

# Building education regional dialogue between the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the Southern Mediterranean countries

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## The Euro-Mediterranean inter-governmental institution



- North-South Co-Presidency
  The UfM is chaired by the European Union and Jordan.
- The Senior Officials

  Meetings of the UfM

  ambassadors of the 43

  countries every 2-3 months
- Operational Secretariat

# Organizational structure

**CO-PRESIDENCY** 

**SENIOR OFFICIALS** 

**SECRETARY GENERAL** 



Amb. Fathallah Sijilmassi

#### **DEPUTY SECRETARIES GENERAL**



Mr. Cortese

Business

Development



Amb. Borione
Social & Civil
Affairs



Amb. Alpogan
Transport &
Urban
Development



Prof. Chet
Higher
Education &
Research



Mr. Abadi
Environment &
Water



Mr. Borrego Energy

# The Euro-Mediterranean Family

**European Economic** and Social Councils







Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat















ASSOCIATION DES CHAMBRES DE COMMERCE ET D'INDUSTRIE DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE
ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

جمعينة غرف التجارة والصناعة للبحر الأبيض المتوسط



Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises Union Méditerranéenne des Confédérations d'Entreprises

## Mandate of the UfM

A platform for regional & policy dialogue

A catalyser for regional projects with strong socio-economic impact

Fostering operational regional cooperation

# Example of Projects in the field of Higher Education and Research

### The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fes (UEMF)

 A truly regional centre of excellence contributing to promote intercultural dialogue and cooperation in higher education and research between both rims of the Mediterranean.

 6,600 students from the Euro-Mediterranean region, Africa and the Middle East enrolled by 2024.





# **EMUNI University**

- An network of 122 Southern and Northern Mediterranean universities with headquarters in Slovenia.
- Strengthen mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue among Euro-Mediterranean countries



 Euro-Med Network for Economic Studies, Master in Inter-Cultural Business Administration, etc.

# High Opportunity for Mediterranean Executives Recruitment (HOMERe)

- Innovative internship mobility scheme between 9 countries.
- Facilitation of the transition of students in their last year of study from university to qualified first-job positions in their own country.
- Youth Employability

#### **Participating countries:**

- Algeria
- Egypt
- France
- Greece
- Italy
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- Spain
- Tunisia



### **Mediterranean New Chance (MedNC)**

- Providing basic skills and teaching for school "dropouts" for improving youth employability, especially women.
- Innovative training to young and unemployed graduates for better competence in the labour market.

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# Higher Education on Food Security and Rural Development (CIHEAM)

 Fellowships for Southern and Eastern
 Mediterranean students to Europe (priority to women) for advanced courses, M.Sc. and Ph.D. in agriculture

 1<sup>st</sup> Mediterranean Forum initiative for PhD students and young researchers



# **Upcoming events**

25-27 May 2016, Barcelona: 3rd Arab-Euro Conference on Higher Education

November 2016, Barcelona:

UfM Annual Regional Forum (Barcelona)

March 2017, Tunis:

Ministerial Meeting of the 5+5 Dialogue on Higher Education, Research and Innovation (Tunis)

June 2017, Malta:

UfM Ministerial Meeting on Research and Innovation TBC

# "If you think that education is expensive, try ignorance"

**Abraham Lincoln** 

### **THANK YOU!**

