoC Forum in April 2009, as one of the members of the network.
- ▶ The plans for the co-operation in 2009/2010 involve co-operation in the organization of the conference "Peace, stability and prosperity in the Euro-Mediterranean Region" in Ljubljana and at EMUNI Research Souk 2010.

The Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures

- ▶ The Agreement on Co-operation with EMUNI was signed in Istanbul on 6 April 2009.
- ▶ The organisations agreed, among other, to work together to develop innovative approaches to promote intercultural dialogue through the research and scientific co-operation activities; to promote innovative research in the field of intercultural relations and disseminate to the wider Euro-Mediterranean community the results of these programmes and to mobilize and coordinate the action of their member institutions for joint initiatives in the frame of the programming orientation of the two institutions.
- ▶ The first project that the institutions worked on was a student research conference Res Souk. EMUNI also co-operated in developing an ALF database

of expertise and good practices in organization of events and issuing publications and regularly applies to ALF calls.

The short-term plans for the future include the following:

- ▶ co-organisation of the second Res Souk 2010, which will be held in Alexandria, Egypt on 14 June 2010;
- ▶ co-operation in preparing one of the workshops at the Anna Lindh Forum 2010 that will take place in Barcelona from 4 to 7 March 2010;
- ▶ collaboration in developing an academic programme and training courses in the fields of Culture, Media or Civil Administration.

CREMO - Center of Studies and Research for East Mediterranean

The Memorandum of Understanding between EMUNI and CREMO was signed on 24 October 2008. Both institutions are co-operating mainly by applying to calls of the other institution and thus getting a chance for an active involvement.



EMUNI also co-operates with other institutions and associations, operating in the Euro-Mediterranean: the European Training Foundation, the Association of Mathematicians, Physicists and Astronomers of Koper, the South-East Center for Entrepreneurship Learning (SEECEL), the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM), the Center for Higher Education Policy Studies (CHEPS) and the International Association of Universities (IAU). EMUNI is interested to sign Memorandums of Understanding or other kinds of Agreements on Co-operation also with other interested institutions.

2.4.2. Political engagement

On the political level, EMUNI takes part in various bodies on the parliamentary tracks of the Euro-Mediterranean, such as the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA) and Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

The President of EMUNI University and the Director of EMUNI Foundation took part in the session of the Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly that was held in Cairo on 6 March 2009. At the session of the Culture Committee in the frame of the EMPA General Assembly on 14 March in Brussels, Mr Vasja Klavara reported about the progress on EMUNI and its activities.

Between 23 – 24 October 2009 Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Katja Kustec, EMUNI Foundation, participated in the 4th plenary session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean in Istanbul.

In September 2009 the university was presented at the SOM Meeting in Brussels. The university has co-operation also with the European Parliament and the European Commission.

2.4.3. Representation meetings

With an aim of promotion and increase of visibility and co-operation with the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area, EMUNI has also organised several meetings at ministries, embassies and other significant international organisations. They also included meetings on the ministerial level and with heads of diplomatic missions, which were attended by representatives of EMUNI University, Center EMUNI and EMUNI Foundation. On 14 July 2009 EMUNI representatives also met with **HE Dr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia**. Other meetings on the ministerial level and with heads of diplomatic missions that have already taken place are listed below:



- ▶ 15. 12. 2008: Meeting with **Mr Gregor Golobič, the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia**,



- ▶ 29. 1. 2009: Meeting with Mr Robert Monro, the Director of British Council in Slovenia,
- ▶ 28. 1. 2009: Meeting with HE Fawzi Abdulaziz Al-Jasem, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Slovenia,
- ▶ 11. 2. 2009: Meeting with Ms Nataša Goršek Mencin, the Head of European Parliament Information Office in Slovenia,

- ▶ 11. 3. 2009: Meeting with **HE Samuel Žbogar, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia,**
- ▶ 24. 3. 2009: Meeting with Ms Mihela Zupančič, the Head of European Commission Representation to Slovenia,
- ▶ 24. 3. 2009: Meeting with HE Mr Predrag Filipov, Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Slovenia,
- ▶ 12.4. 2009: Meeting with HE Vladimir Kolmanič, Ambassador of Slovenia to Greece,
- ▶ 14. 4. 2009: Meeting with HE Dr. Hans-Joachim Goetz, Ambassador of the Republic of Germany to Slovenia,
- ▶ 15. 5. 2009, 17. 6. 2009: Meetings with HE Ahmed Farouk, the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Slovenia,
- ▶ 22. 4. 2009: Meetings with HE Carmen Fontes Muñoz, the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Kingdom of Spain,
- ▶ 13. 5. 2009: Meeting with HE Branko Baričević, the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to the European Communities,
- ▶ 9. 6. 2009, 5. 10. 2009: Meetings with HE Ayse Sezgin, the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to Slovenia,
- ▶ 7. 7. 2009: Meeting with Abid Al- Ajeeli, the Minister of Higher Education of Iraq,
- ▶ 7. 7. 2009: Meeting with Dr. Janez Šumrada, the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the French Republic,
- ▶ 8. 7. 2009: Meeting with Lazhar Bououni, the Minister of Higher Education of Tunisia,
- ▶ 8. 7. 2009: Hany Mahfouz Hilal Meeting with the Minister of Higher Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt,



- ▶ 17. 9. 2009: Meeting with HE Peter Reberc, the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Kingdom of Spain,
- ▶ 9. 6. 2009, 25. 9. 2009: Meetings with HE Anunciada Fernandez de Cordova, the Ambassador of Kingdom of Spain to the Republic of Slovenia,
- ▶ 4. 10. 2009: Meeting with HE Borut Mahnič, the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Arab Republic of Egypt,
- ▶ 10. 10. 2009: Meeting with HE Svtetlan Berković, the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia to Slovenia.



3.

EMUNI UNIVERSITY IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

In its first year of operation EMUNI worked on various projects with an aim to promote intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region and develop a solid basis for activities that could grow in traditional annual events. This chapter offers a review of the most significant activities.

In order to establish a multicultural environment, gathering students and professors from the whole Euro-Mediterranean region, the following activities are provided: postgraduate study programs (including their implementation and development); doctoral research seminars, organisation, co-organisations and active participation on conferences, discussions and similar events with an aim to increase EMUNI visibility and promote the establishment of a unified higher education area in the Euro-Mediterranean region; organization of summer schools as a combination of gaining expert knowledge, experiencing other cultures and increasing understanding among countries involved; and round-table discussions on the focal topics of interest of the international environment. In addition, EMUNI publishes different publications and promotion materials.

3.1. Postgraduate Study Programmes

3.1.1. EMUNI Label Programmes

With an aim to create a network of specialized postgraduate study programmes among universities of the Euro-Mediterranean area, EMUNI implements master study programmes in co-operation with member institutions.

Three pilot "EMUNI label" Master Study Programmes, accredited at partner EMUNI institutions and co-financed by EMUNI Foundation, were implemented in the academic year 2008/09:

- ▶ MA in European Mediterranean Cultures and Policies (International Telematic University - UNINETTUNO, Italy),
- ▶ MBA in Energy and Sustainable Development (International University in Rome, Link Campus, University of Malta) and
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean MA in Culture and Tourism (Community of Mediterranean Universities / University of Bari, Italy).



A minimum of 3 universities took part in the implementation of each programme, at least one of which came from a non-EU country of the Union for the Mediterranean. Each programme was delivered at the location of the institution that will issue a degree, part of the programme (3-week period) was delivered in Slovenia.

Short descriptions of each programme are presented below:

Name of the programme: **MA in European Mediterranean Cultures and Policies**
 University: **International Telematic University - UNINETTUNO, Italy**

Syllabus:

Name of the course/module	Nº. of ECTS
The European Union: History and Institutions	10
Freedom and Human Rights	10
Citizenships and Political Spaces	15
Euro-Mediterranean Political Interactions	15
Euro-Mediterranean International Relations	10
Total:	60

The programme involved 24 students from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey and 17 professors from Belgium, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey. The students did not attend the period in Slovenia.

Name of the programme: **MBA in Energy and Sustainable Development**
 University: **International University in Rome, Link Campus, University of Malta**

Syllabus:

Name of the course/module	Nº. of ECTS
Homogenization Module	0
Introduction to Energy and Sustainability	2
Energy Demand and Efficiency	2
Energy Supply: Fossil Fuels, Nuclear Energy	3
Energy Supply: Renewable Sources of Energy	2
Conversion, Transportation, Distribution of Energy	2
Regulation of Energy Markets	3
Management of Energy Companies and Trading	3
Issues of Environmental Protection and Climate Change	3
National and International Energy Policies	2
Energy Security, Management of Conflicts	3
Modelling the Future: Technology Options and Scenarios	3
Geopolitical Aspects: Mediterranean, Gulf and Caspian Areas	2
Euro-Mediterranean International Relations	10
Visits to Institutions, Companies, Stages and other Research Activities	5
Final dissertation	15
Total:	60

The programme involved 13 students from Azerbaijan, Italy, Ivorian Coast, Sudan and Tunisia and 47 professors from Belgium, Egypt, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Morocco, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

The period in Slovenia was attended by 11 students. During the period in Slovenia the students attended the module Euro-Mediterranean International Relations (10 ECTS) with the main aim to broaden the students' understanding of the Euro-Mediterranean region. The module was composed of 2 main units: History of Euro-Mediterranean International Relations and Euro-Mediterranean Cultural Policies.

Beside the compulsory module the students also attended a Visit of Institutions, Companies, Stages and other Research Activities (5 ECTS). In frame of this activity, the students visited six Slovenian institutions which are dealing with energy issues.

Name of the programme: **Euro-Mediterranean MA in Culture and Tourism**

University: **Community of Mediterranean Universities / University of Bari, Italy**

Syllabus:

Name of the course/module	No. of ECTS
Euro-Mediterranean International Relations	10
Rural Geography & Touristic Regions in Europe	6
Cultures and Languages Tourism Law EU Policy	12
Heritage – ICT Quality Management in Tourism Communication	8
Religions, History and Human Rights	12
Internship/stage	10
Final test	2
Total:	60

The programme involved 19 students from Albania, Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, Italy, Palestine, Serbia, Syria and 26 professors from Albania, Belgium, Egypt, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, and Tunisia.



The period in Slovenia was attended by 17 students. During the period in Slovenia the students attended the module Euro- Mediterranean International Relations (10 ECTS) with the main aim to broaden the students' understanding of Euro-Mediterranean region. The module was composed of 2 main units: History of Euro-Mediterranean International Relations and Euro-Mediterranean Cultural Policies.

Beside the compulsory module the students also attended the course Rural Geography and Touristic Regions in Europe (6 ECTS), co-organised by the University of Maribor. In the frame of this course, some study visits were organised.



"EMUNI Label" master study programmes were monitored and assessed through reports, questionnaires for professors and students, and communication with responsible institutions.

"EMUNI Label" master study programmes were an important contribution to the development of new study programmes as they were delivered in accordance with the objectives of multicultural education, quality assurance and institutional co-operation. Final report will be prepared in January 2010.

3.1.2. Preparation of new study programmes

EMUNI University can accredit new study programmes which are prepared as joint study programmes with one or more member universities. In accordance with the Higher Education Act of the Republic of Slovenia it can also accredit – notify study programmes, which are already accredited at member universities in accordance with their national legislation.

In the Academic Year 2008/2009 EMUNI University invited the member universities to submit proposals of already accredited study programmes. EMUNI received 46 proposals from 11 countries, which were considered and discussed by the Commission for Study Affairs. The commission proposed to the senate to select 14 study programmes from 7 different countries. The EMUNI Senate adopted a decision at its session dated 27. 4. 2009 on selecting the following study programmes:

- ▶ **Applied Geological Sciences for Building and Land Management**, Master programme, duration: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *University of Urbino "Carlo Bo" (Italy)*.
- ▶ **Criminal Justice and Security Studies**, Doctoral programme, duration: 3 years, 180 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *University of Maribor (Slovenia)*.
- ▶ **Droit de la protection de l'environnement - Territoires méditerranéens (TEMPRO)**, Master programme, duration: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *Université Paul Cézanne - Aix - Marseille 3 (France)*.

- ▶ **Environment**, Master programme, duration: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia)*.
- ▶ **Environmental Analysis and Management**, Master programme, duration: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *University of Palermo (Italy)*.
- ▶ **Environmental Sciences**, Doctoral programme, duration: 3 years, 180 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia)*.
- ▶ **Intercultural Business Communication**, Master programme, duration: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *University of Urbino Carlo Bo (Italy)*.
- ▶ **Landscape, Territory and Patrimony**, Master programme, duration: 2 years, already accredited at the *University of Sousse (Tunisia)*.
- ▶ **Marine Hydrology**, Master programme, duration: 2 years, 120 ECTS credits, already accredited at *Klaipeda University (Lithuania)*.
- ▶ **Maritime Civilizations in Light of Environmental Changes**, Master programme, duration: 3 years, already accredited at the *University of Haifa (Israel)*.
- ▶ **Masters Course in Euro-Mediterranean Policies**, Master programme, duration: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits, already accredited at the International Telematic *University UNINETTUNO (Italy)*.
- ▶ **Master in Public Management**, Speciality Euro-Mediterranean Management, Master programme, duration: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits, already accredited at the *Université Paul Cézanne - Aix - Marseille 3 (France)*.
- ▶ **Masters Course in Management**, Development and Marketing of Tourist services in the Euro-Mediterranean Areas, Master programme, duration: 1 year, 60 ECTS credits, already accredited at the International Telematic *University UNINETTUNO (Italy)*.
- ▶ **Master Program of Transportation and Highway Engineering**, Master programme, duration: 3 years, already accredited at the *Al-Najah National University (Palestine)*.

As a recommendation for implementation, a joint master study programme **Migration and Intercultural Relations**, implemented by a consortium of 6 universities, was suggested.

In June 2009, two study programmes were notified, while the others are in the procedure of notification.

In August 2009 EMUNI University invited the member institutions to submit proposals for development of new study programmes from the following fields:

- ▶ Environmental Studies,
- ▶ Maritime and Land Highways,
- ▶ Civil Protection,
- ▶ Use of Alternative Energies,
- ▶ Higher-Education and Research,
- ▶ Business Development and Economic Studies,
- ▶ Maritime Issues,
- ▶ Culture and Tourism,
- ▶ Human Rights and Migration,
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean Studies,
- ▶ Gender Issues,
- ▶ Development Studies,

- ▶ Water Management,
- ▶ Performing Arts and
- ▶ Regional Integrations.

The programmes will be selected by the EMUNI Senate in November 2009.

The aim of the development of joint study programmes is to contribute to the progression of fields, which are of interest for the Euro-Mediterranean and the establishment of co-operation between universities of the Union for the Mediterranean, which at a later stage can contribute to the increase in the mobility of students, researchers and teaching staff.

3.2. Professional School and Summer Semester

Summer schools have become a well-established way for students to obtain credit for classes to accelerate progress toward a degree or in order to lessen the load of courses during the regular academic year. Moreover, through this experience the students can gain extra knowledge on other cultures and values, get a chance to work under renowned professors and make new friends.



The main aims are to enhance the co-operation between Euro-Mediterranean universities, stimulate mobility among students and professors and contribute to the understanding among people and cultures. Implementation of the courses with ECTS value contributes to harmonisation of the Euro-Mediterranean higher education area. The Euro-Mediterranean Summer School is a place of dialogue, confrontation of views and believes on different topics of discussion and a place of formal and informal interaction during the courses as well as outside the course hours.

The call for co-organising institution was published by EMUNI in November 2008. The institutions interested to implement the EMUNI Summer 2009 had to send their proposals by 5 January 2009. EMUNI received 24 proposals from 7 countries, 15 of them were complete. On the basis of the results of the Commission for selecting the holders of promotional projects, EMUNI selected 10 proposals, 9 of them confirmed their participation.

In academic year 2008/2009 EMUNI University implemented seven postgraduate EMUNI Summer school courses, accredited at partner universities:

- ▶ Tradition and New Creativity in the Performing Arts - Italy,
- ▶ European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum - Belgium,
- ▶ European Policies and Economic Transition in the Mediterranean Basin - Italy,
- ▶ Linguistic Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean Basin - Italy,
- ▶ Local Administration and Human Development - Italy,
- ▶ Immigrants and Host Communities in Cross-cultural and Cross-linguistic Perspectives - Greece and
- ▶ Management in Higher Education - Slovenia.



The courses were delivered by the responsible institution and EMUNI. The implementation involved 101 professors from 19 countries and 216 participants from 40 countries. The experience obtained in such multicultural environment will also serve as a basis for implementation of EMUNI Summer Semester - Professional School in the academic year 2009/2010.



EMUNI Summer School 2009

N°	Name of the course	ECTS*	Responsible institution	Term of face to face tuition	Lang.	Location
1	Tradition and New Creativity in the Performing Arts	10	University of Naples "L'Orientale", Naples, Italy	8 - 20 June	EN	University of Naples "L'Orientale", Naples, Italy
2	Islamic Architecture: Modernity and Tradition**	3	Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon	15 - 26 June	EN	Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon
3	European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum	4	Odysseus Academic Network, Brussels, Belgium	29 June - 10 July	EN	Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium
4	European Policies and Economic Transition in the Mediterranean Basin	9	University of Catania, Catania, Italy	12 - 26 July	EN	University of Catania, Catania, Italy
5	Linguistic Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean Basin	9	University of Catania, Catania, Italy	12 - 26 July	EN	University of Catania, Catania, Italy
6	Local Administration and Human Development	10	University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", Urbino, Italy	13 - 23 July	FR	University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", Urbino, Italy
7	Immigrants and Host Communities in Cross-cultural and Cross-linguistic Perspectives.	8	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece	10 - 28 August	EN	Summer Camping – Aristotle University, Kalandra - Chalkidiki, Greece
8	Income Inequality and Poverty: Concepts, Measurement and International Evidence**	9	Ruppiner Academic Center, Emek Hefer, Israel	23 August - 4 September	EN	Ruppiner Academic Center, Emek Hefer, Israel
9	Management in Higher Education	9	EMUNI University, Portorož, Slovenia	16 - 30 September	EN	EMUNI University, Portorož, Slovenia

* Credit System (CS) - The courses have an ECTS credits or "comparative value of student workload" according to the national legislation (one credit corresponds to 25-30 hours of student workload).

** The courses were not implemented due to insufficient number of applicants.

The students were involved in different study and social activities, such as round tables:

- The Position of UNHCR on the Future Common European Asylum System
- The Future Stockholm Programme for Justice and Home Affairs
- The Decentralization of Administration System in the Marche Region and the New Multilateralism
- Training and Management of the Human Resources
- The Implementation of "Preventive Schools" Program in Cyprus
- The Methodology of Anthropological Research on Migration
- Music and Migration
- Inter-group Relations and Conflicts: The Standpoint of Critical Psychology
- The Mediterranean as a Political Field of European Identity Building
- Challenges in Higher Education

conferences / seminars:

- 2nd EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research (EMUNI HE&R) - Internationalisation and the Role of University Networks

- Strategic Management in Higher Education
- E-learning in Higher Education
- ▶ excursions, guided tours, visits, opening and closing ceremonies, etc.

All participants of the EMUNI Summer 2009 received the Certificate of Attendance issued by the EMUNI University. For participants who successfully completed their study obligations, the responsible institution issued the Transcript of records.

Short descriptions for each course are presented below.

**Tradition and New Creativity in the Performing Arts (10 ECTS),
University of Naples "L'Orientale", Naples, Italy**

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ Artistic Culture of the Mediterranean Area
- ▶ Palestinian Folklore
- ▶ Israeli Theatre
- ▶ Arabic Influences in Italian Literature
- ▶ Mediterranean Theatre
- ▶ Israeli Dance

The course was attended by 6 professors from Israel, Palestinian Authority and Italy and 21 participants from Israel, Palestinian Authority and Italy.

**European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum (2 ECTS),
Odysseus Academic Network, Brussels, Belgium**

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ Institutional Framework of the European Immigration and Asylum Policy
- ▶ European Visa Policy
- ▶ Implications of Human Rights for Immigration and Asylum
- ▶ Reception Conditions for Asylum Seekers
- ▶ The European Definition of the Concepts of Refugee and Subsidiary Protection
- ▶ Free Movement of European Citizens
- ▶ Asylum Procedures

The course was attended by 23 professors from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Latvia, Portugal, Spain, Swiss, Tunisia, The Netherlands and the UK and 108 participants from Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Morocco, Norway, The Netherlands, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Suisse, Switzerland, Syria, Uruguay, the UK, the USA.

**European Policies and Economic Transition in the Mediterranean Basin
(9 ECTS), University of Catania, Catania, Italy**

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ EU Foreign Policy and the Mediterranean
- ▶ EU Turkey Relations
- ▶ Turkey and its Neighbours

- ▶ Democratic Blocked Transitions in the Mediterranean
- ▶ Political Islam in the Mediterranean: a Historical Approach
- ▶ EU Immigration Policy and the Mediterranean
- ▶ Urban Settlement in the History of European Policies for Mediterranean
- ▶ The Euro Mediterranean Partnership and the Barcelona Process
- ▶ The Benefits of Economic Political and Cultural Integration

The course was attended by 9 professors from Latvia, Italy, Tunisia and Turkey and 17 participants from Greece, Italy, Lebanon, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Spain and Turkey.

Linguistic Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean Basin (9 ECTS), University of Catania, Catania, Italy

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ The Euro-Mediterranean Area of Co-operation
- ▶ A Journey: an Intercultural Experience
- ▶ Languages and Cultures in Contact in the Mediterranean Area
- ▶ Globalization: a Humanistic Approach
- ▶ Migration: Identity, Solidarity and Social Justice in the Mediterranean
- ▶ Anthropology in the Mediterranean
- ▶ The Attitude of the European Union
- ▶ Intercultural Dialogue: Legal Issues in the Euro-Mediterranean Context

The course was attended by 9 professors from Belgium and Italy and 8 participants from Greece, Italy, Romania, Serbia and the Netherlands.

Local Administration and Human Development (10 ECTS), University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", Urbino, Italy

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ Administrative Decentralization
- ▶ Planning, Management and Governance of Social and Environmental Services
- ▶ Economic Territorial Development
- ▶ Services and Policies for the Promotion of Women and the Equal Opportunities
- ▶ Training and Management of Human Resources
- ▶ International Relations and Territorial Co-operation
- ▶ Job Shadowing Experience
- ▶ The Reforms of Local Administrative System in the Mediterranean Area
- ▶ Cultural Heritage and Environment: the Management of the Touristic Destinations
- ▶ Laboratory on Experiences and Policies for Promoting Women in the Governance and the Territorial Development
- ▶ Study visits (Municipality of Urbania, SVIM Marche, Social Services Office of Urbania, Recycling Centre of Urbania)

The course was attended by 24 professors from Canada, Greece, Italy and Spain and 28 participants from Morocco, Lebanon and Tunisia.

Immigrants and Host Communities in Cross-cultural and Cross-linguistic Perspectives (8 ECTS), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ Local and European Immigration Law
- ▶ Anthropology and the Study of Migration
- ▶ Immigration and Sex Crimes
- ▶ Music and Immigration
- ▶ Human Trafficking
- ▶ Preventing School
- ▶ The Stereotype of Immigrants' Criminality in Greece
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean University
- ▶ Migration and School Adaptation
- ▶ Services Medicaux
- ▶ Identity Formation in Adolescent Migrants: a Study of Life Histories, Searching Identities
- ▶ Social Committee and Immigration in the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- ▶ Physics and Immigration
- ▶ Immigration in Greece
- ▶ Environmental Reasons Immigration
- ▶ The Mediterranean as a Political Field of European Identity Building - The Security Paradigm

The course was attended by 22 professors from France, Greece, Italy, Slovenia and Turkey and 25 participants from Greece, Hungary, Germany, Turkey, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), China, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Croatia and the USA.

Management in Higher Education (9 ECTS), EMUNI University, Portorož – Slovenia

The course provided an overview of history, general developments, developments in the area of internationalization and their impact on national HE systems, trends and topics in higher education policy, outlining the basic structures of higher education systems and the main stakeholders in the field. The structure of HE funding were discussed on the basis of international trends and experiences.

Main topics of the course:

- ▶ Higher Education and EMUNI University
- ▶ European Qualification Framework
- ▶ Public/Private HE System and Funding
- ▶ Strategic Planning in Higher Education: Tools for QA
- ▶ Higher Education and EMUNI University/ HE internationalization: EMUNI as a model
- ▶ Higher Education Landscape
- ▶ Higher Education Governance and Institutional Management
- ▶ Higher Education Strategy Game
- ▶ Funding of Higher Education

- Internationalization of Higher Education
- Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education

The course was attended by 8 professors from the Netherlands, Slovenia, Tunisia and Turkey and 9 participants from Italy, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Slovenia, Tunisia and Turkey.

In the frame of the summer course different events were organised. Participants had the possibility to attend the Conference on Higher Education and Research. During the conference they were introduced with the internationalisation and harmonisation in the field of higher education and the role of university networks while in the sections they participated in interesting debate about students' mobility. Participants were also invited to attend the following seminars: Strategic Management in Higher Education (speaker: Prof. Dr. Nejat Erk, Çukurova University, Turkey) and E-learning in Higher Education (speaker: Assist. Prof. Dr. Viktorija Sulčič, University of Primorska, Faculty of Management Koper, Slovenia).

The round table Challenges in Higher Education was also organised (speakers: Prof. Dr. Touhami Abdouli, University of Sousse, Tunisia; Prof. Dr. Nejat Erk, Çukurova University, Turkey and Prof. Dr. Dušan Lesjak, University of Primorska, Faculty of Management Koper, Slovenia).

The project was co-financed by the European Union, through the European Social Fund. The operation was implemented in the framework of Operational Programme of Human Resources Development 2007 - 2013, third priority: "Development of human resources and of life-long learning", activity 3.3.: "Quality, competitiveness and responsiveness of higher-education".



EMUNI Summer 2009 courses were monitored and evaluated in different ways, i.e. through: monitoring in the time of the implementation, questionnaires for professors, questionnaires for participants, final report.

The results of the questionnaires show that professors and participants were in average very satisfied with EMUNI Summer2009. Below are presented some professors' and participants' impressions.

Impressions from participants:

- "I found it very interesting communicating with people from different cultures. I understood that even if we are all from different nations and, of course, cultures there are no borders. It is not always easy to communicate with others but if you have respect and are comprehensive you will find a good way of communicating. It was a great experience and it will be very useful for me in my future. I am happy to have attended summer school."

- ▶ "This was amazing for me. Firstly I felt myself like in my hometown, people and living style was similar. It was so fantastic experience for me to know new people, to learn new culture. Thanks for everything."
- ▶ "A great experience."
- ▶ "It was an excellent invitation for all the participants to reflect on the cultural commonness as a component of partnership between the peoples of the North and South of the Mediterranean basin. A chance to exchange ideas and learn in natural way about the everyday life of the participants from other cultures and habits. The interaction was very useful and helped us to know each other better and created strong relations and friendships. This course offered many experiences regarding the images of otherness and I felt that it deconstructed our internal and external borders. At the end of the course we all together gave a promise to keep in touch."
- ▶ "Absolutely interesting! I will definitely attend a summer school next year"
- ▶ "It was an interesting experience meeting new people and sharing with them a way of life and studying. We all learned many things not only by the tutoring but also by our fellow classmates. A life time experience."
- ▶ "Studying, learning, exchanging viewpoints, communicating, coming in touch with the other/-s was an extremely juicy, wonderful experience. Different cultures, different languages, different religions, different approaches but all of them in an academic setting, elaborating the different aspects of migration and multiculturalism. I feel grateful to EMUNI and the coordinators for offering me such a great, marvellous experience in this multicultural environment and I am looking forward in participating again with all my heart."
- ▶ "I enjoyed very much and I am grateful that I could make new friends from all over the world and exchange different opinions with them and also that I established a network for future activities."
- ▶ "Very important for my up growing."
- ▶ "It is very interesting to meet professionals and students from different countries, to share experience and also to know more about their countries of origin."

Impressions from professors:

- ▶ "It is an outstanding experience, which I would like to experience in the future."
- ▶ "Useful and exciting."
- ▶ "Stimulating and motivating and extremely suitable to enhance students' knowledge."
- ▶ "Very useful in order to explore different contents in relation to Mediterranean anthropology."
- ▶ "Lecturing in a multicultural learning environment was very stimulating. Lectures were open to debate and discussions and students were very interested in many topics and raised a lot of questions. Since a summer school is also an opportunity of exchange and in-depth examination of topics, a multicultural learning environment may encourage a more comprehensive approach."
- ▶ "It was really stimulating and fruitful. The multicultural background of the participants constituted the appropriate context for lecturing on topics related to immigration. Moreover, the different educational and professional background of the students provided a really creative environment for lecturing and learning."

- ▶ "Very interesting, sometimes even exciting and certainly very challenging".
- ▶ "It was so great and useful".

The Final Report of EMUNI Summer 2009 (activities, results, benefits) will be prepared at the end of November 2009 and published on www.emuni.si.

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3.3. Research and projects

3.3.1. Doctoral Research Seminars

For the purpose of development of joint degree doctoral study programmes, EMUNI organises doctoral research seminars. Groups of maximum of 10 doctoral students and up to 4 professors thus get an opportunity to examine a variety of research fields related to the Euro-Mediterranean area. During a two-week intensive course in Slovenia students have an opportunity to elaborate their doctoral thesis and write research papers. In addition, they can develop an interdisciplinary approach in an intercultural environment.

The institutions interested to implement EMUNI Doctoral Research Seminars 2009 had to send their proposal by 17 December 2008. The proposals were reviewed by the Commission for selecting the holders of promotional projects. On the basis of its results, EMUNI selected the following 2 doctoral research seminars:

Seminar	Language	Responsible institution	Partner institution	
			University	Country
De-Pollution of Mediterranean Basin	English	Hacettepe University, Turkey	An-Najah University	Palestinian Authority
			Research Centre for Energy	Spain
			University of Nova Gorica	Slovenia
University Systems*	English/ French	Paul Cezanne Aix-Marseille III University, France	University Tunis Carthage	Tunisia
			University of Mohammed V - Agdal - Rabat	Morocco
			University of Primorska	Slovenia
			EMUNI University	Slovenia

* The seminar was not implemented since not enough students applied.

The seminar on **De-Pollution of Mediterranean Basin** was held at EMUNI, Slovenia from 4 to 16 May 2009. The seminar involved the following professors: Assist. Prof. Dr. Almasri Mohammad N. from the An-Najah University in Palestinian Authority, Prof. Dr. Franko Mladen and Prof. Dr. Trebše Polonca from the University of Nova Gorica in Slovenia, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sanin Selim L. and Assist. Prof. Dr. Sinici Incilay from the Hacettepe University in Turkey and Dr. Sanchez Gimeno Benjamin from the Research Centre for Energy in Spain.

In the first week of the seminar the students and professors presented, discussed and examined different issues related to de-pollution, while in the second week they prepared research papers under the supervision of professors.

As a result of intensive research, a special edition of the International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies will be issued. Its editors are Prof. Dr. Selim Sanin (Turkey) and Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko (Slovenia).

During the delivery of the seminar, the professors also discussed an idea to develop a joint master programme in the field of environment. Since environment degradation of the Euro-Mediterranean is one of the biggest concerns of this region, the development of such a programme could importantly contribute to the awareness rising from the environmental challenges.



The seminar was attended by 10 participants from 7 countries. In the questionnaires the participants stressed that implementation of such a seminar is an excellent opportunity to develop the ideas for implementation of joint study programmes, to network and improve the understanding of the field from different perspectives.

3.3.2. Projects

EMUNI is cooperating in projects in order to strengthen and extend the EMUNI network, to obtain additional sources of financing and to promote activities connected with the six priority issues of the Union of the Mediterranean: Depollution of the Mediterranean, Maritime and Land Highways, Civil Protection, Alternative Energies, Higher Education and Research, Euro-Mediterranean University, The Mediterranean Business Development Initiative.

EMUNI is applying to Slovenian and international calls, where the objectives, eligibility, financing and other criteria suit to EMUNI mission and activities. The activity started in 2009, so the projects are mainly in the stage of preparation or evaluation.

EMUNI is acting as a project applicant or project partner. As an applicant it is searching for partnership in the projects among EMUNI partner institutions, which correspond to the project aims and eligibility criteria.

EMUNI as project applicant

EMUNI submitted 7 projects to different Slovenian and International calls. The following projects were approved for co-financing:

- ▶ Internationalisation of Higher Education and Research and the Role of networks (conference),
- ▶ EMUNI Research Souk 2009 (The Euro-Mediterranean Student Research Multi-conference),
- ▶ EMIR 2010 - Euro-Mediterranean International Relations (course with ECTS),
- ▶ EMUNI Summer School 2009: Management in Higher Education (course with ECTS).

EMUNI applied on two calls issued by Slovenian Research Agency and two calls by Anna Lindh Foundation, projects were submitted also on the calls issued by Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Republic of Slovenia and CREMO.

EMUNI is also preparing **small projects proposals** on request of different enterprises and foundations. Proposals include different topics, connected with the six priorities of the Union for the Mediterranean.

In 2009 eight such project proposals were submitted:

- ▶ Energy and Environment / course with ECTS,
- ▶ Women and enterprises / workshop,
- ▶ Civil Protection and Security Systems / seminar,
- ▶ Quality and Education / Higher Education / seminar,
- ▶ Water management/ seminar,
- ▶ Civilizations of Mediterranean / seminar,
- ▶ Migrations and Ethnic Groups / PhD Seminar,
- ▶ Civil Protection and Security Systems / seminar.

EMUNI as project partner

EMUNI received proposals for partnership from different institutions; among them were Higher Education Institutions, Research Institutions, Local administration, International Associations. As a partner EMUNI acted on several different calls, being involved in the following projects:

- ▶ New ICT in Education and Training,
- ▶ Risk prevention for Safety of Population,
- ▶ M.Sc. in Adult Education,
- ▶ University Science park,
- ▶ Management of the European Culture,

- ▶ Renforcer le rapport Université - entreprise en Tunisie,
- ▶ Leadership for cultural diversity: Focusing on the University Classroom,
- ▶ Adriatic Knowledge Mediation Area,
- ▶ High professional profiles activation in Adriatic region.

The calls where EMUNI was involved were:

- ▶ INTERREG IV C / EU,
- ▶ LLP – ERASMUS / EU,
- ▶ TEMPUS / EU,
- ▶ MED 2007 – 2013,
- ▶ ERASMUS MUNDUS /EU,
- ▶ ALF Long term Project Proposals / Anna Lindh Foundation,
- ▶ Restore Trust, Rebuild Bridges, Regional Actions / Anna Lindh Foundation,
- ▶ IPA Adriatic Cross- border Co-operation Programme 2007 – 2013.

3.4. Conferences

To disseminate the achievements in the field of research and create platforms where experts and students can gather and exchange their experience and knowledge, EMUNI organises different conferences and other events.

EMUNI organises two annual conferences: Research Souk and EMUNI HE&R and it is co-organiser of the annual MIC Conference. In addition, it acts as a co-organiser of different seminars and conference events, referring to the field of Higher Education and Research in the Euro-Mediterranean and the priority areas of the Union for the Mediterranean.



3.4.1. First EMUNI ReS 2009 (Research Souk) on the first anniversary of the EMUNI University

The Euro-Mediterranean University - EMUNI celebrated its first anniversary of establishment. On this occasion it organised the 1st EMUNI Research Souk (Euro-Mediterranean Student Research Multi-conference) in Portorož on 9 June 2009. Res Souk was held simultaneously at 17 higher educational and

research institutions from 14 countries. An estimate of 250 active participants, 500 participants at the co-organizing institutions and more than 1000 through internet from the whole Euro-Mediterranean were involved in the project. The aim of the conference was to enable students to showcase and discuss their work in the field of research of topics in relation to Euro-Mediterranean issues also outside their host institutions and countries, as well as provide networking possibilities and exchange of experience in the international environment.



The conference was divided in more parts. In the opening part, which was live-broadcasted at the participating institutions and available to public through the web, the guests were first welcomed by Prof. Dr. **Joseph Mifsud**, President of the EMUNI University, Ms **Rodi Kratsa**, Vice President of the European Parliament and Mr **Alberto Manzin**, Vice-Mayor of Piran Municipality. Words of welcome were followed by video addresses of Mr **Janez Potočnik**, EU Commissioner for Science and Research, **Samuel Žbogar**, Minister of the Republic of Slovenia for Foreign Affairs and Dr. **József Györkös**, State Secretary at the Ministry of the Republic of Slovenia for Higher Education, Science and Technology.

1st Research Souk: address of the EMUNI President

Addresses of international organisations, with which EMUNI established co-operation in its first year and also cooperated as partners at Res Souk, followed. On behalf of the European Training Foundation, the guests were addressed by **Mariavittoria Garlappi**. After her guests could watch video addresses from **Thomas Uthup** (UN Alliance of Civilizations) and **Andreu Claret**, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Foundation.

Research Souk at the An-Najah University



The event continued with the EMUNI forum with contributions of experts who are active in the field of Euro-Mediterranean environment and presented their view of Unity and Diversity of Euro-Mediterranean Identities. **Giancarlo Caratti**, Head of Customer and Stakeholder Relations from the Joint Research Centre, European Commission, spoke about the opportunities offered by the EU for the Euro-Mediterranean co-operation in research. One of the key speakers was also **Abdel Bari Atwan**, prominent expert in the field of Middle East issues and Editor-in chief of Al-Quds newspaper, one of the leading Arabic magazines in the world. He introduced his contribution: "Research and students in the Arab World. A bridge to the World". The speech of **Veronika Stabej**, Director of the Government Communication Office of the Republic of Slovenia, focused on the role of Intercultural dialogue as a challenge of Euromed, while Abdouli Touhami presented an abstract of the presentation of **Mohammed Hsairi**, **Director General and Counsellor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** of Tunisia presented the dynamism of the Euro-Maghreb partnership in research and innovation in the Union for the Mediterranean framework.



Research Souk at
the Beirut Arab
University



Res Souk continued with the Institutional forum that was held simultaneously at all 17 participating institutions. **In Slovenia**, it started with contributions of **Sohail Luka**, DG Research, European Commission and **Cosimo Notarstefano**, CMU and Prof. Gianni Ricci from Link Campus. In this part, also selected student research work on the theme of this year's conference were presented, including topics, such as the European integration process, national identities and diversity in the Euro-Mediterranean region. More student contributions were presented in the Student Section of the conference that ended the event Res Souk.



Research Souk at
the University of
Catania



Members of Diplomatic Corps, Economy, Academics and other EMUNI friends joined the event.

EMUNI Research Souk intends to become an annual conference, organised at different EMUNI co-founding institutions. The conference aims at supporting co-operation between universities, promote diversity and equal opportunities in the field of education and research and contribute to intercultural dialogue through mobility of professors and students, which is in accordance with the mission of the EMUNI University.

Locations of Res Souk 2009:



- ▶ ENSA - Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture, **Alger – Algeria**,
- ▶ Alexandria University, **Alexandria – Egypt**,
- ▶ Réseau Méditerranéen des Ecoles d'Ingénieurs / Ecole Centrale Marseille, **Marseille, France**,
- ▶ Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, **Thessaloniki – Greece**,
- ▶ University of the Aegean, **Mytilene, Lesbos – Greece**,
- ▶ Zefat Academic College, **Zefat – Israel**,
- ▶ University of Catania, **Catania – Italy**,
- ▶ University of Palermo, **Palermo – Italy**,
- ▶ Beirut Arab University, **Beirut**,
- ▶ CESMO - Center for Middle-Eastern Strategic Studies, **Tripoli – Lebanon**,
- ▶ Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, **Ifrane – Morocco**,
- ▶ An-Najah National University, **Nablus - Palestinian Authority**,
- ▶ University Fernando Pessoa, **Porto – Portugal**,
- ▶ University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine, **Cluj- Napoca – Romania**,
- ▶ EMUNI University, **Portorož – Slovenia**,
- ▶ University of Gabès, **Gabès – Tunis**,
- ▶ Çukurova University, **Adana – Turkey**.

3.4.2. Second EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research – EMUNI HE&R

The Euro-Mediterranean University EMUNI and the Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) organised **the second EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research** in Portorož between 25 and 26 September 2009.

The event with a title "**Internationalization and the Role of University Networks**" brought together topics of the process of internationalization and harmonization in the field of Higher Education and Research in the Euro-Mediterranean region, University networks, improvement of the quality of Higher Education, and the mobility of students, professors and university staff.

EMUNI
Conference on
Higher Education
& Research



The 1st EMUNI conference on Higher Education and Research was held in Portorož on the occasion of the inauguration of the Euro-Mediterranean University on 9 June 2008.

At the 2-day event more than 45 papers were introduced of authors from different countries. The topics of the papers were connected with following issues: the role of international coordinators at universities; international co-operation in the field of academic and legal issues, ECTS recognition, financial limitations and support; quality assurance in public and private Higher Education; teaching and learning methods in multicultural environment; intercultural learning environment - dialogue and the media.

The event was opened by welcome addresses of Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, President of EMUNI and Prof. Dr. Maurits van Rooijen, President of the Compostela Group of Universities. They were followed by opening addresses of Mr. Peter Volasko, Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dine Attallah, Union of Maghreb Countries and Ettore Deodato from the European Commission.

Speakers at the event represented different international institutions, among them Prof. Dr. Pavel Zgaga (Ljubljana University), Mr. Stefan Delplace EURASHE - European Association of Institutions in Higher Education and Prof. Dr. Charis Xirouchakis EESC - European Economic and Social Committee.

As a parallel event of the conference, a Network Fair was organised, where different International Networks had an opportunity of presentation in a fair-like style. Among the exhibitors were: the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for Intercultural Dialogue Anna Lindh, the Euro-Mediterranean Center of Excellence Jean Monnet (University of Salento), the Association of Mediterranean Universities (University in Bari), the Mediterranean School of e-Business Management (University in Salerno), EMUNI and the Compostela Group of Universities.

3.4.3. MIC 2008 – Management International Conference

MIC is an annual conference, organised by the University of Primorska – Faculty of Management Koper, EMUNI and a local partner as a co-organiser. MIC 2008 with the title Intercultural Dialogue and Management was delivered on 26 – 29 November 2008 in Barcelona, Spain. The local organiser of the conference was the European Institute for the Mediterranean (IEMed), based in Barcelona. The speakers at the conference presented different views on the conference topic. Among the main speakers were: Dr. Rami Hamdallah, president of An-Najah University from Palestine, H. E. Juan Prat y Coll, Ambassador of Spain to The Netherlands, Dr. Jeretta Horn Nord, Spears School of Business at Oklahoma State University, USA. The programme included also Rectors Forum (Chair: Dr. Joseph Mifsud, EMUNI University, Portorož, Slovenia), Editors' Panel (Chair: Dr. Binshan Lin, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, USA) and Deans' Panel (Chair: Dr. Pekka Kess, University of Oulu, Finland).



Furthermore, more than 200 participants coming from all over the world presented their papers in 40 conference sections. The main topics of the conference were: Business Administration, Business Law and Ethics, Cross-Cultural and Intercultural Communication, Cultural Diversity, Cultural Diversity in Business, Decision Sciences and Operations Management E-Business, Economics, E-Government, and e-Society, Ethical Dimensions, European Identity, Human Resources, Identities in Multicultural Society, Innovation and Learning, Intercultural Dialogue, Intercultural Education for Intercultural Dialogue, International Business, Knowledge Management, Management and Organizational Behaviour, Management of Intercultural Conflicts, Managing Intercultural and Interreligious Differences, Multiculturalism and Globalization, Multiculturalism in Higher Education, Multinational Organizations, Online Learning and Management in Education, Research Methods, Role of IT in fostering Intercultural Dialogue, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Social Issues in Management, Technology and Innovation, Transnational Mobility and Values in Multicultural Society.

3.4.4. Other conferences, co-organised by EMUNI

In the Academic Year 2008/2009 EMUNI acted as a partner in the organisation of 7 conferences:

- ▶ ACAM Forum, 12-14 December 2008, Monastir, Tunisia, organiser: ACAM Association (Tunisia);
- ▶ 14th international Forum GRET, Euro-Mediterranean: History of the past, 10 April 2009, Morocco, organiser: G.R.E.T Association;
- ▶ European day, 24 April 2009, Nova Gorica, Slovenia, organiser: European Commission;
- ▶ Enlargement of European Union: What next?, 3 July 2009, Udine, Italy, organiser: Cattedra Jean Monnet in 'Government and Politics of the European Union, Udine, Italy;
- ▶ 17th Annual Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems, New Challenges for Sustainable Rural Development in the 21st Century, 13-18 July 2009, Maribor, Slovenia, organiser: University of Maribor, Slovenia;
- ▶ 2nd MED - Euro-Mediterranean Public Management Dialogue, 7-10 October, Portorož, Slovenia, organiser: Paul Cezanne University, Aix-en-Provence, France;
- ▶ ACAM Forum, 23-24 November 2009, Sousse, Tunisia, organiser: ACAM Association (Tunisia).

3.4.5. Thematic Discussions – Round Tables

A number of round-table discussions were organised at the seat of EMUNI in the Academic Year 2008/2009 in co-operation with partner institutions, relating to Euro-Mediterranean Topics. With an aim to encourage the involvement of experts and students to EMUNI activities and increase EMUNI's presence in the Higher Educational Area at home and abroad, we invited a number of professors and theme-related experts to deliver presentations at these events. Other participants were mainly students and members of the invited general public, student bodies, education institutions and local companies.

Altogether, more than 80 participants from more than 10 countries were involved in the discussions.



The following discussions took place at the seat of EMUNI in the Academic Year 2008/2009:

- ▶ Tourism and Global Economy, 26 March 2009,
- ▶ How can intercultural dialogue contribute to establishing the Euro-Mediterranean as a region, 8 April 2009,
- ▶ De-Pollution of Mediterranean Region - Survival of an Ecosystem, 5 May 2009,
- ▶ Emerging pollutants and efficiency of environmental monitoring and toxicity testing, 12 May 2009,
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean cultures - similarities and discrepancies. *How EMUNI can tune the intercultural dialogue*, 5 June 2009,
- ▶ Globalization versus De-globalization - Illumination of current trends within business and repercussions for the future, 24 June 2009,
- ▶ Challenges in Higher Education, 23 September 2009.

3.5. EMUNI publications

3.5.1 International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies (IJEMS)

Following the commitment to be active in the field and research and the dissemination of knowledge, EMUNI started to issue the International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies, a joint project of EMUNI, the University of Nova Gorica and Scientific Research Centre - SASA. Its aim is to promote intercultural dialogue and exchanges between societies, develop human resources, and to assure greater mutual understanding in the Euro-Mediterranean region. To accomplish this objective, the journal seeks to publish high quality research papers and case studies.

In 2008/2009 two issues of the volume 1 of the IJEMS were published. The first (6 articles, 136 pages) in November 2008 and the second (5 articles, 128 pages) in April 2009. The journal is published in English with abstracts in French and Slovene. The authors of the articles come from Albania, Germany, Israel, Slovenia, Spain, the USA, Tunisia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Volume 1, Number 1:

- ▶ Mediterraneans or Crusaders? Israel Geopolitical Images between East and West, *David Ohana*
- ▶ Crossing Boundaries in Late Medieval Mediterranean Iberia: Historical Glimpses of Christian-Islamic Intercultural Dialogue, *Roser Salicrú i Lluch*
- ▶ The Challenges of Intercultural Legal Communication, *Alenka Kocbek*
- ▶ Soft Social Infrastructure as a Multicultural System, *Alexi Danchev*
- ▶ Staging Cultural Interaction: New Concepts of Representing Arab Music in the Israeli Cultural Arena, *Essica Marks*
- ▶ Elizabethan Orientalism and its Contexts: The Representation of the Orient in Early Modern English Drama, *Tahar Bayouli*

Volume 1, Number 2:

- ▶ Between Mediterranean Centrality and European Periphery: Migration and Heritage in Southern Italy, *Maurizio Albahari*
- ▶ Celebrating the Imagined Village: Ways of Organizing and Commenting Local Soundscapes and Social Patterns in South Albanian Feasts, *Eckehard Pistrick* and *Gerda Dalipaj*
- ▶ Renaissance Architecture in Lviv: An Example of Mediterranean Cultural Import, *Olha Kozubska*
- ▶ Undecided Past – National Identities and Politics of Diversity: The Mount Eytan Commemoration Site, *Udi Lebel* and *Zeev Drory*
- ▶ Higher Education Internationalization and Quality Assurance in North–South Co-operation, *Touhami Abdouli*



3.5.2 Proceedings



The preparation of EMUNI conferences in the last phase includes the publishing of the conference proceedings. As a follow-up to the conclusions of the conference and the topics discussed, it is of high importance to gather all relevant information at one place. They include information about the

authors of contributions, programme details, photos and also serve as a valuable resource of relevant data about the research findings and the way the conference has contributed to the further development of the topic it dealt with in the international context. The proceedings are available in a form of a CD and can be obtained also on the internet page of EMUNI.

3.5.3 Annual Report

With an aim to gather all most relevant data about the development of EMUNI and work that has been done in the previous academic year, EMUNI publishes the annual report, where one can find information about the operation as well as details about its activities, plans and other interesting information. It provides a detailed overview of EMUNI work and also serves as a promotional publication for individuals that require or are interested in a more detailed explanation of our activities and plans.

EMUNI report 2008 included information about the background of the idea of a Euro-Mediterranean University, its establishment, important events, activities, plans for 2009 in terms of activities and declarations and other documents in relation to the establishment and operation of EMUNI. EMUNI Reports are also available at the EMUNI internet page.



3.6. Promotional activities

EMUNI Newsletter



In January 2009 EMUNI started to issue e-news – EMUNI Newsletter that is issued around every 15th day in the month and distributed to approximately 3000 recipients from the Euro-Mediterranean region. It includes articles with a brief description of EMUNI news and activities in the preceding month, together with the announcements of upcoming events and activities of EMUNI.

PR Activities

Apart of issuing the EMUNI Newsletter and organizing meetings and events, which help to increase the visibility of EMUNI and introduce it to the broader international public, the PR service of EMUNI is increasing its efforts in bringing EMUNI and its activities closer to the general public in Slovenia and abroad.

The main efforts focus on publishing articles at the EMUNI web site and in Slovenian and foreign media. The increase of PR activities is among other reflected in statistics of the press coverage and number of published articles on the EMUNI web site in comparison with the year before the formal establishment. In the period from November 2008 to October 2009 we published 78 news entries at the web site. For comparison: in the period from December 2007 to October 2008 there were 51 published entries.

The media interest is increasing as well. For comparison – in the first 5 months of 2009 we traced 41 recorded press entries of EMUNI from the Slovenian and foreign media. In the second 5 months this number increased to 55.

In line with the current communication trends, EMUNI has published its page on the on-line Encyclopaedia Wikipedia and put up its own Facebook profile, where information on EMUNI's activities can be obtained as well.

Promotional materials

EMUNI also issues different publications and promotion materials that are distributed at EMUNI events and various other occasions, such as:

- ▶ EMUNI brochure, containing a brief background info about EMUNI and introduction to all EMUNI activities,
- ▶ posters,
- ▶ leaflets or conference brochures for main conferences, summer school 2008/2009, doctoral seminars and postgraduate programmes,
- ▶ other promotional materials, such as t-shirts, bags, pencils, clips etc.





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IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR EMUNI

For the purpose of promotion and efficient presentation of the EMUNI University to the Euro-Mediterranean public, as well as with an aim to set up a wide network of institutions and individuals, committed to similar goals and missions, EMUNI organised or took part in various events and visits; this chapter reviews the most significant.

17–19 October 2008

First Meeting of EMUNI Provisional Senate

The first meeting of the provisional senate of EMUNI University took place in Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia. The Senate is comprised of 21 distinguished personalities, representing Euro-Mediterranean institutions. The meeting's agenda included a discussion about a draft of the Statute of the future EMUNI University and the mission of EMUNI University in the Euro-Mediterranean University in the region.

3–4 November 2008

Foreign Ministers Meet in Marseille

Foreign Ministers acknowledged the accomplishments of the Euro-Mediterranean University with its seat in Slovenia as a significant contribution to the development of higher education. EMUNI shall as part of the partnership carry out programmes on other locations, too. Foreign Ministers also welcome a new initiative, proposed by Morocco's king, for Fez to host a University, complementary with EMUNI in Slovenia.



26 November 2008

The first General Assembly of EMUNI



The 1st General Assembly of the Euro-Mediterranean University was convened at its constitutive session, where the university statute was adopted and the institutional bodies were elected. Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud from Malta was unanimously elected President of the EMUNI University.

The General Assembly was opened by Prof. Dr. Marko Pavliha, one of the initiators of EMUNI. The introductory part of the session continued with speeches delivered by: Prof. Dr. Senén Florensa Palau, (Director of IEMED - Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània), Prof. Dr. Dušan Lesjak, (President of the governmental project group for the establishment of EMUNI University), Assist. Prof. Dr. Andrej Rahten, Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, (Director of Center EMUNI).

Representatives of 83 institutions with the right to vote were present at the General Assembly session presided by Prof. Dr. Maurits van Rooijen (Compostela Group of Universities, Spain) and Prof. Dr. Hassan Nadir Kheirallah (Alexandria University, Egypt). The adopted University Statute represents one of the official conditions for the registration of the University and regulates the admission of new members of the EMUNI University.

Furthermore, the following five members of the eleven-member Management Board were elected - the representatives of the co-founders in the University Management Board are: Prof. Dr. Ivan Rozman (University of Maribor, Slovenia), Prof. Dr. Maurits Van Rooijen (Compostela Group of Universities, Spain), Prof. Dr. Anasse Bouhlal (Tampere University of Applied Science, Finland), Prof. Dr. Hassan Nadir KhairAllah (Alexandria University, Egypt) and Prof. Dr. Francesco Paolo La Mantia (University of Palermo, Italy). Three representatives of the interested public were appointed in the Management Board: Assist. Prof. Dr. Andrej Rahten, (Slovenia), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca (Center EMUNI, Slovenia), and Prof. Dr. Ugur Erdener (Hacettepe University, Turkey), while the student and employee representatives will be elected at a later time. At the consecutive session of the Management Board, Assist. Prof. Dr. Andrej Rahten was elected President.

12 - 14 December 2008**EMUNI co-organised the ACAM Conference in Tunis**

ACAM Conference 2008, organised by EMUNI and the Tunisian Association for Mediterranean Culture and Arts ACAM (Association pour la culture et les arts méditerranéens), was held in Monastir. The conference focused on the issues of the Mediterranean as a political project and civilization challenge. Participants discussed different topics related to energy, economy, and culture of the Mediterranean region. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca presented the project of EMUNI University.

15 December 2008**Minister Gregor Golobič visited EMUNI**

Mr Gregor Golobič, Minister of Higher Education, Science, and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, and a delegation visited the Euro-Mediterranean University in Portorož in the framework of their visit to the coastline higher education institutions. Minister Golobič was welcomed by the representatives of EMUNI University, Center EMUNI, and EMUNI Foundation, who presented the achieved results and future plans of EMUNI. In view of the achievements and future goals of EMUNI, Minister Golobič expressed his support of the future development of the Euro-Mediterranean University.

17 - 19 December 2008**Seminar on Identity and Violence**

The seminar on Identity and Violence was jointly organised by the University of Sousse (Tunisia) and EMUNI in Portorož. Nine students from Slovenia and Tunisia, who attended the seminar, were discussing common identities in relation to the world. The debate was led by two professors: Dr. Abdouli Touhami (University of Sousse, Tunisia) and Dr. Lucija Mulej (ZRC SAZU, Slovenia).

The participants of the seminar also had a chance to visit sites like Piran, Sečovlje and some other interesting towns in Istria, where they could taste the local food and learn about traditions in the region.

19 December 2008

Co-operation Agreement with the UN Alliance of Civilizations

EMUNI and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations signed a co-operation agreement and thus confirmed common efforts aimed at strengthening intercultural dialogue, particularly in the fields of education and research. UN Alliance of Civilizations was established in 2004, following an initiative of Turkey and Spain; Slovenia has been cooperating with the Alliance through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2005. The goal of the initiative is to emphasize the necessity of a dialogue between the West and the East, and consequently to prevent possible misunderstandings which could threaten the world peace and stability. The EMUNI University will operate in the framework of the Alliance of Civilizations primarily by organising conferences, lectures, seminars, and by supporting research work.

19 - 20 January 2009

EMUNI delegation in Brussels



Working visit
in Brussels

EMUNI University representatives (Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, and Dr. Andrej Rahten) met with several high level representatives of the European Union in Brussels. Three representatives of the university founders: Prof. Dr. Anasse Bouhlal (University of Tampere), Giuseppe Giliberti (University of Urbino), and Prof. Dr. Maurits van Rooijen (Compostela Group of Universities) were also present at meetings.

EMUNI delegation met with the representatives of the Directorates-General of the European Commission for Research, Education and Culture and External

Relations. In addition, meetings were held with the representatives of other EU institutions, such as Europe Aid Co-operation Office, EU Council Secretariat, representatives of the Cabinet of the President of the European Commission Barroso. The focal point of the visit was a meeting with the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly Contact Group for EMUNI, headed by Ms Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Vice-President of the European Parliament. The group will monitor the work of the EMUNI University.

At meetings, which were also attended by members of Slovenia's Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels, university representatives presented the achievements, projects, and plans for the future development of EMUNI. Furthermore, possibilities for co-operation and obtaining European Union financial funds were discussed. The representatives of the European Union institutions expressed their support to the project, which is the only active project among the stated goals of the Union for the Mediterranean.

22 January 2009

Launching EMUNI News

EMUNI published its first edition of EMUNI News - a monthly online magazine, issued in English once a month. It will keep its readers up to date with current events, academic and other activities at the university. The first issue dealt with the development of EMUNI University and covered events that resulted in the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean University. The overview of current events is followed by the announcement of up-coming activities and a list of current calls for co-operation in implementing doctoral seminars and summer schools. EMUNI news is also available on-line.

23 January 2009

Co-operation with CIHEAM



CIHEAM
Conference in
Montpellier

Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud was a guest at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute in Montpellier, a part of CIHEAM (International centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies) in France, where a new campus was inaugurated.

CIHEAM is an intergovernmental organisation, founded in 1962, comprising thirteen member countries from the Mediterranean Basin. In pursuing its three central missions (education, research and co-operation) CIHEAM has become recognised as an authority in its fields of activity: Mediterranean agriculture, food and sustainable rural development.

Prof. Mifsud attended the conference "The Mediterranean: a history of a global world" by Jean Frédéric Schaub, where he presented the mission and role of EMUNI University in the Euro - Mediterranean region. The co-operation between both institutions was already discussed during the visit of CIHEAM representatives at EMUNI in December 2008.

5 February 2009

EMUNI representative at the meeting on Gaza crisis

The meeting on Gaza crisis was attended by representatives of the AoC Group of Friends, including UNESCO, EC, EP, Council of Europe and the League of Arab States. The EMUNI University was represented by Prof. Dr. Anasse Bouhlal, member of the University Management Board. The Anna Lindh Foundation and the Alliance of Civilizations have committed themselves to promote greater understanding, tolerance and co-operation between cultures and religions in the Euro-Mediterranean. Since the Gaza crisis is likely to have a long term impact on the international relations of the region, the participants of the meeting were challenged to provide a framework of reflection on the impact that the Gaza war may have on EUROMED societies and suggestions on how a potential rise of extremism and radicalization may be prevented. Possible extra joint actions of participating organisations and relevant ongoing programs were discussed.

5 February 2009

Visit of Higher Education representative of the European Commission

Dr. Ettore Deodato, a Principal Administrator of the European Commission in the field of Higher Education and Ms. Elena Pallaschier, General Secretary of the Young European Entrepreneurs visited the EMUNI University. They were hosted by Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Prof Dr. Nada Trunk Širca. The European Commission funding structures of Higher Education and the possibilities of EMUNI participation in EU funding structure were discussed.

8 February 2009

Tunisian Musicians in Koper

EMUNI and the Wind Orchestra Koper jointly organised a study visit of the representatives of the group Majorette K.H. from Sousse (Tunisia), led by Prof. Hedhiri Abdelkader. During their stay in Slovenia the trumpet student Zaag Zarrad Sabra participated in a trumpet seminar by Prof. Darij Pobega. She also attended several orchestra rehearsals and teaching lessons for young trumpet pupils. The visit marks a beginning of a close co-operation between the two groups. The Wind orchestra Koper has been invited to Tunisia, where several concerts and education seminars will be carried out.

11 February 2009

Meeting with AoC representatives from Spain

EMUNI President met with the Spanish representatives of the Alliance of Civilizations, Ms. María Victoria González Román, Ambassador-at-large for AoC and Mr. José María Ferré de la Peña, Ambassador-at-large for Relations with Muslim Communities and Organizations. The meeting was organised by the

Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain to Ljubljana. The participants stressed the importance of the future development of the AoC and discussed the possibilities of possible co-operation and common projects of institutions involved in AoC. EMUNI plays a visible role in Slovenia's AoC National Action plan for 2009, including EMUNI's activities in the fields of higher education and intercultural dialogue.

Meeting
with AoC
representatives
from Spain



28 February 2009

Sessions of the EMUNI Management Board and Senate

The third session of the EMUNI University Management Board and the first session of the EMUNI University Senate were held in Palermo. The members of the Management Board discussed the policies of the work of the University for 2009 and the work plan for the Management Board, while the debate of the senate focused mainly on the suggestions for study programmes of the EMUNI University for the academic year 2009/2010. EMUNI representatives introduced the work of Center EMUNI and EMUNI Foundation to the participants of the sessions and spoke about the main priorities and activities for the current and next academic year.

6 March 2009

EMUNI delegation at EMPA

Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Andreja Viher, Director of EMUNI Foundation, took part in the session of the Committee on Economic and Financial Affairs, Social Affairs and Education of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly that was held in Cairo. The EMUNI University President was also a penalist of the session, where he introduced the Euro-Mediterranean University and its plans for the future. The main themes of the session were the Mediterranean Response to Global Financial Crisis and exchange of views on the topic of Education in Euro-Mediterranean countries.

The participants also discussed the Committee's Draft Reports and Recommendations considering topics such as Development of Mediterranean Sustainable Tourism, Rational Use of Water Resources in the Euro-Mediterranean region, access to safe water and the Evaluation of Barcelona Process.

The representatives of EMUNI also visited Alexandria, where they met with Andreu Claret, Executive Director of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures. They also had a meeting with

Prof. Dr. Hassan Nadir Kheirallah, Alexandria University rector, who is also a member of the Management Board of EMUNI University. They discussed mainly EMUNI future perspectives.

11 March 2009

Visit to the Slovenian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Joseph Mifsud paid a visit to Mr Samuel Žbogar, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia.

The introductory and courtesy visit focused mainly on the work of EMUNI University. The EMUNI President also introduced the work priorities and EMUNI development in the future to the minister. Minister Žbogar promised support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the EMUNI project and expressed hope to continue good co-operation between the Ministry and EMUNI.

14 March 2009

EMUNI Master Programme presented at FARETURISMO

A delegation from CMU-Jean Monnet Center of Excellence and University of Bari, who are implementing the EMUNI Label programme Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism Master (EMCT MA) 2008/2009 took part in a 3-day session of FARETURISMO in Salerno. The delegation was led by Prof. C. Notarstefano (CMU) and Prof. G. Todisco (University of Bari). They presented the EMUNI label and the EMCT MA at various round-tables and seminars. Nineteen students from 8 countries participated in the session.

14 March 2009

EMUNI Presentation at EMPA

Slovenian permanent parliamentary delegation in the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly, led by Vasja Klavora, took part in the 3-day session of the General Assembly in Brussels. The first part of the Assembly focused on the modifications of the Assembly's Rules of Procedure, while the sessions of the main Committees of the Euro-Mediterranean were held in the following days. Vasja Klavora used the opportunity to report about the progress on EMUNI and its activities at the session of the Culture Committee.

18 March 2009

Meeting of the CEP Task Force on Intercultural Dialogue



EMUNI at the Task Force on Intercultural Dialogue

The Centre for European Perspective organised a second meeting of the Task Force on Intercultural dialogue in the Western Balkans at Jable Castle, which was attended also by invited guests from cultural, research and educational institutions.

The first part of the meeting focused on the situation in the Western Balkans in the field of Intercultural Dialogue and the future activities of the task force that could help by overcoming differences and building trust between different cultures. The second session was devoted to the EMUNI project. Dr Joseph Mifsud made a presentation of EMUNI as one of the focal projects implementing intercultural dialogue in the region and the participants contributed their ideas for promoting intercultural dialogue in the activities of EMUNI. The last session, dedicated to the role of the media in promoting intercultural dialogue, was attended also by media representatives from the countries of Western Balkans, who discussed the situation in the media with reflection to the past and by providing proposals for future co-operation.

23 March 2009

CEEPUS Conference in Maribor

Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca attended the CEEPUS (Central European Exchange Programme for University Studies) conference, where she introduced the operation and goals of the EMUNI University. She also had talks with Ms Elisabeth Sorantin, CEEPUS programme Secretary General, with whom it was pointed out that the EMUNI University is already included in the CEEPUS network through its members, while in the future the co-operation could be strengthened. CEEPUS is a regional programme which started to run in March 1995. The goal of the programme is to establish and enhance the mobility of students and professors among the cooperating countries, as well as to benefit from the friendly relations and possibilities to create common study programmes. Higher Education institutions from the following countries participate in CEEPUS Programme: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo, Hungary, Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Serbia.

26 March 2009

Round table "Tourism and Global Economy"



A round table with a title "Tourism and Global Economy" took place at EMUNI as part of the Master study Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism. The round table, led by Dr. Lučka Lorber from the University of Maribor, was attended by the students of the master programme and invited speakers, including Prof. Dr. Cosimo Notarstefano from the Bari University, Mr. Tomi Brezovec from Turistica and Mr. Almasalma Khaled, a Syrian student.

The round table participants discussed their views, experience and suggestions in the field of Tourism and Global Economy and they presented global and local aspects of the topic. The invited speakers introduced the following contributions:

Mr. Brezovec presented some statistical data on the concentration of the international tourist offer in his contribution "Tourism- global economy from a local perspective", while the speech of Dr. Lučka Lorber with a title "Tourism as a factor of regional development" introduced the meaning of tourism for rural areas on the case of Slovenia. The round table was followed by one of the most successful students of the Master Programme, who talked about the impact of economic and political instability on tourism. The final speech from Prof. Dr. Cosimo Notarstefano "Turning Tourism into a driving force of Mediterranean Sustainable development: shared visions and goals" focused on the common aims and needs of the Euro-Mediterranean tourist offer, their common advantages and disadvantages.

26 March 2009

A. Zafiriou and V. Stabej lectured at EMUNI



Euro-Mediterranean
International
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Module

Alexandre Zafiriou from the Secretariat General of the EU Council and Veronika Stabej, Director of the Government Communication Office of Slovenia lectured at EMUNI in the frame of Euro-Mediterranean international relations that partly takes place at EMUNI in the frame of the Master study programme Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism.

Veronika Stabej, President of the Board of Governors of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation Anna Lindh and Head of Slovenian delegation in Euromed since 2007, played a crucial role also by the establishment of EMUNI. At the lecture she presented on the case of EMUNI, how a university can contribute to the development of Slovenia in the regional context and implement the goals of the Barcelona Declaration. Alexandre Zafiriou is a member of the Group of Senior

Officials in the Department for Euromed and Union for the Mediterranean in the EU Council. He introduced the declarations and other important documents that settle relations in the Euromed to the students.

28 March 2009

EMUNI took part in the Mediterranean Youth Forum

Prof. Giuseppe Cataldi from the University of Naples "L'Orientale", EMUNI Cofounder University, had a presentation of EMUNI at the Mediterranean Youth Forum, where the EMUNI project gained a lot of interest. The first Mediterranean Youth Forum is a project within the "Framework Programme for the institutional co-operation of Campania in the Mediterranean", implemented as a contribution to the Lisbon and Göteborg strategies for the EU Cohesion Policy 2007-2013. The Forum intends to raise awareness among young generations on Mediterranean issues and European territorial co-operation, while providing an opportunity for meeting, dialogue, exchange of experiences and creation of networks among Euro-Mediterranean students to discuss the priorities of territorial co-operation in the Mediterranean area.

The event was attended by representatives of 30 universities from 11 Mediterranean countries.

28 March 2009

ETF hosting EMUNI

ETF (European Training Foundation) hosted Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, and Mr. Elido Bandelj, a representative of the Ministry of Education and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia. The main purpose of the meeting was to find common areas of interest of EMUNI and ETF and to speak about future collaboration and possible joint projects. The participants of the meeting agreed to work on possible joint actions, especially those referring to education in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

ETF, an EU agency based in Turin, was established to contribute to the development of the education and training systems of EU partner countries.

1 April 2009

EMUNI at the Mediterranean Observatory for Energy Committee

EMUNI representatives attended the third session of the Co-operation and Strategy Committee of the Mediterranean Observatory on Energy (OME) that was held in Nanterre. The EMUNI President had a presentation of EMUNI and discussed with the members of the committee about the common fields of possible closer co-operation in the future. OME, composed of more than 35 representatives of leading energy companies from the Mediterranean, is dealing with the promotion of regional co-operation, analytic, research and project work from the fields of energy supply and infrastructure, financing, legal and institutional frames, energy renewables, sustainable development and environmental protection. The EMUNI President also visited Paris 8 University, where he was received by its President, Mr Pascal Binczak.

7 April 2009

Attendance at the AoC Forum



The second forum at the Alliance of Civilizations (AoC), international initiative aimed at advancing intercultural understanding, was attended by EMUNI representatives. At one of the working sessions of the first day, AoC research network was established, a part of it being EMUNI. Joseph Mifsud talked about the common initiative also at the media briefing, where he also introduced the Res Souk, EMUNI project, a partner of which is the AoC. EMUNI representatives took the advantage of the Forum participation also for meetings with numerous representatives of institutions that are active in the field of intercultural dialogue and co-operation, including the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation Anna Lindh. EMUNI and Anna Lindh Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding on the margins of the forum, their first common project being Res Souk, student research "market" to be held in June. The AoC Forum was attended by representatives of numerous countries and organizations. Among participants were also Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey, Jose Luis Zapatero, Prime Minister of Spain, Danilo Türk, President of Slovenia and UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

9 April 2009

Master Programme - Culture and Tourism at EMUNI

A part of the Euro-Mediterranean Master study programme in Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism, delivered by the University of Bari, Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU) and the University of Maribor under EMUNI Label, took place at EMUNI from 18 March to 9 April. The obligatory part of the programme, taking place at the seat of EMUNI, consisted of 2 courses and additional activities. At the official opening the students were addressed by the EMUNI President.

After the last lectures of the Master study programme ended, EMUNI prepared a closing ceremony for students. A day before the closing ceremony, EMUNI hosted a round table with a title: "How can intercultural dialogue contribute to establishing Euro-Mediterranean as a region." The round table was led by Prof. Abdouli Touhami from the Sousse University, while Prof. Dr. Massimiliano Cricco from the Urbino University and Andreja Viher, EMUNI Foundation director, also participated with their addresses. A contribution of Mr Vasja Klavora,

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Vice President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, was also presented at the round table, introducing the steps towards the establishment of EMUNI and the role that EMUNI has by building understanding among different cultures. In the discussion that followed the addresses, the students actively participated with their ideas and comments on how to enhance and implement the ideas of intercultural dialogue in real life. They also welcomed the EMUNI project as a unique opportunity for getting to know values and cultures of different Euro-Mediterranean countries at one place. 19 students namely come from 8 countries and for some of them this was their first experience abroad. In the time of their stay in Slovenia the students took part in various excursions, where they had an opportunity to exchange their views and experience.



10 April 2009

Co-organising a Conference on Human Rights

The Euro-Mediterranean University and GRET Association from Morocco organised the 14th International GRET forum, with the topic *Euro-Mediterranean: the history of the future* (Euroméditerranée: Histoire d'un futur). Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca took part in the conference that was attended by many institutions from the Euro-Mediterranean. The conference discussions mainly focused on human rights and rights to identity in the Euro-Mediterranean. Apart of attending the conference, Prof. Trunk Širca also met with representatives of Mohamed ED University and post graduate students of Prof. Ali Sedjari, UNESCO Chair for Teaching, Training, and Research in the field of Human Rights.

EMUNI co-
organising the
14th GRET
Forum



13 April 2009**International meeting on EMUNI**

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Education of Greece, the Vice-President of the European Parliament and President of the Monitoring Group of EMUNI Mrs Rodi Kratsa invited Dr. Joseph Mifsud as a guest speaker to the international meeting on the topic: "Mediterranean region: an area of knowledge, exchange and co-operation. The Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)". Apart of Mr Mifsud, the invited guests of the conference, held in Athens, were addressed by Mrs Rodi KRATSA, Mr. Yannis VALINAKIS, Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece in charge of European Affairs, Prof. Dr. Andreas TROUMBIS, Rector of the University of the Aegean - Founding Member of EMUNI, and Mrs. Elsa PAPADIMITRIOU, Vice-President of the Hellenic Parliament. Other prominent guests, including Mr. Aris SPILIOTOPOULOS, the Minister of Education of Greece, participated in the discussion that followed the opening addresses and presentations. The debate focused on higher education co-operation, new tasks, initiatives and research in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Ms. Rodi Kratsa
and Prof. Dr.
Joseph Mifsud
at a Meeting on
EMUNI

23 April 2009**Co-operation with the Association of Mathematicians, Physicists and Astronomers**

The EMUNI University and the Association of Mathematicians, Physicists and Astronomers of Koper - Centre of Experiments Koper signed a letter of Intent, in which they declare to establish mutual collaboration in common sectors of interests and activities. These are mostly connected with the development and promotion of informal methods of learning, methods of formal and informal teaching, raising awareness of the scientific progress of youth and of the broader public, start of common research projects on didactical problems and other activities that concern the promotion of the scientific-technical culture. The president of EMUNI University and Aljoša Žerjal, the president of Association of Mathematicians, Physicists and Astronomers, seized the opportunity to present both institutions to each other and to speak about future co-operation.

24 April 2009

European Day: Italy - Slovenia



The EMUNI University, the University of Nova Gorica and the University of Udine (Gorizia branch) organised "European Day" Italy - Slovenia: Student Mobility as an added Value to the Intercultural Relations in EU.

The event took place at the University of Nova Gorica, School for Environmental Sciences in Gorizia.

The European day was hosted by Prof. Joseph Mifsud (EMUNI University), Prof. Mladen Franko (University Nova Gorica) and Prof. Claudio Cressati (Udine University), while also Minister Boštjan Žekš (Office of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia for Slovenes abroad) was among the invited speakers. He stressed that the multi-cultural and bilingual approach enables the university systems more creativity and therefore also progress. Ettore Deodato from the European Commission, who helped organise more than 20 similar events across Europe, presented the history and development of Erasmus and other student mobility programmes, while the presentation of Prof. Léonce Bekemans, Chair of Jean Monnet at Padova University, focused on the role of cultural diversity of Europe and Jean Monnet programmes. In the final part of the event, few exchange students presented their view on the mobility that they illustrated through their experience at foreign institutions.

1 May

Participation in the EFIMED Meeting

EFIMED Annual Progress Meeting and Scientific Seminar, organised by the European Forest Institute - Mediterranean Regional Office (EFIMED), took place in Marrakech (Morocco) from 29 April to 1 May 2009. The topic of this year seminar was "Mediterranean forests in the context of integrated management of land resources: soil, water and fodder". The President of the EMUNI University attended the meeting, where he presented the Euro-Mediterranean University. EMUNI aims at strengthening the co-operation with EFIMED in the future, therefore some possible joint actions and projects were discussed during the meeting. The overall objective of the scientific seminar was to discuss and present scientific evidences on the role of forests and forest management in ensuring the sustainability of other resources like soil, water and fodder and to analyse the trade-offs among forest, soil, water and fodder from a biophysical point of view and from a socio-economic perspective.

6 May**Doctoral Research Seminar "De-pollution of the Euro-Mediterranean"**

University Hacettepe and EMUNI organised a Doctoral Research Seminar "De-pollution of the Euro-Mediterranean" at the seat of EMUNI between 4 – 16 May. It was attended by 10 participants from 7 countries. As part of the seminar, two round tables were delivered.

The first round table with a title "De-Pollution of Mediterranean Region - Survival of an ecosystem" was led by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Sanin Selim L. from Hacettepe University, while other speakers were Andreja Palatinus, Head of Eco Vitae Ecologic Society and visiting professors: Prof. Dr. Almasri Mohammad N. from An-Najah University (Palestinian Authority), Dr. Benjamin Sanchez Gimeno from CIEMAT Research Centre for Energy, Environmental and Technological Issues (Spain), Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko and Prof. Dr. Polonca Trebše from the University of Nova Gorica (Slovenia) and Prof. Dr. Sinici Incilay from Hacettepe University. The guests discussed a number of interesting topics, among them solid waste pollution of coastal areas, genetic variation in different populations, determination of critical loads for Mediterranean forest ecosystems, environmental monitoring and engineering and groundwater management.

The second round table with a title "Emerging pollutants and efficiency of environmental monitoring and toxicity testing" was led by Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko from the University in Nova Gorica. It was attended by doctoral students, invited experts, visiting professors and experts from the University of Trieste, the University of Siena, the Chemistry Institute, the Marine Biology Station, the National Institute of Biology Ljubljana and Institute for Health Koper. At the end of the last week the doctoral students also attended an excursion as a part of their stay in Slovenia. They visited Škocjanski zatok Nature Reserve, the largest brackish wetland in Slovenia, the port of Koper, one of the major ports on the northern Adriatic Coast, and the Marine Biology Station, currently the only research group in Slovenia devoted to maritime scientific research and professional work.



13 May**EMUNI MA Programme presented at a Seminar in Lecce**

The EMUNI Delegation, who played a crucial role in preparing the master study programme Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism, took part in a Seminar at the University of Salento with a title "Co-operation between universities and Euro-Mediterranean partnership. The role of the European Union: project work and perspectives". The delegation was composed of Prof. Luigi Ambrosi (President of the Community of Mediterranean Universities - CMU), Prof. C. Notarstefano (CMU-Jean Monnet Center of Excellence), Prof. G. Todisco (University of Bari), Prof. David Mark Katan (University of Salento) and student representatives. The seminar was a part of the European Day celebration at the university. The delegation presented the EMUNI label and the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism Master Programme.

20 May**EMUNI at the European Maritime Day Stakeholder Conference**

The European Maritime Day, celebrated on 20 May, shows the importance of sea and oceans in everyday life, both in coastal communities and across Europe as a whole. It also highlights the opportunities and the challenges, which maritime regions and sectors are currently facing: from tourism and fisheries to maritime transport and climate change.

The stakeholder conference was hosted by Silvio Berlusconi (Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy), Stefan Füle (Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic representing of the Presidency of the Council of the EU), Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou (Vice-President of the European Parliament) and José Manuel Barroso (President of the European Commission). The president of EMUNI University presented the University at the conference and stressed EMUNI's efforts in establishing a new Study Programme in the field of Euro-Mediterranean Maritime Heritage.

22 May**UNESCO project SEMEP at visit**

The Koper High school hosted a meeting of coordinators of UNESCO project called SEMEP (South-Eastern Mediterranean Environmental Project), which involves the primary and secondary schools and kindergartens from South-East Mediterranean countries. Participants from Italy, Palestine, Turkey, Greece, Cyprus, Romania, Croatia, France, Israel and Slovenia also visited the EMUNI University. They were welcomed by the president of the EMUNI University. He presented the organisation and work of the University and answered their questions.

1 June**EMUNI MA Programme at the Seminar in Bari**

Prof. P. Guaragnella (University of Bari, Dean of the Faculty of Languages), Prof. Luigi Ambrosi (President of the Community of Mediterranean Universities - CMU), Prof. C. Notarstefano (CMU-Jean Monnet Center of Excellence) and Prof. G. Dotoli (University of Bari) with a delegation of students took part in the Seminar in Bari at Villa Larocca (CMU - University of Bari). The seminar

"Tourism and Religions: A contribution to the Dialogue Among Religions, Cultures and Civilizations" was a part of the Euro-Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism Master programme, which was delivered by the University of Bari, Community of Mediterranean Universities, one of the cofounders of EMUNI.

3 June

Conference on Universities and Intercultural Dialogue

The Council of Europe organised a conference "Universities as Actors of Intercultural Dialogue in Wider Society", which was hosted by the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (PFUR) in Moscow. Intercultural dialogue has become an increasingly prominent part of the Council's work over the past few years. Universities are no longer the proverbial 'ivory towers' and are now a part of the complex national and international contexts in a globalised world. EMUNI University is committed to promote intercultural dialogue, especially in the field of Higher Education. Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud presented the mission, aims and work of the university at a conference session dedicated to University networks.

5 June

Academic Co-operation with Russian Universities

Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Prof. Vladimir Filippov, the rector of the Peoples' Friendly University of Russia from Moscow, signed the Letter of intent for co-operation. In the document the two institutions have committed themselves to develop joint research and study programmes in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership. Prof. Vladimir Filippov is a UNESCO Chair in Policies of Higher Education.

Prof. Mifsud also visited and lectured at the School of International Relations of Saint-Petersburg State University. The school has a research group dealing with Euro-Mediterranean relations, which is one of the leading research and teaching institutions in Russia that trains highly qualified specialists in international relations.

5 June

Round Table: Euro-Mediterranean cultures - similarities and discrepancies



A round table with a title "Euro-Mediterranean cultures - similarities and discrepancies. *How EMUNI can tune the intercultural dialogue*" took place at the seat of EMUNI. It was organised as part of the MA programme Energy

and Sustainable Development that EMUNI University delivers together with Link Campus, Rome - University of Malta. The guests were first addressed in Slovenian by Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, Director of Center EMUNI. Dr. Alexandre Zafiriou from the Secretariat General of the EU Council continued with the address in Greek, Prof. Dr. Abdouli Touhami from the Sousse University in Arabic, Dr. Ettore Deodato from the European Commission in Italian, and Dr. Ons Debbech from University Sorbona in French.

The participants exchanged experience in the field of intercultural dialogue and differences in cultures and values of the Euro-Mediterranean area. They agreed that accepting and knowing different languages is also one of the tools for contributing to intercultural dialogue and creating a Euro-Mediterranean identity. Intercultural dialogue and unity through diversity are also among main challenges of EMUNI.

9 June

First EMUNI Research Souk on the first anniversary of the EMUNI University

Euro-Mediterranean
Student
Research Multi-conference



The Euro-Mediterranean University - EMUNI celebrated its first anniversary of establishment. On this occasion it organised the 1st EMUNI Research Souk (Euro-Mediterranean Student Research Multi-conference) in Portorož. Res Souk was held simultaneously at 17 higher educational and research institutions from 14 countries. An estimate of 2000 participants from the whole Euro-Mediterranean were involved in the project. The aim of the conference was to enable students to showcase and discuss their work in the field of research of topics in relation to Euro-Mediterranean issues also outside their host institutions and countries, as well as provide networking possibilities and exchange of experience in the international environment.

15 June 2009

EMUNI attends a Conference in Jerusalem

The conference with a full name "1989-2009: Taking Stock of East-West EUnification", organised by the Institute for European Studies, focused on the changes in Europe that started around 1989 with the fall of Berlin wall. Twenty years later, Europe stands more united than ever. However, one of the challenges that EU faces, is the growing diversity of the enlarged Union and finding unity within this diversity. The conference explored the processes that

transformed the continent and tackled the question to what extent Europe is actually EUified and can be EUified from political, economic, cultural and art perspectives. Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud presented the EMUNI University as an instrument of cross border co-operation at a conference session dedicated to Education. In the time of the conference Prof. Mifsud also met with EMUNI partners in the region and discussed further co-operation within the EMUNI partnership.

19 June

Concluding activities in the frame of Master Study Programme

EMUNI is concluding the course of Euro-Mediterranean International Relations that was held at EMUNI within the MA study programme "Energy and Sustainable Development". The MA programme is organised by EMUNI and the University of Malta - Link Campus, Rome. During their stay in Portorož the students also visited Slovenian companies, active in the field of energy, including a Nuclear reactor in Litija, Thermal power station in Ljubljana, Krško Nuclear Power Plant, Hydroelectric power stations in Solkan and Plave, companies Cimos Koper, Port of Koper and Centre of Experiments in Koper. 11 students, coming from Tunisia, Italy, Ivory Coast, Azerbaijan and Sudan also participated at the conference Res Souk and attended the concluding ceremony, where they received certificates on attendance and prepared an interesting evening with traditional food and presentation of the cultural heritage of their countries.

21 June

EMUNI Summer School in Napoli



In the framework of the 2nd EMUNI Summer School 2009, the course "Tradition and New Creativity in the Performing Arts" - a professional drama course, was delivered in Napoli, Teatro Festival Italia from 8 to 21 June 2009.

The institutions involved in the project were: University of Naples "L'Orientale" as the responsible institution, the Galilee College in Nahalal (Israel), the An-Najah National University in Nablus (Palestine) and the Institut Supérieur des Beaux-Arts of the University of Sousse (Tunisia).

The project hosted 21 young people from the Euro-Mediterranean region, performing arts professionals from drama schools or humanistic faculties of universities involved. The course focused on the central cultural and historical role of theater in the Mediterranean countries. The first week was dedicated to the theatre in the Middle East and lectured by Francesca Corrao and Mariangela Masullo, Gabriella Moscato Steindler and Raya Cohen. The workshops were led by Joseph Shevel and Kamal Zeidan. The second week was dedicated to the theatre in Europe and lectured by Pasquale Sabbatino, Stefano Manferlotti, Francesco De Cristofaro, Patricia Bianchi and Giuseppina Scognamiglio. Hafedh Djedidi and Matthew Lenton led the workshops. During the summer course round tables and social programme were organised. At the end of the course all participants received the Certificate of Attendance.

24 June

Thematic panel on globalization



The Faculty of Management (University of Primorska) in co-operation with EMUNI prepared a thematic panel "Globalization versus De-globalization - Illumination of current trends within business and repercussions for the future." The panel was moderated by Prof. Rune Ellemose Gulev, while the participating panelists were Dr. Alec Wersun, Glasgow Caledonian University, Great Britain and Prof. Dr. Mifsud. The panel was organised as part of this year's summer school of management of the Faculty of Management, who organised its first thematic panel at the seat of EMUNI. The event was attended by participants of the summer school and visiting professors, who developed a very interesting debate, mainly on the issue of globalization in the light of the world financial crisis, its consequences and possible future changes for the whole society.

26 June

Sessions of EMUNI Management Board and EMUNI Senate

The fourth session of EMUNI Management Board and the second session of EMUNI Senate were held at Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia. At the session of the Management Board, led by the Chairman of EMUNI Management Board, the members adopted the work programme for 2009 and discussed the guidelines of the university for 2010/2013.

The members of the Senate, the session of which was led by the president of EMUNI University, confirmed the content of the study activities for the academic year 2009/2010 and adopted the study training programme Euro-Mediterranean studies. The Senate members also adopted the decision to open the calls for application tenders of study programmes as preparation for academic year 2010/2011, from the fields of development studies and priority areas of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Senate and
Management
Board of EMUNI
in Slovenia



27 June

EMUNI visiting Kosovo and Macedonia

EMUNI accepted an invitation for a visit from Kosovo and Macedonian Universities. Neli Dimc, EMUNI out-worker in the field of international co-operation, paid a visit to three universities. Prof. Dr. Anton Berishajem (Pristina University) expressed interest for co-operation between the both institutions with a special focus on project co-operation. He invited EMUNI, along with partner institutions, to co-operate in a project from the field of sociology, in the frame of which the research of family relations would take place. At the University AAB, Dimc introduced the activities of EMUNI to its rector, Prof. Dr. Uroš Lipušček (programmes from the Union for the Mediterranean priority areas, doctoral seminars, summer schools, journal and other EMUNI activities). Interest for co-operation was expressed from both sides, especially in the field of assuring quality in the Higher Education. At the visit of SEE University (Tetovo) it was pointed out that EMUNI has already co-operated in a partner institution project preparation and that both institutions are interested in co-operation. The Rector stressed the international aspect of their institution, while Prof. Dr. Elena Andreevska introduced her endeavours for establishing doctoral studies. EMUNI aims to strengthen its operation also in the field of the Balkans in the future in the close co-operation with CEPS (Center for Education Policy Studies).

3 July

Co-organising a conference on the enlargement of the EU

The conference "Enlargement of European Union: What next?" was organised by the Cattedra Jean Monnet as part of the 'Government and Politics of the European Union' at the University of Udine together with EMUNI University and other partners. The participants of the meeting stressed the process of

enlargement of the EU, especially in the Balkans and the Euro-Mediterranean region. The president of the EMUNI University presented the work and mission of the EMUNI University and delivered a lecture: Euro-Mediterranean co-operation: political priorities and operational guidelines.

6 July

Veronika Stabej appointed President of the Board of Governors of the Anna Lindh

The Board of Governors of the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF), an EMUNI partner institution, appointed Ambassador Veronika Stabej its new President at a meeting in Brussels.

Ms Stabej, currently Director of the Government Communication Office, was the Head of the Public Relations Office of the Prime Minister in the 1990s. She joined the diplomatic service in 1997 and became the Slovenian Ambassador to Canada in 2002. Since 2007 she has been the National Coordinator for the Francophonie; she also headed the Slovenian delegation to Euromed-Barcelona Process: The Union for the Mediterranean. During the Slovenian EU Council Presidency in the first half of 2008, Ms Stabej also headed the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. She was made a Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour by the French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, for her active endeavours during the Presidency for the benefit of the Francophonie and in the field of the Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean.

The function of President of the Board of Governors of the Anna Lindh Foundation is an honorary one, and has been awarded to Slovenia in recognition of its activities in the wider Euro-Mediterranean region. With her active work in the Euro-Mediterranean region, Veronika Stabej played a crucial role by the establishment of EMUNI.

8 July

EMUNI at the 2009 World UNESCO Conference



Meeting with
the Minister
Abid Al-Ajeeli

EMUNI delegation attended the 2009 World UNESCO conference on Higher Education: The New Dynamics of Higher Education and Research for Societal Change and Development.

Speakers at the sessions, including the opening ceremony, highlighted the importance of education as a response to the global economic crisis and

stressed equity, quality and international co-operation as critical challenges for all governments. The Director-General of UNESCO, Koïchiro Matsuura, said that Higher Education institutions play a strategic role in finding solutions to today's leading challenges in the fields of health, science, education, renewable energies, water management, food security and the environment," while Slovenian President Dr. Danilo Türk stressed that higher education should be fully engaged in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and fostering dialogue among civilizations, as well as emphasized that improving quality and relevance was closely linked to promoting academic freedom.

Apart of attending the conference's sessions, EMUNI representatives met with numerous conference speakers and participants, including Koïchiro Matsuura, Abid Al- Ajeeli, Minister of Higher Education of Iraq, Hany Mahfouz Hilal, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Egypt, Lazhar Bououni, Tunisian Minister for Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology, Vladimir Filippov, Rector of Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Jozsef Györkös, State Secretary at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Slovenia, Dr. Janez Šumrada, Ambassador of Slovenia to the French Republic, Sjur Bergan, Directorate of School, Out-of-School and Higher Education, Council of Europe and Hiligje van't Land, Ph. D., Director, Membership and Programme Development, International Association of Universities.

The World Conference on Higher Education gathered close to 1,000 participants from 148 countries, including participants from governmental institutions, international, academic and private organizations.

10 July

Summer School in Brussels



Summer School
on EU Law
and Policy on
Immigration
and Asylum

EMUNI Summer School "European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum" took place in Brussels from 29 June to 10 July. The course's aim was to provide its participants with a comprehensive understanding of the immigration and asylum policy of the European Union from a legal point of view. It was offered by the Odysseus Academic Network from Brussels.

14 July

Visit to the President of the Republic of Slovenia

EMUNI President and the President of the Management Board of the EMUNI Foundation paid an introductory and courtesy visit to HE Dr. Danilo Türk, the President of the Republic of Slovenia. The visit focused mainly on the work priorities and development of EMUNI University. President Türk expressed support to the EMUNI project.

18 July

IGU conference in the organization of the Maribor University and EMUNI



Closing
Ceremony of IGU
Conference

The 17th Annual Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems took place in Maribor from 13 to 18 July 2009. This year it was organised by The University of Maribor with EMUNI as one of the co-organisers. The focus of this year's conference was New Challenges for Sustainable Rural Development in the 21st Century. The participants discussed the following subjects: Human Resources and Social Capital, Global Economic and Policy Impacts on Rural Areas, New Products and Services in the Changing Countryside, Environmental Challenges. The programme consisted also of excursions to different Slovenian regions. The closure of the conference was held at EMUNI on Friday, 17 July. Prof. Dr. Abdouli Touhami, advisor of the EMUNI President, read the welcome address by Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud and presented the mission and activities of EMUNI.

22 July

Training Foundation, SEECEL and EMUNI establishing co-operation in Entrepreneurship

Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca and Prof. Dr. Abdouli Touhami visited the European Training Foundation in Turin, where further discussions were held about the co-operation in the field of Entrepreneurship learning. The possibilities of co-operation in this field are promising and the two organizations found synergies and made plans for joint actions in 2010.

The meeting was held also with the representatives of SEECEL - South East European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning, an organization supported by the European Union with its seat in Croatia. The Centre was founded in 2008

at the initiative of the Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship of the Republic of Croatia. Its goal is to promote developed learning economies and to establish structured co-operation amongst the countries of South Eastern Europe on lifelong entrepreneurial learning. SEECEL demonstrates how 8 countries have come together for the purpose of entrepreneurial learning. EMUNI and SEECEL discussed the possible ways to start co-operation and to define the most relevant points of future partnership.

25 July

EMUNI Summer Schools in Catania



The University of Catania in Sicily hosted two EMUNI Summer Schools: Linguistic Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean Basin, and European Policies and Economic Transition in the Mediterranean Basin.

The module "Linguistic Mediation" introduced the attendees to current trends and mainstreams in the field of cultural linguistic mediation, with particular reference to the Euro-Mediterranean region. Specific attention was devoted to the ways in which language serves as a central site for the elaboration and contestation of socio-cultural boundaries.

The second module, "European Policies" covered a wide range of actions and roles that the EU plays in the Euro-Mediterranean region, and offered a global perspective on long term change in the world economy, interaction between countries, regulatory systems and business companies, with a special focus on the relationships between the two shores of the Mediterranean Basin.

More than 25 participants, coming from 10 different countries, attended the courses. Apart of visiting the lectures and actively participating in numerous workshops, the students also had a chance to take part in various excursions and other activities that were organised as part of the summer school, e.g. visit to the Etna Mountain and tourist sightseeing of Catania, which provided them also with knowledge about the Sicilian culture and offered them an opportunity to implement their knowledge of intercultural dialogue in person. At the end of the courses the President of EMUNI distributed the certificates of attendance to the participants.

27 July

First part of EMUNI Summer School in Urbino



The first part of the EMUNI Summer Course on Local Administration and Human Development, organised by the University of Urbino, with the support of the Faculty of Political Sciences, Art - Universitas Programme, Region Marche, United Nations Development Programme and UNOPS, was successfully concluded. Some of the participants also had an opportunity to experience brief job shadowing exercises in Urbino and Ancona.

As part of face to face tuition, that the first part consisted of, laboratory work and guided visits to the local authorities were held. The summer school continued in September 2009 with online courses.

28 August 2009

Immigrants and Host Communities in Cross-cultural and Cross-linguistic Perspectives

A Summer School on inter-linguistic and inter-cultural communication needs between immigrant and host communities in Balkan countries was delivered at the Summer Camping of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Kalandra-Chalkidiki, Greece. The course aimed at providing a platform for initiating debate on the issues of cross-cultural communication and cross-linguistic communication and activism among scholars, trainers, practitioners, social workers and civil society actors.

The courses were attended by 20 participants (Greece, Hungary, Germany, Turkey, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), China, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Croatia and the USA) and 5 other through virtual learning. The students visited lectures in the morning, while the afternoons offered an opportunity for personal consultations with the tutors and visits to different sites and events, where they could also learn about the Greek culture and society.

11 September

Agreement on co-operation in implementing a doctoral study programme

The EMUNI University and the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security signed an agreement on co-operation in implementing a doctoral study programme "Criminal Justice and Security Studies" at the seat of the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security in Ljubljana. The agreement was signed by Joseph Mifsud,

the President of EMUNI, Dr. Ivan Rozman, Rector of the University in Maribor, Dr. Gorazd Meško, Dean of the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security and Katja Kustec, representative of EMUNI Foundation. Professors who will cooperate by the implementation of the programme and other guests took part in the ceremony.



The third level Study programme "Criminal Justice and Security Studies" is a three-year programme, composed of five modules, including policing and criminology and security studies, information technology and risk control. In the frame of the study EMUNI will host an obligatory training study programme "Euro-Mediterranean Studies". The programme aims to attract international students for whom presumably 10 places and 7 scholarships of the EMUNI Foundation will be available.

Agreement on co-operation in implementing a doctoral study programme

The University of Maribor is a member of the EMUNI General Assembly and is actively involved in its activities. By the common implementation of the programme in the academic year 2009/2010 the institutions intend to enhance the mobility of students and academic staff from the whole Euro-Mediterranean region.

19 September



Conference of the European Association for International Co-operation

The Annual conference of the European Association for International Co-operation (EAIE) was held in Madrid from 16 - 19 September. The largest EAIE conference to-date, held for the 21st time in a row, was attended by over 3600

participants from 80 countries. The conference included many workshops and sections from the fields of international co-operation, internationalization of Higher Education, exchange programmes of students and teaching staff, summer school etc. and offered excellent networking and professional development opportunities. The exhibition area of the conference venue provided opportunities for more than 130 universities to present themselves, among them was also EMUNI, which was represented at the stand of the Compostela Group of Universities.

22 September

Calls for University Projects

In order to enhance co-operation between higher education institutions in the field of research and contribute to the intercultural dialogue, open learning and teaching opportunities of the Union for the Mediterranean, EMUNI University launched calls for EMUNI University projects in the Academic Year 2009/2010. They include Calls for the Development of New Master Study Programmes, Accredited Study Programmes, Doctoral Research Seminars, Summer Semester - Professional School 2010 and Concepts for EMUNI projects.

24 September

Visit of the President of the European Movement International

Mr Charles F. Nothomb, acting President of the European Movement International visited Portorož together with his colleagues from the European Movement International Slovenia. At the time of their stay they met with Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Ms Alenka Suhadolnik, President of the Management Board of EMUNI Foundation, discussing the possibilities of future collaboration. Mr Nothomb is a former Speaker of Parliament and Former Minister of Foreign and Home Affairs. Currently he is the Honorary Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium. One of the main areas of his work is co-operation of countries in the Mediterranean Area.

25 September

Compostela General Council in Portorož

In the time of the second EMUNI conference on Higher Education and Research the Compostela Group of Universities held its General Council, accompanied by two ceremonies. At the first one hosted by the University of Primorska and EMUNI on 24 September, the former president of the Compostela Group Prof. Dr. March Richelle was decorated by the "Compostela Group Golden Pin".

At the second ceremony, held on 25 September in GH Bernardin, Mr. Amin Maalouf, writer and journalist from Lebanon was awarded with the "Compostela-Xunta de Galicia". He received the award from the hands of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Slovenia, Ms. Anunciada Fernández de Córdova. Since 1996 the reward has been granted annually by the Compostela Group of Universities and the Department of Culture, Social Communication and Tourism of the Galician Regional Government to one person or institution that has stood out due to his work in favour of the diffusion of international projects or ideas, dealing specially with the promotion of the European common ideal, the education and the preservation of our cultural heritage.



Amin Maalouf, born 25 February 1949 in Beirut, is a Lebanese author. Although his native language is Arabic, he writes in French, and his works have been translated into many languages. He received the Prix Goncourt in 1993 for his novel *The Rock of Tanios* (English translation of *Le Rocher de Tanios*). He worked as the director of the Beirut-based daily newspaper *An-Nahar* until the start of the Lebanese civil war in 1975, when he moved to Paris. He still lives there. His novels are marked by his experiences of civil war and migration.

Compostela
General Council
in Portorož

26 September 2009

EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research

The Euro-Mediterranean University EMUNI and the Compostela Group of Universities (CGU) organised the second EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research in Portorož between 25 and 26 September 2009.

The event with a title "Internationalization and the Role of University Networks" brought together topics of the process of internationalization and harmonization in the field of Higher Education and Research in the Euro-Mediterranean region, University networks, improvement of the quality of Higher Education, and the mobility of students, professors and university staff.

EMUNI
Conference
on Higher
Education and
Research



30 September

Summer School in Management in Higher Education

Between 16 and 30 September 2009 the course *Management in Higher Education* was held at EMUNI as part of the Second Euro-Mediterranean

Summer School. The course was attended by 9 students from different countries (Italy, Tunisia, Morocco, Palestinian Authority, Turkey, Slovenia) and professors from Slovenia and abroad.

Summer School
in Management in
Higher Education



As part of the summer school different events were organised: official opening on 16 September at the EMUNI seat, round table "Challenges in Higher Education" on 23 September, seminar "Strategic Management in Higher Education" on 25 September in the Congress Centre Bernardin and seminar "E-learning in Higher Education" at EMUNI on 28 September.

The official closure of the summer school took place on 30 September, when the participants received attendance certificates.

30 September

Polish College of Enterprise and Administration representatives in Slovenia

15-member delegation of the College of Enterprise and Administration (*Wyższa Szkoła Przedsiębiorczości i Administracji w Lublinie - WSPA*), one of the members of EMUNI University, was at a 10-day visit in Slovenia between 20 and 30 September 2009.



During their stay the delegation visited the Euro-Mediterranean University EMUNI, the University in Nova Gorica and the International School for Social and Business Studies in Celje. They also had a chance to visit some the most popular Slovenian tourist sites.

Their visit to EMUNI included participation in the seminar on e-learning in Higher Education and attendance at the second EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research. Their visit to the coast ended with an official dinner, organised by EMUNI, where they were also met by a representative of the Polish Embassy in Slovenia, Mr Tomasz Malyszek.

30 September

EMUNI presented at the SOM Meeting in Brussels



The President of the EMUNI University and the Director of EMUNI Foundation visited Brussels, where Dr. Mifsud delivered a presentation of the Euro-Mediterranean University at the Union for the Mediterranean Senior Officials Meeting. The meeting was held at the General Secretariat Council of the EU, where EMUNI presentation was put to the agenda as one of three presentations. Dr. Mifsud talked about the establishment, development, activities and future plans of the university to the participants, who also received the latest editions of the EMUNI newsletter and EMUNI publication, which contain basic information about the university.

High-ranking officials of all the 43 UfM partner countries and the Commission take part in the Senior Official Meetings. The SoM is tasked with the preparation of Euromed Ministerial Meetings including projects to be endorsed, in particular those of Foreign Ministers; to take stock of and evaluate the progress of the UfM in all its components and submit the annual work programme to Ministers of Foreign Affairs. They meet regularly and analyse the progress made towards the fulfilment of the Union for the Mediterranean objectives. The SoM also provides incentives for new initiatives.

4–6 October

EMUNI visits Egypt

Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Andreja Viher visited Egypt, where they attended a number of important meetings. On 4 October they met with H. E. Ambassador Hamdy Sanad, Assistant Minister for European Affairs, H. E. Mr Borut Mahnič, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia, and H. E. Ambassador Mohamed Refaah El Tahtawy, Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs - Director of Institute for Diplomatic Studies. Dr Mifsud also lectured to the Young diplomats at the Diplomatic Institute.

They continued their visits with a meeting with Dr. Mostafa El-Feky, President of the British University in Egypt - Member of the Middle East Committee of the International Parliamentary Union and a meeting with Mr. Abdel Hamid El-Zoheir, Coordinator for EU research, development and innovation, and the minister representative in the monitory committee for EUROMED co-operation. The visit is a very important step towards increasing co-operation with Egyptian institutions. EMUNI already co-operates very closely with the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, Cairo, and the Alexandria University, who are also members of EMUNI.



7 - 10 October

Second Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on Public Management

The Institute of Public Management and Territorial Governance of the University Paul Cézanne, Aix-Marseille III and EMUNI University organised the 2nd Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on Public Management Portorož - Piran, Slovenia. The conference dealt with Local Public Services and Territorial Management. Professor MIFSUD, Professor Geert BOUCKAERT and Professor FOUCHET opened the event on Friday, where various topics were discussed, e.g. Local Public Services, Territorial Specificities and Adaptation of Approaches, Local Public Services and the User, Performance Assessments in Local Public Services.

Every year the conference brings together researchers and practitioners of public management and policy from the countries of the Union for



the Mediterranean. This year it hosted experts from many countries, including France, Tunisia, Canada, Morocco, Italy, Belgium and Slovenia. Between 7 – 8 October a pre-seminar on Local Public Services and Territorial Management for PhD students was held prior to the Conference. Eight doctoral students introduced to the participants their views on various topics, e.g. Choosing Marketing in a Downsizing Public Services, Ethics and Cynism of the political Gaps and Financing political sphere in Morocco.

The first Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue on Public Management was held between 10 - 11 October 2008 in Aix-en Provence (France).

13 – 15 October 2009

EMUNI at the Student Arena

The Student Arena is a traditional annual event for students, which took place for a 10th time in a row in Ljubljana. At the exhibition for students more than 100 educational, economic, cultural and other organisations were introducing their activities and programmes to students. The event also included various workshops, lectures and other activities.

This year the EMUNI University was taking part on the Student Fair for the first time. At its stand one could obtain relevant information, publications and promotion materials of EMUNI.



At the opening ceremony of the Arena Mr Janez Levec, director GR Inženiring d.o.o., the organiser of the event, Mr Jernej Štromajer, President of the Student Organisation of the University in Ljubljana and Ms Majda Širok, Director of the Directorate of Higher Education at the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of Slovenia addressed the public.

14 – 16 October

EMUNI at the Slovenian Development Days

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia and SLOGA - a Slovenian NGO platform for development co-operation and humanitarian aid organised the first Slovenian Development Days in Ljubljana. The event was attended by representatives of governmental organizations, diplomatic corps, non-governmental organizations and other invitees. The first panel was moderated by Ms Alenka Suhadolnik, Head of Division for International Development Co-operation and Humanitarian Assistance at MFA and President

of the Management Board of EMUNI Foundation, which was represented also through a participation of Katja Kustec.

The Slovenian Development Days are aimed at raising public awareness of the importance of international development co-operation and the efforts of the international community to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

EMUNI plans a common organization of a conference "Peace, Stability and Prosperity in the Euro-Mediterranean Region" with Sloga, Slovenian MFA and the North-South Center of the Council of Europe in April 2010.

15 – 16 October 2009

EURASHE and EMUNI

EURASHE (European Association of Institutions in Higher Education) organised a seminar on the topic of lifelong learning in further and higher education at Bled. From the side of EMUNI it was attended by Dr. Nada Trunk Širca. With Prof. Dr. Lars Lynge Nielsen, EURASHE President and Prof. Dr. Stefan Delplace it was agreed to sign an agreement between EMUNI and EURASHE on co-operation and organization of at least one event. EMUNI has also been invited to attend a conference on 9 March 2010 in Budapest, which will be held a day before the ministerial meeting celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Bologna process.

23 – 24 October

EMUNI at the PAM Plenary Session



The President of the EMUNI University attended the fourth Plenary Session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM) in Istanbul.

The welcome addresses of the Plenary were delivered by H. E. Mehmet Ali Şahin, the Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Hon Rudy Salles, PAM President, and HE Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the Prime Minister of Turkey, who is also a Honorary Member of the EMUNI Foundation.

The Plenary focused on the work presentations of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd PAM standing committees with regards to political and security-related co-operation and adopted the resolutions and reports from the fields of Middle East, Organized Crime and Terrorism, Energy, Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Dialogue of Cultures and Religions, Migrations and Gender and Equality issues. The

majority of the adopted reports covered the fields, which are also thematic priorities of EMUNI.

The EMUNI President presented EMUNI with regards to the initiative of Slovenian PAM Member Group and EMUNI to host one of the task force PAM Meetings next year in Slovenia. The EMUNI Delegation together with Slovenian PAM Members (Miro Petek, Franco Juri, Andreja Črnak Meglič, Tatjana Pandev) also met with Dr. Sergio Piazzi, Secretary General of PAM and discussed this initiative.

Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean was developed from the Conference on the Security and Co-operation of the Mediterranean which was held in the frame of the Inter-Parliamentary union. The first session of PAM, including 24 countries, was held in 2006 in Amman (Jordan).

27-30 October 2009

EMUNI visiting Lebanon and Syria

Lebanon, Syria. Prof. Dr. Joseph Mifsud, president of EMUNI University and Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, Director of Center EMUNI attended VI Euro-Mediterranean University Forum, which took place in Beirut from 27 to 28 October 2009. The Forum was jointly organised by EPUF (EuroMed Permanent University Forum) and Université Saint-Joseph, the topics of the forum were: Research versus Quality Assurance: which is the motor of transformation of universities? and The Mobility as a Modernization strategy. Prof. Mifsud also attended EPUF General Assembly, where he presented the activities of EMUNI. On 30 October 2009 the EMUNI representatives took part of the 2nd Forum of the League of the Canaan, Phoenician and Punic Cities, held in Byblos, Lebanon. The forum was organised by the Tyr Foundation, under the patronage of UNESCO. Prof. Mifsud delivered a presentation with a title: EMUNI - a beacon for the Union for the Mediterranean.

On the side of the conferences, EMUNI representatives visited Beirut Arab University and CESMO and met with the representatives of following institutions: Cairo University - Faculty of Vet. Medicine (Giza, Egypt), International Academy of Constitutional Law (Tunis), École nationale d'administration (France), Institut national du patrimoine (France), Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Spain), Université Saint-Joseph (Lebanon), Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (Lebanon) and Ministry of development (Greece).

Prof. Mifsud also visited Syria, where he had meetings with representatives of: Damascus University, Wadi International University, Aleppo University - Faculty of Arts & Humanities and Tishreen University (University of Lattakia).



5.

EMUNI UNIVERSITY PLANS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

After the first year of operation the EMUNI University has become well-established on the way of becoming a widely recognized international university, operating in the Euro-Mediterranean area. Some of the events in the organization of EMUNI were a big success and gained a lot of interest of the international public and therefore EMUNI aims to turn them into annual events. Plans for the future involve ambitious projects to continue EMUNI's mission to advance the establishment of an integrated Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education and Research Area.

In this chapter the main planned activities in 2009/10 are presented.

5.1. Postgraduate Study Programmes

The international comparability of the study programmes is ensured with respect to credits, courses, as well as awarded scientific and professional titles. Complete study programmes (or parts of them) will be carried out at several universities, co-founders of the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI).

In the academic year 2009/2010 EMUNI University in co-operation with the Faculty of Criminal Justice and Security of the University in Maribor and other EMUNI partner universities will implement a doctoral Study programme "Criminal Justice and Security".

The third level Study programme "Criminal Justice and Security Studies" is a three-year programme, composed of five modules, including policing and criminology and security studies, information technology and risk control. In the frame of the study EMUNI will host an obligatory training study programme "Euro-Mediterranean Studies".

In co-operation with the University of Nova Gorica, the University of Bari and other EMUNI partner universities, three Master programmes with the EMUNI Label will be implemented:

- ▶ Environment,
- ▶ Migration and Intercultural Relations,
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean MA in Culture and Tourism.

Some characteristics of the implementation of EMUNI study programmes and related activities:

- ▶ a minimum of 3 universities take part in conducting a programme, at least one of which is a South Mediterranean country,
- ▶ each course is delivered by multiple faculties,
- ▶ master courses are delivered to cohorts of 20 to 30 students, doctoral courses up to 10 students; students come also from non-EU Euro-Mediterranean countries,
- ▶ while each programme is conducted at the location of the involved universities, students also take courses (gaining 15 -20 ECTS) at EMUNI in Slovenia over a four-week period,
- ▶ a range of teaching methods is applied, including face-to-face tuition, on-line instruction, project work and internship,
- ▶ besides quality assurance and assessment carried out by the university responsible for the programme, innovative and intercultural aspects of the study programmes is observed and assessed by EMUNI experts.

5.2. Lifelong learning and summer semester 2010

With a goal to promote diversity and equal opportunities, EMUNI will organise professional training in the summer semester. Accredited Modules from Master courses with ECTS value will be offered, providing the students with an opportunity to gain knowledge from selected topics and build social networks and exchange experience.

In the academic year 2009/2010 EMUNI programmes of professional training will be organised at partner universities in the frame of the summer semester (June – September 2010). The courses will be announced in December 2009.

The following programmes are planned to be held in Slovenia and the EMUNI partner institutions:

- ▶ Management of Higher Education (in the summer semester 2010),
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean Studies (February and September 2010),
- ▶ Public Management in Local Communities of EUROMED (April 2010).

In the frame of the courses, different supplementary activities will be organised, such as thematic discussions with invited experts, sight-seeing, cultural and other social events.

5.3. Research and Projects

For the purpose of development of joint degree doctoral study programmes, research seminars for doctoral students will be organised.

In 2009/2010 doctoral research seminars, related to six thematic areas, will be held. One university will be selected to co-ordinate a seminar on each topic. They will take place in Slovenia between February and July 2010.

EMUNI is also involved in the organisation and implementation of various projects. In the academic year 2009/2010 one of the most important projects will be the co-operation in the last phase of the project Entrepreneurship in Higher Education led by the European Training Foundation (ETF).

ETF Project on Entrepreneurial learning

The project managed by European Training Foundation (ETF) covers 16 countries of South Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. It aims to help build capacity for developing lifelong entrepreneurial learning and the creation of enterprise skills in general and higher education. Together with the European Commission and other partners, the ETF has been working on a policy index, designed to help countries meet the specific challenges of promoting the enterprise culture, since 2006.

EMUNI joined the project in 2009, the full participation will start in 2010; some of EMUNI partner institutions also joined, forming an EMUNI leading

group within the project:

International School for social and Business Studies (Celje, Slovenia), University of Nova Gorica (Nova Gorica, Slovenia), University of Sousse (Sousse, Tunisia), Al Akhawayn University (Ifrane, Morocco).

5.4. Conferences

To disseminate the achievements in the field of research, EMUNI organises different conferences and other events. The annual conferences in 2009/2010 will include:

- ▶ Management International Conference, Sousse, Tunisia, 25 - 26 November 2009, *Creativity, Innovation and Management*
- ▶ The Second Student research conference - EMUNI Research Souk, 14 June 2010, Alexandria (Egypt) and other EMUNI locations. Organisers: EMUNI, Anna Lindh Foundation and other EMUNI Partners, *Living together in a Multi-Cultural Society*
- ▶ The third EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research, Slovenia, September 2010.
- ▶ Management International Conference, Ankara, Turkey, 26 - 27 November 2010 (TBC), *Social Responsibility and Ethics of Management*

EMUNI aims to organise the annual conferences each year in a different country of the Euro-Mediterranean.

Other conferences include the conference "Peace, Stability and Prosperity in the Euro-Mediterranean Region", organised in April 2010 in Slovenia, and "System of Mediterranean Thought."



2nd EMUNI ReS (EMUNI Research Souk)

Living together in a Multi-Cultural Society

The Euro-Mediterranean Student Research Multi-conference
14 June 2010, Alexandria, Egypt and other EMUNI Locations.

Organised by: EMUNI, Anna Lindh Foundation and other EMUNI partners



3rd EMUNI Conference on Higher Education and Research

Portorož, Slovenia, September 2010, (TBC)

Organised by: EMUNI and one of the EMUNI partners



10th MIC 2009, Management International Conference

Creativity, Innovation and Management

Sousse, Tunisia, 25–26 November 2009

Organised by: UP Faculty of Management Koper, EMUNI University and Sousse University



11th MIC 2010, Management International Conference

Social Responsibility and Ethics of Management

Ankara, Turkey, 24–27 November 2010

Organised by: UP Faculty of Management Koper, EMUNI University and Hacettepe University (TBC)

5.5. EMUNI Publications

In the Academic Year 2009/2010 EMUNI will continue issuing the International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies, a joint project of EMUNI and the University of Nova Gorica with an aim to promote intercultural dialogue and exchanges between societies.

In the following editions, special issues will be published on:

- ▶ Civil Protection
- ▶ De-Pollution of the Mediterranean
- ▶ Alternative Energies
- ▶ Maritime and Land Highways
- ▶ Higher Education and Research
- ▶ Business Development in the Mediterranean
- ▶ Special Issues Announcements

The Report 2009 was issued in November 2009.

EMUNI will also continue issuing conference proceedings.





6.

EMUNI FOUNDATION

The Euro-Mediterranean University Foundation - EMUNI Foundation was established in August 2008.

Its prime objective is to obtain financial resources for the development and operation of the EMUNI University.

The Foundation has already been recognised and supported by prominent individuals and assured by important Slovenian and foreign companies that they will finance the development and operation of post-graduate programmes relevant to their discipline.

Programmes in an intercultural context will significantly contribute to the development of individual disciplines in the Euro-Mediterranean Area and to the operations of companies within the global environment.

By supporting the EMUNI University the Foundation is following its broader vision, which is to strengthen the ideas of the intercultural dialogue and contribute to the efficient implementation of the values, topics and ideas that are common and significant to the whole Euro-Mediterranean Area.

As an evident proof of the EMUNI Foundation efforts, the following study programmes were co-financed by the EMUNI Foundation in the academic year 2008/2009:

- ▶ International MBA in Management of Energy and Environment (International University of Rome, University of Malta),
- ▶ Master's Course in European Mediterranean Cultures and Policies (International Telematic University, Italy),
- ▶ Euro-Mediterranean Master in Culture and Tourism (University of Bari, Italy).

The EMUNI foundation also provided financial support to some events of the EMUNI University, e.g. Res Souk 2009 and helped organise its promotional activities. Its members were also actively involved in international relations and PR activities of the EMUNI University.



The foundation is led by the Management Board. The members of the Management Board are currently (as of October 2009): Alenka Suhadolnik (President), Bojan Dremelj, Simona Drenik, Damijan Koletnik, Matjaž Kovačič, Brane Lesjak, Nataša Likar, Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, Janez Škrabec, Andrej Vrčon. The executive Director of EMUNI Foundation is Ms. Andreja Viher.

To be able to ensure the aims of the Foundation, recognition of reputable individuals in the international environment was extremely welcome and

needed. Therefore EMUNI Foundation has established the Honorary Board, a consultation body of the Management Board. Apart of Slovenian politicians, the following prominent individuals have so far expressed willingness to participate in the Honorary Board of the EMUNI Foundation:

- ▶ Hans Gert Pöttering, the former President of the European Parliament,
- ▶ Tayyip Recep Erdogan, the Prime Minister of Turkey,
- ▶ Amr Moussa, the Secretary General of the Arab League.

The Foundation has already been assured by important Slovenian and foreign companies that they will finance the development and operation of post-graduate programmes relevant to their discipline. Generous support was expressed from the State of Kuwait, which donated a check of EUR 1 million at the inauguration of the University.

Bigger donors will have a seat in the Management Board of the Foundation, depending on the scope and the stability of financing. Thus, they will be able to influence the development of the University. Other donors will be able to finance selected programmes and projects, and provide financing to students and the university.



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7.

CENTER EMUNI

Center EMUNI was established in October 2007 by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia as a public institution to act as a secretariat of the EMUNI University and to perform organizational, administrative and expert tasks. The Euro-Mediterranean University Foundation (EMUNI Foundation) was founded by the Center EMUNI as a private institution on 5 August 2008. Its primary goal is to obtain financial resources for the operation of the EMUNI University.

Center EMUNI as a Secretariat of the Euro-Mediterranean University performs administrative and specialist tasks for the University.

The Center is led by the Management Board. The members of the Management Board are currently:

Bogdan Benko (Chairman)

Brane Lesjak (Deputy Chairman of the Board)

Assist. Prof. Dr. Boštjan Brumen

Mag. France Capuder

Assist. Prof. Dr. Dejan Hozjan

Prof. Dr. Oto Luthar

Romana Žigon

Members of the Academic Board are:

Prof. Dr. Mladen Franko (Chairman)

Asist. Prof. Dr. Lučka Lorber (Deputy Chairman of the Board)

Prof. Ddr. Igor Grdina

Prof. Dr. Livio Jakomin

Prof. Dr. Alenka Malej

Prof. Dr. Gorazd Meško

Asist. Prof. Dr. Aleksander Panjek

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Janez Šušteršič

Senior Lecturer Dr. Danica Železnik

The Director of the Center EMUNI is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca.







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Appendix A

Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean Paris, 13 July 2008

Under the co-presidency of the President of the French Republic and the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt

In the presence of

- The EUROPEAN UNION represented by HE Mr Nicolas SARKOZY President of the European Council HE Mr José Manuel BARROSO President of the European Commission, HE Mr Javier SOLANA Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union / High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy
- ALBANIA represented by HE Mr Sali BERISHA Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania
- ALGERIA represented by HE Mr Abdelaziz BOUTEFLIKA President of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- AUSTRIA represented by HE Mr Alfred GUSENBAUER Federal Chancellor of Austria
- BELGIUM represented by HE Mr Karel DE GUCHT Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium
- BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA represented by HE Mr Haris SILAJDŽIĆ Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
- BULGARIA represented by HE Mr Georgi PARVANOV President of the Republic of Bulgaria
- CROATIA represented by HE Mr Stjepan MESIĆ President of the Republic of Croatia
- CYPRUS represented by HE Mr Demetris CHRISTOFIAS President of the Republic of Cyprus
- CZECH REPUBLIC represented by HE Mr Alexandr VONDRA Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic
- DENMARK represented by HE Mr Anders FOGH RASMUSSEN Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark
- EGYPT represented by HE Mr Mohamed Hosni MUBARAK President of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- ESTONIA represented by HE Mr Andrus ANSIP Prime Minister of the Republic of Estonia
- FINLAND represented by HE Ms Tarja HALONEN President of the Republic of Finland HE Mr Matti VANHANEN Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland
- FRANCE represented by HE Mr Nicolas SARKOZY President of the French Republic
- GERMANY represented by HE Mrs Angela MERKEL Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany
- GREECE represented by HE Mr Kostas KARAMANLIS Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic

- HUNGARY represented by HE Mr Ferenc GYURCSÁNY Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary
- IRELAND represented by HE Mr Brian COWEN Taoiseach of Ireland
- ISRAEL represented by HE Mr Ehud OLMERT Prime Minister of the State of Israel
- ITALY represented by HE Mr Silvio BERLUSCONI President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic
- JORDAN represented by HE Mr Nader DAHABI Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- LATVIA represented by HE Mr Valdis ZATLERS President of the Republic of Latvia
- LEBANON represented by HE General Michel SLEIMANE President of the Lebanese Republic
- LITHUANIA represented by HE Mr Gediminas KIRKILAS Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania
- LUXEMBOURG represented by HE Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER Prime Minister of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- MALTA represented by HE Mr Lawrence GONZI Prime Minister of the Republic of Malta
- MAURITANIA represented by HE Mr Sidi Mohamed OULD CHEIKH ABDALLAH President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania
- MONACO represented by His Serene Highness ALBERT II Sovereign Prince of Monaco
- MONTENEGRO represented by HE Mr Milo DJUKANOVIĆ Prime Minister of Montenegro
- MOROCCO represented by HRH Prince Moulay RACHID
- PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY represented by HE Mr Mahmoud ABBAS President of the Palestinian Authority
- POLAND represented by HE Mr Lech KACZYŃSKI President of the Republic of Poland
- PORTUGAL represented by HE Mr José SOCRATES Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic
- ROMANIA represented by HE Mr Traian BĂSESCU President of Romania
- SLOVAKIA represented by HE Mr Robert FICO Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic
- SLOVENIA represented by HE Mr Janez JANŠA Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia
- SPAIN represented by HE Mr José Luis RODRÍGUEZ ZAPATERO Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain
- SWEDEN represented by HE Mr Fredrik REINFELDT Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden
- SYRIA represented by HE Mr Bachar AL-ASSAD President of the Syrian Arab Republic
- THE NETHERLANDS represented by HE Mr Jan Peter BALKENENDE Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- TUNISIA represented by HE Mr Zine EL ABIDINE BEN ALI President of the Republic of Tunisia
- TURKEY represented by HE Mr Recep Tayyip ERDOGAN Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey

- UNITED KINGDOM represented by HE Mr Gordon BROWN Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- UNITED NATIONS represented by Mr BAN KI-MOON Secretary-General of the United Nations
- EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT/EMPA represented by Mr Hans-Gert PÖTTERING President of the European Parliament and President of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA)
- Co-operation COUNCIL FOR THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF represented by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa AL THANI Emir of Qatar; President-in-office of the Co-operation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf
- LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES represented by Mr Amr MOUSSA Secretary-General of the League of Arab States
- AFRICAN UNION represented by Mr Jean PING Chairperson of the African Union Commission
- ARAB MAGHREB UNION represented by Mr Habib BEN YAHIA Secretary-General of the Arab Maghreb Union
- ORGANISATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE represented by Mr Ekmeleddin IHSANOGLU Secretary-General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference
- AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK represented by Mr Donald KABERUKA President of the African Development Bank
- EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK represented by Mr Philippe MAYSTADT President of the European Investment Bank
- WORLD BANK represented by Mr Juan Jose DABOUB Director General of the World Bank
- ALLIANCE OF CIVILISATIONS represented by Mr Jorge SAMPAIO UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations
- ANNA LINDH EURO-MEDITERRANEAN FOUNDATION FOR THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN CULTURES represented by Mr André AZOULAY President of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures

Joint Declaration of the Paris Summit for the Mediterranean Paris, 13 July 2008

Euro-Mediterranean Heads of States and Government meeting in Paris on 13 July 2008, inspired by the shared political will to revitalise efforts to transform the Mediterranean into an area of peace, democracy, co-operation and prosperity, agree to adopt the following joint declaration:

The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean, building on the Barcelona Declaration and its objectives of achieving peace, stability and security, as well as the acquis of the Barcelona Process, is a multilateral partnership with a view to increasing the potential for regional integration and cohesion. Heads of State and Government also reassert the central importance of the Mediterranean on the political agenda of all countries. They stress the need for better co-ownership by all participants and for more relevance and visibility for the citizens.

They share the conviction that this initiative can play an important role in addressing common challenges facing the Euro-Mediterranean region, such as economic and social development; world food security crisis; degradation of the environment, including climate change and desertification, with the view of promoting sustainable development; energy; migration; terrorism and extremism; as well as promoting dialogue between cultures.

It will encompass all EU Member States and the European Commission, together with the other States (members and observers) of the Barcelona Process. The Arab League shall be invited to the meetings of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean, in pursuance of its participation in the Barcelona Process. Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean welcomes Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Monaco and Montenegro which have accepted the acquis of the Barcelona Process.

A strategic ambition for the Mediterranean

1. Europe and the Mediterranean countries are bound by history, geography and culture. More importantly, they are united by a common ambition: to build together a future of peace, democracy, prosperity and human, social and cultural understanding. To achieve these common objectives participants agree to continue with renewed dynamism the quest for peace and co-operation, to explore their joint problems and transform these good intentions into actions in a renewed partnership for progress.

2. Heads of State and Government underline the important role played by the Barcelona Process since 1995. The Barcelona Process has been the central instrument for Euro-Mediterranean relations. Representing a partnership of 39 governments and over 700 million people, it has provided a framework for continued engagement and development. The Barcelona Process is the only forum within which all Euro-Mediterranean partners exchange views and engage in constructive dialogue. It represents a strong commitment to peace,

democracy, regional stability and security through regional co-operation and integration. The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean aims to build on that consensus to pursue co-operation, political and socioeconomic reform and modernisation on the basis of equality and mutual respect for each other's sovereignty.

3. Heads of State and Government underscore the importance of the active participation of civil society, local and regional authorities and the private sector in the implementation of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean.

4. To take advantage of the opportunities offered by an enhanced framework of multilateral co-operation, Heads of State and Government decide to launch a reinforced partnership – The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean.

5. This initiative is also the expression of a common aspiration to achieve peace as well as regional security according to the Barcelona Declaration of 1995, which, inter alia, promotes regional security by acting in favour of nuclear, chemical and biological non-proliferation through adherence to and compliance with a combination of international and regional non-proliferation regimes and arms control and disarmament agreements such as NPT, CWC, BWC, CTBT and/or regional arrangements such as weapons-free zones, including their verification regimes, as well as by fulfilling in good faith their commitments under arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation conventions. The parties shall pursue a mutually and effectively verifiable Middle East Zone free of weapons of mass destruction, nuclear, chemical and biological, and their delivery systems. Furthermore the parties will consider practical steps to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as excessive accumulation of conventional arms; refrain from developing military capacity beyond their legitimate defence requirements, at the same time reaffirming their resolve to achieve the same degree of security and mutual confidence with the lowest possible levels of troops and weaponry and adherence to CCW; promote conditions likely to develop good-neighbourly relations among themselves and support processes aimed at stability, security, prosperity and regional and subregional co-operation; consider any confidence and security-building measures that could be taken between the parties with a view to the creation of an "area of peace and stability in the Mediterranean", including the long term possibility of establishing a Euro-Mediterranean pact to that end.

6. It shows the determination to favour human resource development and employment in line with the Millennium Development Goals, including alleviating poverty. Heads of State and Government underline their commitment to strengthen democracy and political pluralism by the expansion of participation in political life and the embracing of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. They also affirm their ambition to build a common future based on the full respect of democratic principles, human rights and fundamental freedoms, as enshrined in international human rights law, such as the promotion of economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights,

strengthening the role of women in society, the respect of minorities, the fight against racism and xenophobia and the advancement of cultural dialogue and mutual understanding.

7. Heads of State and Government reaffirm their support for the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process, as referred to in the Lisbon Euromed Ministerial Meeting (November 2007) and according to the Annapolis process. They recall that peace in the Middle East requires a comprehensive solution and in this regard welcome the announcement that Syria and Israel have initiated indirect peace talks under the auspices of Turkey, in accordance with the Madrid Conference terms of reference for peace.

8. Heads of State and Government reiterate their condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and their determination to eradicate it and to combat its sponsors and they reaffirm their commitment to fully implement the Code of Conduct on Countering Terrorism in order to enhance the security of all citizens within a framework that ensures respect of the rule of law and human rights, particularly through more effective counter-terrorism policies and deeper co-operation to dismantle all terrorist activities, to protect potential targets and to manage the consequences of attacks. They emphasise the need to address the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations without qualification, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. They also reiterate the complete rejection of attempts to associate any religion or culture with terrorism and confirm their commitment to do their utmost effort with a view to resolving conflict, ending occupation, confronting oppression, reducing poverty, promoting human rights and good governance, improving intercultural understanding and ensuring respect for all religions and beliefs. Such actions serve directly the interests of the people of the Euro-Med region and work against the interests of the terrorists and the networks.

Scope and main objectives

9. Heads of State and Government agree that the challenge of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean is to enhance multilateral relations, increase co-ownership of the process, set governance on the basis of equal footing and translate it into concrete projects, more visible to citizens. Now is the time to inject a new and continuing momentum into the Barcelona Process. More engagement and new catalysts are now needed to translate the objectives of the Barcelona Declaration into tangible results.

10. The Euro-Mediterranean partnership continues to be an inclusive process driven in all its aspects by the principle of consensus, for which the modalities in terms of projects will be decided by the next Foreign Affairs Ministerial meeting in November 2008.

11. The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean will build on the acquis and reinforce the achievements and successful elements of the Barcelona Process. The Barcelona Declaration, its goals and its co-operation areas remain

valid and its three chapters of co-operation (Political Dialogue, Economic Co-operation and Free Trade, and Human, Social and Cultural Dialogue) will continue to remain central in Euro-Mediterranean relations. The Five-Year Work Programme adopted by the 10th Anniversary Euro-Mediterranean Summit held in Barcelona in 2005 (including the fourth chapter of co-operation on "Migration, Social Integration, Justice and Security" introduced at that stage) and the conclusions of all ministerial meetings will remain in force. Heads of State and Government acknowledge the progress and economic benefits of the creation of a deep Free Trade Area in the Euromed region by 2010 and beyond, and the strengthening of regional economic integration in all its dimensions. They support the main lines of the Euromed Trade Roadmap till 2010 and beyond, and, in particular, to study the establishment of a smooth, efficient and business-friendly trade facilitation mechanism which would bring further transparency and trade and investment opportunities.

12. Heads of State and Government underline that the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean aims to achieve a future of peace and shared prosperity in the entire region by implementing projects that will enhance the flow of exchanges among the people of the whole region. In this regard they acknowledge the human and cultural dimension of this initiative. They underline the commitment to facilitate legal movement of individuals. They stress that promoting orderly managed legal migration in the interest of all parties concerned, fighting illegal migration and fostering links between migration and development are issues of common interest which should be addressed through a comprehensive, balanced and integrated approach.

13. The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean will be complementary to EU bilateral relations with these countries¹ which will continue under existing policy frameworks such as the Association Agreements, the European Neighbourhood Policy action plans, and, in the case of Mauritania, the African Caribbean Pacific framework. It will also be coherent and complementary with the Joint Africa-EU Strategy. While complementing activities concerning its regional dimension, the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean will be independent from the EU enlargement policy, accession negotiations and the pre-accession process.

14. The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean gives a new impulse to the Barcelona Process in at least three very important ways:

- ▶ by upgrading the political level of the EU's relationship with its Mediterranean partners;
- ▶ by providing for further co-ownership to our multilateral relations; and
- ▶ by making these relations more concrete and visible through additional regional and subregional projects, relevant for the citizens of the region.

Upgrading of relations

15. Heads of State and Government agree to hold biennial summits. The summits should result in a political declaration and a short list of concrete regional projects to be set in motion. The conclusions should endorse a

broad two-year work programme for the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean. Annual Foreign Affairs Ministerial meetings will review progress in the implementation of the summit conclusions and prepare the next summit meetings and, if necessary, approve new projects.

16. The summit meetings should take place alternately in the EU and in Mediterranean partner countries. The host country should be selected by consensus. All countries party to the initiative will be invited to Summits, Ministerials and other plenary meetings of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean.

17. The Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly will be the legitimate parliamentary expression of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean. Heads of State and Government strongly support the strengthening of the role of the EMPA in its relations with Mediterranean partners.

18. The Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures as a Euro-Mediterranean institution will contribute in an effective manner to the cultural dimension of the initiative in co-operation with the UN Alliance of Civilizations.

Increased co-ownership and institutional governance

19. Heads of State and Government agree on the creation of a co-presidency and also decide that a joint secretariat will be established. Participation in the co-presidencies and the secretariat will be open to all members of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean.

20. The current structures of the Barcelona Process should be preserved and adapted when new modalities are approved by the Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Affairs Ministers.

Co-Presidency

21. Heads of State and Government establish a co-presidency in order to improve the balance and the joint ownership of their co-operation. One of the co-presidents will be from the EU and the other from the Mediterranean partner countries. The co-presidency shall apply to Summits, all Ministerial meetings, Senior Officials meetings, the Joint Permanent Committee and, when possible, experts/ad hoc meetings within the initiative.

22. The establishment of a co-presidency

- ▶ from the EU side must be compatible with the external representation of the European Union in accordance with the Treaty provisions in force;
- ▶ from the Mediterranean side, the co-president must be chosen by consensus for a non-renewable period of two years.

Institutional governance and Secretariat

23. Heads of State and Government agree to establish new institutional structures which will contribute to achieving the political goals of this initiative,

especially reinforcing co-ownership, upgrading the political level of EU-Mediterranean relations and achieving visibility through projects.

24. They agree that a joint Secretariat for the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean will be established, with a key role within the institutional architecture. The Secretariat will give a new impulse to this process in terms of identification, follow-up, promotion of the projects and the search for partners. The funding and implementation of projects will be pursued on a case by case basis. The Secretariat will work in operational liaison with all structures of the process, including by preparing working documents for the decision-making bodies. The Secretariat would have a separate legal personality with an autonomous status.

25. The mandate of the Secretariat is of a technical nature while the political mandate related to all aspects of the initiative remains the responsibility of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Senior Officials.

26. The Joint Permanent Committee based in Brussels will assist and prepare the meetings of the Senior Officials and ensure the appropriate follow-up; it may also act as a mechanism to react rapidly if an exceptional situation arises in the region that requires the consultation of Euro-Mediterranean partners.

27. The Senior Officials will continue to convene regularly in order to prepare the Ministerial meetings, including projects to be endorsed, take stock of and evaluate the progress of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean in all its components and submit the annual work programme to Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

28. Details of the mandate of the new institutional structure, the functioning of the co-presidency, as well as the composition, seat and funding of the Secretariat will be decided on the basis of consensus by the Foreign Affairs Ministers in November 2008, taking into account thorough discussions and proposals submitted by all partners.

Projects

29. The project selection process will be in conformity with the Barcelona Declaration objectives notably achieving peace, security and stability. The partners will set up a favourable environment for the implementation of projects taking into account the regional, sub-regional and trans-national character of proposed projects as well as their size, relevance and interest for the parties involved, in line with the scope and main objectives of the initiative. The potential to promote balanced and sustainable development, regional and sub-regional integration, cohesion and interconnections will be considered and their financial feasibility including the maximization of private sector financing and participation will be sought. Senior Officials will prepare the criteria for the selection of projects to be approved by Foreign Ministers.

30. Heads of State and Government underscore the potential offered by the reinforced co-operation through the principle of variable geometry projects in line with the scope and main aims of the initiative. Such an approach will enable member countries with affinities, shared objectives and complementarities to give momentum to the process and reach the goals of the Barcelona Declaration.

Funding

31. The Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean will mobilise additional funding for the region, mainly through regional and subregional projects. Its capacity to attract more financial resources for regional projects, with a high degree of donor coordination, will constitute its added value mainly through the following sources, inter alia: private sector participation; contributions from the EU budget and all partners; contributions from other countries, international financial institutions and regional entities; the Euro-Mediterranean Investment and Partnership Facility (FEMIP); the ENPI Euro-Med envelope, the Neighbourhood Investment Facility and the cross-border co-operation instrument within the ENPI, as well as the other instruments applicable to the countries covered by the initiative, for which the usual selection and procedural rules will continue to apply.

Concluding points

32. The Participants stress that the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean is an historic opportunity to revitalise the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership Process and upgrade it to a new level. The ultimate success of the initiative also rests in the hands of citizens, civil society and the active involvement of the private sector.

33. Heads of State and Government invite Ministers of Foreign Affairs to finalise, during their next meeting in November, the modalities for the institutional set-up of the initiative. The new structures for the initiative should be fully operational before the end of 2008. All participating countries and the European Commission will work in close coordination to achieve this objective.

Annex

The future of the Euro-Mediterranean region lies in improved socio-economic development, solidarity, regional integration, sustainable development and knowledge. There is a need to increase co-operation in areas such as business development, trade, the environment, energy, water management, agriculture, food safety and security, transport, maritime issues, education, vocational training, science and technology, culture, media, justice and law, security, migration, health, strengthening the role of women in society, civil protection, tourism, urban planning, ports, decentralised co-operation, the information society and competitive clusters.

In addition, they stress the importance of strengthening food security, especially taking into account the consequences of climate change on food crops within the context of sustainable development policies.

The importance of water is acknowledged: the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference in Jordan in October 2008 will define a Mediterranean water strategy, promoting conservation of water resources, diversifying water provision resources and efficient and sustainable use of water.

The priorities set out in the Regional Indicative Programme for the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, as well as those of future programmes, will continue to apply and any potential Community contribution to the new regional projects listed below will not be financed at the expense of the existing bilateral allocations under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument or the Pre-accession Instrument (or in the case of Mauritania the European Development Fund).

It is crucial to translate the goals set by the Barcelona Declaration of 1995 and the work programme of 2005 into major regional concrete projects. As a first stage, it is decided to launch a number of key initiatives, listed hereafter, which the future Secretariat is mandated to detail.

De-pollution of the Mediterranean

The Mediterranean is resonant with culture and history. But it is much more than a symbol or an icon for the region. It also provides employment and pleasure for its people. However, its environmental quality has suffered serious degradation in recent times. Building on the Horizon 2020 programme, the de-pollution of the Mediterranean, including coastal and protected marine areas, particularly in the water and waste sector, will therefore be of major benefit for the lives and livelihoods of its people.

Maritime and Land Highways

The Mediterranean is a sea that joins, not separates, its people. It is also a highway for commerce. Easy and safe access and flow of goods and people, on land and sea, is essential for maintaining relations and enhancing regional trade. The development of motorways of the sea, including the connection of ports, throughout the entire Mediterranean basin as well as the creation of coastal motorways and the modernisation of the trans-Maghreb train, will increase the flow and freedom of the movement of people and goods. Particular attention should be devoted to co-operation in the field of maritime security and safety, in a perspective of global integration in the Mediterranean region.

Civil Protection

The global landscape is littered with examples of the devastation caused by man-made and natural disasters. The effects of climate change are evident for all. The Mediterranean region is particularly vulnerable and exposed to such disasters. A joint Civil Protection programme on prevention, preparation and response to disasters, linking the region more closely to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, is, therefore, one of the main priorities for the region.

Alternative Energies

Mediterranean Solar Plan: The recent activity on energy markets in terms of both supply and demand, confirms the need to focus on alternative energy sources. Market deployment as well as research and development of all alternative sources of energy are therefore a major priority in efforts towards assuring sustainable development. The Secretariat is tasked to explore the feasibility, development and creation of a Mediterranean Solar Plan.

Higher Education and Research, Euro-Mediterranean University

A **Euro-Mediterranean University (with its seat in Slovenia)** can contribute to the understanding among people and encourage co-operation in higher education, following up on the objectives of the Catania Process and of the First Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research (Cairo, June 2007). Through a co-operation network of partner institutions and existing universities from the Euro-Med region, the Euro-Mediterranean University will develop postgraduate and research programmes and thus contribute to the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean Higher Education, Science and Research Area. Partner countries are encouraged to make full use of possibilities offered by existing higher education co-operation programmes such as Tempus and Erasmus Mundus, including the External Co-operation Window. Particular attention should be paid to enhancing quality and to ensuring the relevance of vocational training to labour market needs.

The Mediterranean Business Development Initiative

is aimed at assisting the existing entities in partner countries operating in support of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises by assessing the needs of these enterprises, defining policy solutions and providing these entities with resources in the form of technical assistance and financial instruments. It will be based on the principle of co-ownership and its activities are expected to be complementary to those of the existing entities working in the field. Contributions by countries from both rims of the Mediterranean will be done on a voluntary basis.

Appendix B

List of declarations in relation to the establishment of the EMUNI University

Barcelona Declaration (November, 1995)

- ▶ aimed at achieving a common Euro-Mediterranean area of peace, stability and prosperity and recognised the importance of encouraging contacts and exchanges between young people.
(http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/euromed/bd.htm)

Catania Declaration (January, 2005)

- ▶ stressed the development of human resources and the promotion of better understanding between cultures.
(<http://www.miur.it/UserFiles/2209.pd>)

Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Cairo, March, 2005)

- ▶ discussed the Barcelona process and the EU strategic partnership with Mediterranean countries.
(http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/plenary_sessions/cairo_2005/cairo_03_05_final_declaration_en.pdf)

Terragona Declaration (June, 2005)

- ▶ advocated the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean Area of Higher Education and Research.
([http://www.medainstitute.fi/images/content/Tarragona%20 Declaration.pdf](http://www.medainstitute.fi/images/content/Tarragona%20Declaration.pdf))

Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Tunis, March 2006)

- ▶ discussed the topics of terrorism, Middle East, dialogue between civilizations and religions, migration, economic and social development within commissions, workgroups and Ad hoc committee on women rights in Euro-Mediterranean countries.
(http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/plenary_sessions/tunis_march_2007/final_declaration_en.pdf)

Alexandria Declaration (June, 2007)

- ▶ adopted by the EuroMed Permanent University Forum (EPUF), which welcomed the Slovenian initiative to establish the Euro-Mediterranean University.
(http://www.epuf.org/media/documents/THE_ALEXANDRIA_DECLARATION__FRAMEWORK.pdf)

Cairo Declaration (June, 2007)

- ▶ the first Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research, which stated that Slovenia's initiative to set up the Euro-Mediterranean University will constitute an important step in this regard.
(http://www.epuf.org/media/documents/Cairo_Declaration.pdf)

Lisbon Conference (November, 2007)

- ▶ included the Conclusions of the 9th Euro-Mediterranean Meeting of the

Ministers of Foreign Affairs, where the Ministers recognized the Slovenian initiative for the establishment of a Euro-Mediterranean University.
(<http://www.euromed-seminars.org.mt/archive/ministerial/ix-Lisbon-ReuniaoEuromedMNES.pdf>)

Second Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on the Information Society (Cairo, February, 2008)

- ▶ (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/internationalrel/dialogue_coop/euromed/docs_euromed/final_declaration_2008.pdf)

Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Athens, March, 2008)

- ▶ recognized the Slovenian initiative to create a Euro-Mediterranean University as an important step to achieve co-operation between both shores of the Mediterranean in Higher Education and encouraged to undertake actions to create a budget line enabling the future development of the Euro-Mediterranean University.
(http://www.europarl.europa.eu/intcoop/empa/plenary_sessions/athens_march_2008/final_declaration_en.pdf)

First Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Tourism (Morocco, March, 2008)

- ▶ at the first Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Tourism 39 Member States of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership created foundations for closer co-operation between partner countries in the area of tourism. (<http://www.mg.gov.si/en/splosno/novice/cns/news/article/2159/6077/?cHash=dc9c041316>) Signed an agreement to strengthen and to promote co-operation on all areas of higher education and scientific research. (<http://www.mg.gov.si/si/splosno/novice/cns/novica/article/2159/6079/?cHash=d1813c26b7>)

EuroMed Senior Officials Meeting (Portorož, June, 2008)

- ▶ The agenda of the meeting in Portorož focused on the exchange of views about recent activities and those scheduled, such as the activities in the fields of dialogue between cultures, water, migration, higher education and research, and role of women in society.

Summit for the Mediterranean (Paris, July, 2008)

- ▶ The Paris Summit for the Mediterranean, was attended by Heads of State and Governments of 27 Member States of the European Union, 12 Mediterranean countries, which are members of the Barcelona Process and other four countries bordering on the Mediterranean, together with heads of some prominent international and regional organisations.

Fifth forum of the Mediterranean University (Marseilles, October, 2008)

- ▶ More than 150 presidents and rectors of Euro-Mediterranean universities exchanged their ideas at plenary sessions, leading to the adoption of the "Marseille Declaration 2008". It identified important issues in the Euro-Mediterranean higher education and research area: quality of teaching and research, mobility of students and academic staff, international co-operation and the recognition of diplomas and qualifications.

Appendix C

List of members of the EMUNI General Assembly 2008

- ▶ Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, ASRT, Cairo, Egypt
- ▶ ACAM- Association pour la culture et les arts méditerranéens, Monastir, Tunisia
- ▶ Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland
- ▶ Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco
- ▶ Al al-Bayt University, Mafraq, Jordan
- ▶ Al-Azhar University, Gaza, Palestinian Authority
- ▶ Alexandria University, Alexandria, Egypt
- ▶ Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, Palestinian Authority
- ▶ Andrásy Gyula German Speaking University, Budapest, Hungary
- ▶ An-Najah National University, Nablus, Palestinian Authority
- ▶ Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece
- ▶ Beirut Arab University, Beirut, Lebanon
- ▶ Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel
- ▶ Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestinian Authority
- ▶ CESMO - Center for Middle-Eastern Strategic Studies, Tripoli, Lebanon
- ▶ CMU - Community of Mediterranean Universities, Bari, Italy
- ▶ College of Nursing Jesenice, Jesenice, Slovenia
- ▶ Compostela Group of Universities, Santiago de Compostela, Spain
- ▶ Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary
- ▶ Çukurova University, Adana, Turkey
- ▶ Cyprus University of Technology, Limassol, Cyprus
- ▶ Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University, Bucharest, Romania
- ▶ ENSA - Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture (ex. EPAU), Alger, Algeria
- ▶ Ege University, Izmir, Turkey
- ▶ Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary
- ▶ Erasmus Hogeschool Brussel, Brussels, Belgium
- ▶ ESU - European Students' Union, Brussels, Belgium
- ▶ EURASHE - European Association of Institutions in Higher Education, Brussels, Belgium
- ▶ European Forest Institute, Joensuu, Finland
- ▶ European Institute of the Mediterranean, Barcelona, Spain
- ▶ European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus
- ▶ Galilee College, Nahalal, Israel
- ▶ GSG - The Graduate School of Government and European Studies, Kranj, Slovenia
- ▶ Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey
- ▶ IEP - Institut d'études politiques de Lille, Lille, France
- ▶ IMRI - Moroccan Institute for International Relations, Casablanca, Morocco
- ▶ Institut d'études politiques d'Aix-en-Provence, Aix-en-Provence, France
- ▶ Institute of Strategic Studies and International Affairs (IEEI), Lisboa, Portugal

- ▶ International School for Advanced Studies, Trieste, Italy
- ▶ International School for Social and Business Studies, Celje, Slovenia
- ▶ ISM - International School of Management, Dortmund, Germany
- ▶ International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, Roma, Italy
- ▶ Islamic University of Gaza, Gaza, Palestinian Authority
- ▶ John Cabot University, Roma, Italy
- ▶ Klaipėda University, Klaipėda, Lithuania
- ▶ Kore University of Enna, Enna, Italy
- ▶ Maria Skłodowska-Curie University, Lublin, Poland
- ▶ Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic
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- ▶ Institute of the Middle East and Far East Studies, Poland
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- ▶ ISCTE - Lisbon University Institute, Portugal
- ▶ Mediterranean University of Albania, Albania
- ▶ Modern University for Business & Science (M.U.B.S.), Lebanon
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- ▶ University of Cyprus, Cyprus
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- ▶ University of Primorska, Slovenia
- ▶ University of Rome "Tor Vergata" (Program SGS-School of Global Studies), Italy
- ▶ University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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- ▶ Wadi International University, Syria

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