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The Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research and Innovation Gateway (MEDSPRING) is a Coordination Action financed by the INCO-Net instrument under the FP7 - Capacities Programme. The aim of the Project is to contribute to the quality of the Euro-Mediterranean research area, with a particular focus on the bi-regional Euro-Mediterranean S&T cooperation, research and innovation, policy dialogue and cooperation monitoring.

Welcome to the 5th MEDSPRING E-Newsletter!

Dear readers, welcome to the fifth issue of the MEDSPRING E-Newsletter, which has the purpose of informing about our activities and involving researchers, stakeholders, policy makers and governmental officers in a renewed strategy for the Euro-Mediterranean partnership, with a particular focus on the Euro-Mediterranean Science and Technology Cooperation.

KEEP AN EYE ON: **AGORAMEDSPRING: A vertical storytelling**

Our recent activities

- **Training and Capacity Building on H2020 for Mediterranean NCPs, Research Managers and Researchers**

The event was organized in Marrakesh from 11th to 13th June 2014 and was the second one planned in the frame of the Capacity Building programme set by MedSpring on the new EU research framework programme Horizon2020.



- **Awareness raising campaign on STI Joint Programming across the MPCs**

MEDSPRING organized last 10th June 2014 in Rabat the Awareness raising campaign on STI joint Programming across the MPCs. The aim of this event was to increase awareness at national level of the on-going efforts and activities to foster Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

- **Second Euro-Mediterranean inter-institutional meeting**

The "Second Inter-institutional Meeting" was held in Bari, Italy, on 15th July 2014 and conveyed senior officials and researchers of key organizations and main actors from Europe and South Mediterranean Countries to discuss prospects of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on

Science and Technology under a form of a more stable and sustainable cooperation.

- **Second EMEG Meeting on Policy Dialogue**

The 2nd EMEG meeting was organized in Sousse, Tunisia, from 22nd to 23rd September 2014 and focused on the Euro-Mediterranean policy dialogue on research and innovation, with the aim of identifying ways and means for policy and policy dialogue to ensure impact on the MedSpring thematic challenges in water, food and energy.



- **Civil Society's perspective on Food Security**

MEDSPRING organized a Digital Round Table on Civil Society's Perspectives on Food Security on 17th September 2014. With a view on establishing a more structured dialogue with civil society and on substantiating the work of EMEG, the Digital Round Table focused on food security.



- **MEDSPRING Survey on designing an effective training on H2020**

MEDSPRING launched a survey to collect opinions and views on the role and impact of the research activities in the Euro-Mediterranean countries, regarding the three main societal challenges: Resource Efficiency, High Quality Affordable Food and Energy.

Our coming activities

- **Awareness Campaign on STI joint programming across MPCs**

The Meeting on the Awareness Campaign on STI joint programming across MPCs will be held in Algiers, Algeria, next 19th November 2014 in the morning, from 9 to 13h.

- **Meeting On Supporting The EU-MPCs Bilateral Dialogue Under Current S&T Cooperation Agreements**

The meeting on supporting the EU-MPCs bilateral dialogue under current S&T Cooperation Agreements will

be held in Algiers, Algeria, next 19th November 2014 in the afternoon, from 15h to 19h. It is a meeting for the identification of common indicators for assessment of S&T Agreements. More information will be provided in the next days.

- **Second Euro-Mediterranean Brokerage and Venturing Event on Research and Innovation**

MEDSPRING organizes from the 25th to 26th February 2015 in Berlin, Germany, a two-days brokerage event on venturing on Research and Innovation, hosted by DLR, in collaboration with MHESR, MCST, ANIMA and CIHEAM-IAMB.

Also in the pipeline!

- **1st ERANETMED Joint Call on Renewable Energies, Water Resources and their connections for the Mediterranean Region**

Last 1st November the 1st ERANETMED Joint Call on Renewable Energies, Water Resources and their connections for the Mediterranean Region was launched.

- **Info-Day on the upcoming regional calls of ERANETMED and ARIMNET**

An Info-Day on the upcoming regional calls of ERANETMED and ARIMNET was held at the Waterfront Hotel, Gzira, Malta last 6th November 2014.

- **Cooperation in the Mediterranean goes on**

Cooperation in the Mediterranean goes on: over 209

million euro have been assigned by the European Union to the ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme for the period 2014-2020.

- ***The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez opens applications for professors and executive staff***

The Euro-Mediterranean University of Fez is seeking to recruit executives and specialist professors as part of its permanent staff.

- ***The IEMed launches the call for 2015 scholarships***

The IEMed launches the call for 2015 scholarships. In the framework of its training programme for 2015, the IEMed offers 7 professional training grants for postgraduate students.

- ***IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2014***

Some very interesting articles are being released online in advance of publication in the IEMed Mediterranean Yearbook 2014 print issue: <http://www.iemed.org/medyearbook>, such as Mohamed Behnassi article on "Geostrategic Implications of Climate Change in the Mediterranean".

Meet our Partners! Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire HASSAN II - IAV

The Hassan II Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine (IAV) is a multidisciplinary polytechnic centre for biological and earth sciences and technologies based on an integrated system for high education, training and scientific research to serve agricultural and rural development. It has developed high agricultural research capacities covering all fields of agricultural research and natural resources including agronomy, horticulture, veterinary medicine, food industry and nutrition, topography, rural equipment, and environmental research.



IAV accounts 320 scientists and faculty members and 180 Technical staff - in 32 departments hosting different laboratories. IAV scientists are involved in multidisciplinary international networks and collaborative research programs. In addition a large number of research-development projects are implemented in partnerships with African, and Mediterranean countries. Participation to the FPs is a long tradition for the IAV. Currently, the number of projects involving IAV scientists is 51 from FP1 to FP6. Recently the IAV takes part in more than 10 projects in FP7 with 8 projects in FAB thematic (2011 EC statistics). The IAV is participating to the project feeding Knowledge which could be in synergy with the MEDSPRING INCONET.

Focus on: talking about gender

During the 2nd EMEG meeting on the Euro-Mediterranean policy dialogue on research and innovation (Sousse, Tunisia, 22-23 September 2014) we had the opportunity to pose some questions to Anna Fumarola (Fundaci3n Mujeres Por Africa), Soukeina Bouraoui (The Center of Arab Woman for Training and Research (CAWTAR), and Rosanna Quagliariello (CIHEAM IAM Bari) on gender and its inclusion in the policy framework informing Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation on Research and Innovation.



Gender is a key cross-cutting issue addressed in the MedSpring project and remains a key challenge for advancing solutions in the food, energy, and water domains. As mentioned by the interviewees, women are often the nexus between food, energy and water. We therefore asked to 3 experts how to evaluate the current policy framework on EU-Mediterranean cooperation on research and innovation for what concerns gender inclusion. Please click the link to see the three interviews: <http://agora.medspring.eu/en/content/talking-about-gender>.

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