



15th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee for the Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation in Research, Development and Innovation (MoCo)

23-24 June 2011

University of Szeged, Hungary

Agenda

Thursday 23 June

08:30-09:00: Registration – University of Szeged Congress Centre (TIK), 6722 Szeged, Ady tér 10.

Chair: Hungary / EU Presidency

09:00-09:30 Welcome addresses

- Hungarian EU Presidency, Ferenc Robak, Government commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- UfM co-Presidencies
- European Commission, Philippe Froissard, DG Research and Innovation

09:30-09:50 R&D activities at the University of Szeged, Gabor Szabo, President of the University of Szeged

09:50-10:00 Innovative training development in the European Studies Centre of the University of Szeged, Laszlo Trocsanyi, Ambassador, Hungarian Embassy in Paris

10:00-11:00 Tour de Table: Latest developments in the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in Research and Innovation (*3 min per country*)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 1. Information from the European Commission:

- **New structure of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Alexandre Zafiriou (EEAS)**
- **Stocktaking / upcoming activities on Research and Innovation, Claudio Bogliotti, Aurelie Pancera (DG Research and Innovation)**

12:00-12:30 2. Information on the ongoing INCONET MIRA activities

Rafael Rodriguez, *Inconet MIRA Coordinator (CSIC)*

- White paper of the Euro-Mediterranean observatory
- Research road map in support to H2020
- Euro-Mediterranean fair on Innovation (Casablanca, December 2011)
- SSH event and other initiatives related to priority-setting
- Overview of the joint calendar activities

12:30-13:00 3. Open discussion on synergies with others EU policies and in particular with ENP (and its instrument ENPI)

13:00-14:30 *Lunch Break*

Chair: Egypt / UfM co-Presidency

14:30-16:00 4. Programme Level Cooperation in the Mediterranean

a) In the context of FP7

- Information on ARIMNET (*consortium representative - tbc*)
- Exploring the feasibility of an ERANET PLUS: Presentation of a concept Note, Tarik Celik (TUBA) and Burcak Cullu (TUBITAK)

b) Exploring initiatives and opportunities for other mechanisms of Programme Level Cooperation

- MISTRALS (Mediterranean Integrated Studies at Regional and Local Scales), Etienne Ruellan (CNRS) and Ghani Chehbouni (IRD)
- CMRST (Centre Méditerranéen de la Recherche Scientifique et Technologique), Alessandro Rizzo (IRD)
- Feeding knowledge: Mediterranean Network on Research and Innovation for Food Security, (EXPO2015-CIHEAM)

16:00-16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30-17:00 5. Information on the implementation of scientific projects of the UfM,
Ilan Chet, *Deputy Secretary General of the UfM*

17:00-17:30 6. Preliminary Conclusions

19:30 *Reception – City Hall, 6720 Szeged, Széchenyi tér 10.*

Chair: France / UfM co-Presidency

09:00-09:30 7. Identifying initiatives on a regional programme for Innovation

- From a Bilateral to a Regional approach, *Rafael Rodriguez (MIRA project)*
- CMI/EIB - DG Research/MIRA cooperation, *Philippe Guinet (EIB)*

09:30-10:00 8. Discussion on the next Ministerial Conference on Higher Education, Research and Innovation: Research and Innovation issues (open discussion)

10:00-10:30 *Coffee Break*

10:30-11:00 9. Proposals for the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean Research Area

(open discussion)

11:00-11:30 10. Any other business

11:30-12:00 11. Conclusions, next steps and road map

12:00-12:30 12. Closing remarks

- Hungarian EU Presidency, *Laszlo Dux, Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education and Science Policy, Ministry of National Resources*
- UfM co-Presidencies
- European Commission

12:30-14:00 *Reception – University of Szeged, Central Building, 6720 Szeged, Dugonics tér 13.*

Departures