

**UNIMED**  
**Union of Mediterranean Universities**



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# Offices

- **Founded in 1991**
- **Main office situated in Rome,**  
Palazzo Baleani, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II.
- **Three regional offices :**
  - Palerme,
  - National University “An-Najah” in Nablus
  - Mohammed V University in Rabat.

# Membership

Portugal	1	Morocco	7
Spain	3	Algeria	8
France	2	Tunisia	5
Italy	26	Libya	1
Greece	2	Egypt	5
Montenegro	1	Jordan	3
Albania	1	Palestine	8
Cyprus	2	Lebanon	2
Finland	1	Qatar	1
		Syria	4
		Turkey	3
		United Arab Emirates	1
		Oman	1
		Qatar	1

# Objectives

- UNIMED, The Union of Mediterranean Universities, is an association of **93 universités** in 25 countries around the Mediterranean and beyond ([www.uni-med.net](http://www.uni-med.net)).
- UNIMED strives **to develop teaching and and research coopération in the Mediterranean region**. It **facilitates the access of its member universities to regional organizations**.
- Based on the expertise in the network of its member universities, UNIMED may be considered as **a university without walls serving the Mediterranean community**.

# Activities

UNIMED undertakes different activities in favor of its member universities:

- Promotion of their **international dimension**;
- **Academic support** in the establishment of new universities and faculties;
- **Planification et fund raising**: information concerning call for projects and international programs, including those of the European Commission, the identification of partners, technical assistance, planning and dissemination;
- Promotion of **regional mobility**;
- Technical assistance in the development of **quality assurance**;
- Building **thematic sub-networks** to facilitate inter-university in specific domains;
- **Organization of conferences**, meetings, as well as regional and international round tables;
- Training of teachers and staff in the **management of international relations offices**;
- **Research Center for Strategic Analyses** of regional developments in the Mediterranean region.

# Institutional partnerships: European Commission



UNIMED recognized as a privileged partner and an instrument facilitating execution and feedback :

## **UNIMED Week in Brussels, 15-17 March 2016**

To become an annual event

- Discussions with staff of different DG's involved in education, research innovation and culture
- Joint Session UNIMED – European Parliament on the role of universities in scientific and cultural cooperation, **including mobility** around the Mediterranean

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

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## UNIMED WEEK IN BRUSSELS

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### PROGRAMME



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# Institutional partnerships: Union for the Mediterranean



Accord signed in 2013 with the aim of promoting higher education and scientific research, through:

- **Strengthening cooperation which strengthens regional and international initiatives in favor of youth mobility in the Euromediterranean region;**
- Supporting initiatives in favor of excellence in teaching and research;
- Improved synergy between institutions of higher learning in the region.



# Institutional partnership:



## Région Provence Alpes Cap d'Azur PACA

Agreement signed in October 2015 in order to:

- Strengthen the synergies between UNIMED academic staff and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region in France;
- To coordinate lobbying activities in European and international organizations;
- To share information and publications;
- To benefit together from European and international projects ;
- **To promote international mobility for students;**
- To promote research partnerships.

# Sardinia Region

Bank of Sardinia Foundation



## FORMED MOBILITY PROJECT

Registry of 100 Maghreb Masters students (in all fields) in Universities of Cagliari and Sassari, with full scholarship aid:

30 Moroccans

10 Moroccans from the Italian diaspora

30 Algerians

30 Tunisians

Commitment to replace annually the graduating students

# Institutional partnerships: AECHE

- European Universities Association EUA



- Association of Arab Universities AArU



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- Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe UNICA



## Creation of the **Arab European Network for Higher Education** :

- Annual Conference: Barcelone, Amman, Barcelone, **Rabat**
- Projects;
- Consultations;
- Seminars and Workshops;
- Exchange of expertise;
- Exchange Information.

# UNIMED Initiative for Africa

Program administered by the regional office in Rabat

Identification of the levers for change

Universities and sustainable development



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UNIMED for AFRICA

a call for Action for African Universities



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