



INCO-Net MIRA  
Workpackage 4 – Screening Conference  
Cairo, April , 16-17 2008

*Venue*

**Sofitel El Gezira Cairo**  
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***RATIONALE***

The Screening Conference should try to make the “state of the art” of the Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation in S&T by analyzing the past experiences of the Framework Program and the MEDA actions, taking their results into account, and providing elements for the identification of new needs and means to improve this cooperation. The identification of Research Priorities of common interest is one of the main objectives of the Conference. This identification should be made on the basis of the analysis of the impact on the priorities definition of the previous project MED7, aimed at identifying priorities to be addressed in FP7 as basis for the first discussions with the EC directorates and the planning of the thematic workshops.

Another important objective of the Conference is to reach agreement on concrete measures to initiate the Euro-Mediterranean Innovation discussion platform. Other projects aiming at capacities building or identifying actions of possible common interest will also be presented. A final discussion on the results of the previous initiatives, the new demands and the actions to be taken will be organized.

***AGENDA***

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon

Arrival and registration of participants

Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

- 08:30                    **Welcome** by MIRA coordinator Rafael Rodriguez, CSIC (P1)
- 08:45                    **Political frame:** “The Cairo declaration” and the Neighbourhood Policy (NP)  
A. Hamid El Zoheiry, MHESR (P5)
- 09:00                    **Introduction** to the screening conference  
Karin Wedde-Mühlhausen, PT-DLR (P6)  
- objectives  
- expected results
- 09:15                    The **MEDA experience and the development of the NP** in the frame of the activities of DG RELEX  
Elena Saez Cuadrado, Delegation of the European Commission in Egypt
- 09:35                    **The INCO-Net Project.** Latest MIRA developments – overview  
Rafael Rodriguez, CSIC, MIRA Coordinator (P1)
- 09:45                    **The BILAT Projects.** A case example EU-Morocco  
Sanaa Zebakh, DT-MENESFCR (P2)
- 09:55                    Overview of the **MPC participation in previous FP5 and FP6**  
Francesca Tolve, CNR (P7)
- First results of the **MPC participation in FP7**  
Philippe Froissard , European Commission  
DG RTD
- 10:30                    *Coffee break*
- Summary of results of previous projects/activities in the region following the recommendations of the MoCo, and follow-up actions within MIRA**  
*Each speaker is requested to include suggestions for further activities (according to MIRA WP4 structure) in his presentation*
- 1. Definition of Priorities in MPC countries in previous projects**
- 10:50                    **MED7** (RTD priorities EU-MPC identification Workshops)-  
Marcel Shaton, ISERD (P17)

Balancing of impact on FP7 so far and identification of priorities to be addressed in FP

11:20 **INFORMED** (Foresights analysis in the Med) Jennifer Cassingena-Harper, MCST (P11)

11:30 **MELIA** (Integrated water management in the Med) Maroun El-Moujabber, IAMB-CIHEAM (P13)

11:40 **ADU-RES** (Autonomous Desalination Units based on Renewable Energy Systems) Michael Papapetrou, WIP (P15)

11:50 **Discussion** on take up of recommendations for MIRA priority setting

## ***2. S&T-Cooperation Priorities between EU and MPC***

12:20 **ASBIMED** (Bilateral MS-MPC cooperation programs) Juan Miguel González Aranda, CSIC (P1)

## ***3. Capacity building Projects***

12:30 **EUROMEDANET** Creation of the MPC IP and their relations to the EU-member states NCPs Rafael Rodriguez, CSIC, MIRA Coordinator (P1)

12:40 **ERA-MED** Strengthening the ERA in the Mediterranean Countries Sanaa Zebakh, DT-MENESFCR (P2)

12:50 **ESTIME** – RTD Systems in the MPC: most important results Rigas Arvanitis, IRD (P3)

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **Discussion:**

- MPC cooperation potential with EU-Member States with respect to the previous MPC-EU cooperation
- Problems/ Barriers with respect to strengthening MPC-EU cooperation in S&T ; recommendations

**WP4 – Tasks: Definition and Implementation of Thematic priorities**

- 14:45                                   **Discussion on detailed structuring of Task 4**  
Introductory remarks by Karin Wedde-Mühlhausen, PT-DLR (P6)
1. **Methodological approach** and definition of criteria for further priority setting  
Introductory remarks by Rigas Arvanitis, IRD (P3) and A. Hamid El Zoheiry, MHESR (P5)
- 15:45                                   *Coffee break*
- 16:00
2. Planning of the **thematic workshops**
- Concept
  - Themes
  - Responsibilities
  - Time schedules
  - Locations
3. Introduction of a concept for a ICT-Workshop  
Fatih Sahin, Tubitak (P23)
- 17:00
4. Structuring the **dialogue with RTD Cooperation Directorates** and input for the dialogue with other DG's
5. Structuring the dialogue with other directorates of the European Commission  
Introductory remarks by Tarik Celik, TUBA (P10)
- 18:00 – 18:30                           Time for individual Group meetings
- 20:00                                   *Dinner*
- Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>
- 09:00                                   **Task 2: Handling the dialogue platform on present and future common problems**  
Introductory presentation  
Juan Miguel González Aranda, CSIC (P1)
- 09:15                                   Proposal for **WP4 Platform** - Structuring of the WP4 internet forum  
Jose Bonfim, FCT (P31)
- 09:30                                   Discussion: Distribution of responsibilities/sub-tasks

10:00	<p><b>Task 3: Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Space (EMIS)</b>  <b>EMIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Idea and background</li> <li>- Draft concept for a discussion platform</li> </ul> <p>Ilyas Azzioui, CNRST (P28)</p>
10:30	<p>Structuring of content – <b>methodological approach</b>:  suggestions based on ESTIME results  Rigas Arvanitis, IRD (P3)</p>
10:45	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11:15	<p>Discussion on <b>Task 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Methodological approach</li> <li>- schedule for the work</li> <li>- linking and connecting with other tasks</li> </ul>
13:00	<p><i>Lunch</i></p>
14:30	<p><b>Task 6: Planning of the Pilot action (TT network)</b>  Introduction and presentation of a first input by task leader  Jennifer Cassingena-Harper, MCST (P11)</p>
15:00	<p>Comments/amendments by a <b>Science-Industry Working Group</b> Representative  Ilyas Azzioui, CNRST (P28)</p>
15:15	<p>Discussion – drafting of the <b>Pilot action (TT network)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distribution of responsibilities and sub-tasks</li> <li>- Time Schedule</li> </ul>
16:00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
16:30	<p>Finalization of <b>WP4 roadmap</b> for 2008  Planning of WP4 roadmap for 2009 – 2011</p>
17:30	<p><b>MIRA administration</b> – News and information  Macarena Muñoz Ruiz, CSIC (P1)</p>
17:50 – 18:30	<p>Résumé and outlook on <b>future activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Setting of a regular online meeting – possible use of a video conference tool</li> </ul>
20:00	<p><i>Dinner</i></p>