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1. Introduction

This report is a deliverable related to the project task 1.3: “Management and organization of kick off meeting of MEDSPRING project”.

The report aims at reporting the main activities carried out in the frame of this activity, the presentations made for each WP, the main contributions emerged during the discussion and also at highlighting the interactions among different WPs in relation to the objectives of the project. However, **information regarding the overall project structure are reported in the Annex 4.**

The MEDSPRING kick off meeting (KoM) has been organized by P1. The meeting was held at CIHEAM – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, in Valenzano (Italy), on 4-5 February 2013.

More than 50 participants from 18 Mediterranean Countries attended the KoM. A detailed **list of the participants is enclosed in the Annex 2.**

Both the administrative and technical staff of CIHEAM – IAMB has been involved for the organization and management of the meeting.

2. Organization and structure of the meeting, activities and participants

The meeting has been structured as a two-days event.

- **During the first day**, a plenary session with an overview of the whole project structure and objectives, the presentations of each WP (task and deliverables) and a special session on the Agora and the project web site have been outlined.
- **During the second day**, a plenary session for the clustering of three working groups, followed by two rounds of parallel meetings of the working groups have been accomplished; in the following plenary session, the outcomes of parallel working group have been discussed, as well as the consortium agreement, the project management and financial aspects.

A more **detailed agenda** is reported in **Annex 1.**

The first day of the kick off meeting started on 4th February 2013 at 9 a.m., with an **opening session** chaired by C. Bogliotti (P01, Project Coordinator); C. Lacirignola, (Director of CIHEAM – IAMB); F. Boughanemi (EC, DG Research and Innovation) and H. El Zoheiry (P 02, Deputy Coordinator, MHESR).

As welcome words to the participants , P1 underlined that MEDSPRING could constitute an important milestone in the Euro-Mediterranean policy dialogue, and he thanked the Mediterranean Partner Countries for the restless effort done in all these recent years to develop a different way of cooperation, based on shared knowledge, co-ownership and common decision. The coordination of a project like MEDSPRING is embedded in CIHEAM genetics, in view of contributing to the Euro-mediterranean cooperation.

After the presentation of the participants, the EC representative presented **the EU expectations on MEDSPRING project**, that, built on the work of MIRA project, will continue the networking objectives between the EU and the MPCs research communities; to support and enhance the EURO-MED bi-

regional cooperation in R&I ensuring the transition towards H2020; to enhance Euro-Med STI synergies and co-ownership (strengthen joint activities and contribute to the building of a Euro-MED shared knowledge space); to analyze selected societal challenges relevant to the MED region; to connect with other relevant EURO-MED STI projects; to enhance synergies with other EU Programmes and Policies; to contribute to reinforcing STI capacities in the EU and MED regions; to support EURO-MED bi-regional STI policy dialogue; to support the work of the MoCo; to help integrate society (civil society, NGOs) in the institutional dialogue; to support dissemination and exploitation of results, including interactive use of ICT tools.

P2 outlined that, as the Mediterranean is changing fast, the way forward for the next cooperation is to structure a path for a mutual benefits from research. Initiatives as ERAWIDE, IRSES, R2I, BILATS are important tools for synergizing the effort. Also ERANET and Article 185 are important regional opportunities. It is essential to disseminate research results to society and policy, and also Horizon 2020 will stress this aspect. The next challenges are co-ownership and co-founding, managing funds for competitive projects, with well prepared administrators. The INCONET is the opportunity to discuss how to manage research and innovation for a mutual benefit, involving the civil society of North and South for having critical mass, and this is the new aspect of MEDSPRING.

After an **overview of the whole project structure and objectives**, carried out by P1 and P2 , **all the work packages have been presented by the respective WP leaders**. In this session, the Work Package leaders (P1, P3, P2, P6, P5, P18, P7) presented the WPs under their responsibility, putting emphasis on tasks, deliverables and time of delivering as well as interlinkage/interdependency with other WPs for delivery, partners involved and their role. They also highlighted possible bottle-necks within the Work Package. Each presentation has been followed by 5 minutes of plenary discussion. A special session was dedicated to the presentation of the AGORA by SCOM (P19) and the project WEB, presented by CSIC (P3), followed by a plenary discussion.

At the end of the plenary session, a presentation on several **project logo** ideas has been carried out by P1, to identify some significant proposals. It was proposed to change the symbol of electric plug with something more meaningful (e.g. the sun). Also the “gateway” concept should be represented, as well as the idea of “working together” and “policy dialogue”. Also the launch of an open call for proposals has been suggested. For the moment, only the words “med-spring” will be kept with no other images. The web designer (P19) will develop logos proposals (simple and intuitive) to be sent to all partners for a selection.

The second day of the kick off meeting started on 5th February 2013 at 9 a.m., with a **plenary session for the working groups methodology presentation**.

Three parallel working groups have been created including: the work Packages’ leaders/co-leader, task leaders and WP partners. They have been clustered under three overarching objectives of the project: i) societal challenges / EMEG, ii) research cooperation and innovation, including brokerage, iii) policy and institutional dialogue and synergies. The objective of the working groups was to build cohesion and integration among Work Packages and partners, and to arrange a coherent work plan for the first 12 months in relation to the main overarching objectives of the project. The rapporteurs helped the group discussion and finalized the groups deliverables using specific templates, provided by the Coordinator.

In the **first round of the parallel meetings of the working groups**, the main activities were: 1) to identify relevant interactions (but also criticalities and conflicts) among WPs/Tasks and the way to operate them in a clear frame of mutual cooperation, 2) to identify needs of interactions with the other groups and define the way to put them into operation, 3) to identify each partner/participant role. The Group deliverable was a detailed frame of interaction among Tasks/ WPs, pointing out roles and responsibility of each partner, inputs / outputs relationships, with special emphasis on activities that need to be carried out immediately after the Kick off Meeting.

In the **second round of parallel meetings**, the main activities carried out were: -) preparing a short-term (18 months) work plan highlighting links and interactions among WPs and Tasks, encompassing the role of each partner; -) preparing slides for presentation in plenary session (by working group moderators). The Groups deliverable was a 12 months GANTT/Time Table of activities, highlighting interactions and time of delivery to/from tasks, including role/responsibility of each partner/participant, with special emphasis on activities that need to be carried out immediately after the KOM.

The Coordinator after the KoM prepared the GANTT 12 for the overall project tasks and actions to be carried out in the first year, putting together the 3 GANTTs of each working group and the list of the tasks.

In the afternoon, **the WG rapporteurs presented outcomes of parallel working group meetings** for a plenary discussion. The WG1 has been presented by Lamaddalena (P1); the WG2 by El Sadr (P2) ; the WG3 by Bonas (P7). **The presentation of each WG is included in Annex 6.**

The **Presentation of the Consortium Agreement** has been carried out by P1 and was followed by a plenary discussion. Afterwards, presentations on project management and financial aspects has occurred: a presentation of the list of experts for the **External Advisory Board Members**, by P2; a presentation of the project budget and monitoring as well as a presentation of MED-SPRING Project Management System , carried out by P1.

The main outcomes of the discussion on the CA and the EAB are reported in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3.

A photogallery of the event is reported in **Annex 5.**

3. DISCUSSION ON THE PROJECT STRUCTURE AND OTHER ISSUES

3.1 Work Packages and Working Groups

WP1

The tasks for **coordination and management of the project** has been presented by P1. As the political-strategic orientation and coherence of the project will be under MoCo, the EU suggested that the next MoCo meeting should be organized in a MED country (back to back). As suggested by P9, regarding the Projects Database, it should be avoided replications with other activities yet done in the framework of other projects and indicators may be developed.

WP2

The work package on societal challenges to reinforce the frame of cooperation has been presented by P1 and P14. During the discussion has been proposed that the first EMEG meeting should be connected with web communities through a web cam. P9 stressed the importance that the holistic analysis should share new perspectives for dealing with societal challenges and not only identifying research priorities. Therefore, the Experts should work with a problem-solving approach and not a thematic approach and they should have a timeline for action. As reported by P7, the EMEG is a key element so it is important to clarify several issues: how to identify and select the experts (as they should be high scientific profile); who will pay their fee. Of course 15 persons per challenge could be a very low number, not exhaustive of the expertise, anyway, the selected experts have to be outstanding. It has been also suggested not to exclude people coming from Countries not participating to the project consortium. P16 stressed that the EMEG needs not only the “best researchers” but their mandate will be to provide the “best knowledge” of societal challenges. The EMEG doesn’t need outstanding researchers, but people able to translate the research into meaningful and effective ways to solve problems. The proposal of experts list should be realistic, reducing the number of involved experts, avoiding the risk to be too ambitious, as “we don’t need to reinvent the wheel but how to make the wheel function”. Also P2 agreed on this, but also stressed the importance to define shared criteria on how to choose the experts. P1 reiterated that **partners can provide their own experts or propose persons of other countries. Therefore, the EMEG group will start with 15 experts for each societal challenges** and then if something has to be changed (number, level of experience...). As this is a policy dialogue project and not a research project, of course the selection criteria should be shared and prepared by the consortium and **all the working group will support the Coordinator to prepare these criteria (ToR)**.¹ Each involved partner will select their own experts, considering that the consortium has also partners research-oriented, that could be directly represented with their internal expertise. So the group of 15 experts for each societal challenge will work not only for identifying research priorities but also for providing options to the EC to identify ways to address societal challenges, according to common EU – MPC common strategies. For this reason, the experts should have an “horizontal knowledge” and a strategic vision of the thematic issues, so they should be able to move out from their area of expertise. P7 underlined that, for every task of the WP, the task leader should provide a document before starting the work, providing a concept note and a methodology for each sub-group.

¹ The Coordinator will prepare the TOR by the end of February 2013 for comments and suggestion by the Partners.

WP 3

The work package on **Project portal, knowledge management and dissemination** has been presented by P3. As lesson learnt from MIRA project, it has been suggested do not ask to the project partners to provide information but to go directly to the source of information for feeding the web. It has been recommended: the **creation of a “Dissemination plan”, following the EC recommendation and the creation of a model for the Template for the deliverables to be submitted**. It is certainly important how to attract people to visit and follow the web, even the partners. **All the documents in the repository should be open and public**. It is also important that the partners will collaborate and they should provide deliverables, and the quality control group will support the coordinator, without being a bottleneck. Of course, sensitive information on the web site should be approved by the coordinator before publication. P7 underlined that not only a dissemination approach but a communication strategy is also important for key deliverables. Thus it **is important to identify specific target groups for communication, for creating dedicated messages and contents, sending them reports or deliverables**. Task leaders should identify specific groups and communicate it to P3 (that fully agreed on it). P2 suggested that for communicating to the public it is necessary to change the way to communicate, so we need a shared terminology (adopt/adapt to civil society) and reports should be written in a intuitive way. For this reason, in WP2 the project foresees 3 levels of adaptation of research language and outcomes to different users (**Policy makers/Civil society/research world**). For P9 it is also important to incorporate in the web site the two dimensions: deliver results of the project but also the dimension to include all the pertinent information in order to encourage people to visit the web. Several partners reported the importance to have a specific strategy and a specific website, as a **web site** is essential and a reference for the project. For this reason, it is important a direct link with the websites of the involved institutions. Of course, there is also the need **to understand who is the project audience and put the pertinent message with a pertinent language, and all the information of the project should be shared at national level** (creating links between web site of the project and project partner Institutions)

WP4

The WP4 on “Open Dialogue on R&I: the Euro-Mediterranean Agora” has been presented by P19.

During the plenary discussion the importance to enhance the regional dialogue through internet-based tools has been pointed out, for making MEDSPRING more known in the Mediterranean and for actively participating to discussions of web communities. The project activities connected with the Agora aims at promoting dialogue on societal challenges. Of course, it will be essential to define how to filter all the available infos on these topics. Regarding the management of the Twitter and Facebook account created for the project, **only one partner (P19) will be responsible of posting contents, provided by partners or from the society and thematic web communities**. Partners will have access to all the contents posted and they will share them. **P20 proposed to open the Agora to students and researchers networks, for asking their feedbacks. Also the input from the expert group EMEG could be shared with web communities**. Of course, it will be necessary to check periodically the news posted and their feedback. The interesting thing of the AGORA, the social media and the opening to the civil society is receiving comments and feedback, so it is not only dissemination but also social communication matter. Certainly it will be essential to accept critical points of view and insights from young researchers invited and involved.

WP5

The WP5 on brokerage and venturing for innovation and EU-MPC research networking and cooperation has been presented by P2. For brokerage events, it has been underlined the need to define the main topics (for cooperation, for societal challenges...) and **to avoid to over schedule events as well as overlapping events or, eventually, synergize the organization of different events.** It is also important to create a calendar of religious feasts of all the religions for planning events. Brokerage events could be back to back with other project events. Therefore the working group should plan when to hold events considering all these aspects. Eventually, P16 suggested to divide the events according to the societal challenges.

WP6

The WP6 on institutional and funding synergies has been presented by P6.

Regarding the task 2, on the analysis of current JPI and FORA on specific themes (assess the potential for MPC and provide ideas for concrete actions in the framework of Horizon 2020), the P6 stressed that there are no events and there is the need to clarify the methodology for implementing this analysis. P22 suggested to create synergies with the mobility schemes. P5 announced that they will contact all the consortium for analyzing the mechanism perspective in each country.

Following the decision of MIUR (Ministero Istruzione, Università e Ricerca) to lead a proposal for an initiative based on Article 185 for the Mediterranean, WP6 activities and outputs have become strategic. Then, MIUR representative stressed that **this WP is important in the preparation of 185 article for the Mediterranean. This activity will prepare the stakeholders in the future initiative , helping the analysis of legal structure of the MPCs,** for which the Italian government has an ambitious timeframe.

Partners agreed that task 6.6 could be partially re-scheduled and re-planned if necessary, according to potential synergies with article 185.

WP7

The WP7 on building in research, development and innovation has been presented by P5.

P3 reported that M. Munoz of CSIC, as national contact point for FP7, offered collaboration to implement the training activities tasks. During the discussion, the partners agreed that it is important to consider the real training needs of the NCPs; furthermore, learning from past experience, **trainings should start as soon as possible,** as the traditional NCPs are not prepared for the Programme H2020 innovation. P27 suggested that **many trainings and capacity building activities can be implemented in Jordan,** as they have the HCST, that is taking an active role in the region. It has been also suggested to open the trainings for other partners. For P16, the problem might be the organization of NCPs, as we don't know how many NCP will be in H2020. All the NCPs should be involved to work in the future Programme. P5 reported the importance to avoid duplication of the activities of INCONTACT project or other initiatives and suggested to take advantage of the knowledge of the people, who were active in NCP networks, regardless of the continuation of the projects in H2020. The keyword for training is innovation, and **it is also important that training of NCP will be focused on H2020.** Of course, sustainability is more important than having short training. EC recommended that **training of**

NPCs under MED-SPRING and of BILAT initiatives should be linked; furthermore, the NCPs should have trainings considering their proper mandate and future perspective in H2020. With this approach, **the training needs will be identified in WP2, also through the Agora and the brokerage events**. For P25, trainings should be an expression of the need to link research and market; besides, the brokerage events should take in consideration experts from different projects in the Mediterranean, in order to bring concrete case studies and success stories, also considering the market perspectives.

WP8

The WP8 on Policy, societal challenges and cooperation observatory has been presented by P18.

Part of the work of this WP might be useful for art. 185 initiative and could be used for gathering information, identify priority areas and funding sources and how to sustain activities. In this framework, it will be necessary to choose indicators for classifying observatories. There is a need for **common indicators**, even if observatories have different levels of heterogeneity. This WP is not just a catalogue of observatories, and these observatories should be focused and in connection with the societal challenges.

WP9

The WP9 on support to inter-institutional and policy dialogue has been presented by P7. A proposal to deliver the white paper in month 36 has been presented.

Regarding **task 9.1**, the P2 indicated that the MEDSPRING consortium should be careful with the **secretariat support to the MOCO**. Regarding this role, **the EC pointed out the need to help in organizing the logistics and analysis of MOCO meeting, supporting the Jordan partner and helping for preparing the agenda**, as the EC doesn't want that MED-SPRING has the role of a Steering committee to the MoCo. Thus the EC will indicate how to help and facilitate the process. The WP can't provide logistical support, but it has to provide inputs for the agenda (despite the difficulties). This is a sensitive issue, to be discussed very deeply with Jordan and the Commission. Also **task 9.5 for support the EU-MPCs bilateral dialogue** is a very important task. There should be coordination among different BILAT that are under evaluation, and it is essential that BILATs should use the same methodology, as e.g. Egypt and Tunisia did it. The EC should express on this point. Therefore it is essential to indicate who has to identify the methodology. For P3, it is essential to start working as soon as possible on **the white paper**, as this paper is necessary for the preparation of Art. 185, in order to have a policy document to present to stakeholders interested. The Coordinator reiterated that it is important to have a common methodology and providing the right tools, as indicators. On the BILAT, this is a sensitive issue and the project won't tell to MPCs or the EC what indicators they can use, but it can help having a common methodology looking at all the experiences together. Also for P7 this is a delicate issue: **there should be a link with other observatories and indicators; furthermore, to identify indicators for BILAT it will be useful to look also at the indicators to be developed in WP 8**. MED-SPRING can help applying to other BILATs the standards applied by Egypt and Tunisia. Also Article 185 is yet complicate, and there is a perplexity that it could be possible to mobilize resources since now and also change the project timetable for art. 185. Regarding the white papers, for some partners they shouldn't be anticipated, for avoiding to add noise in the system and because the time schedule is very tight. But if the institutions involved on art. 185 are really waiting

for these white papers, they could be provided. Also the links between BILATs and MED-SPRING should be expanded. The EC organizes the evaluation of BILATs, in which there is a dialogue with external experts and with the countries. So, the effort is just to harmonize all better. Anyway, this WP is “on demand” as far as MoCo is concerned. Furthermore , the WP9 will need outputs from EMEG.

3.2 Working Groups outcomes

The rapporteurs of each WG presented the main outcomes in a plenary session.

The WG1 on societal challenges and EMEG has been presented by Lamaddalena (P1), with emphasis on EMEG.

The **Table 1** shows the distribution of partner efforts agreed in the WG, taking into account that each EMEG sub-group will consist of 15 Experts from MS, AC and MPC, for a total of 45 experts.

For planning the upcoming activities, a 12 months time table for WP2 has been presented, as in **Table 2**. The main outcomes are the following:

- ToR including rationale (objectives and target groups) and format : task leader (CIHEAM), CERTE, Alexandria University, IAV, CNRS, FTC – End February: 1st draft / 10 march: final draft
- List of experts received by the Coordinator: 31st of March – Check balance and validation process;
- Rationale for 2.3 prepared by EMEG Chair by beginning of April with inputs of WG leaders (PT, Israel, TN)
- Rationale uploaded on Facebook for on-line consultation (April) S-COM
- 1st EMEG meeting mid may – Review the first draft of the report (to be confirmed with other WPs) in Lisbon – eventually, participation of WP8
- Draft report - End of October 2013
- Final report - End of November 2013
- Communication on the report/material for dissemination – end of October/November – S-COM, UNIMED, CIHEAM, WG’s leaders
- Rationale for stakeholder meeting -> communication with other WP in charge of policy/brokerage - end of October/November - S-COM, UNIMED, CIHEAM, WG’s leaders
- Stakeholder meeting: end of January 2014.

Table 1: Distribution of the EMEG effort in each thematic sub-group, including effort distribution for workshop. The numbers are the partners effort allocated in terms of man/month. The colors show the number of experts which will be provided by the partners: green means one expert provided; yellow means two experts provided.

	EMEG Water	EMEG Food	EMEG Energy	EMEG Coordination (WP Leaders)	Staff Effort for Stakeholders Workshop organisation	Total staff effort allocated to partner in WP2
Task leader partners	CIHEAM ISERD	TESR	FCT		MHESR	
	<i>(Man/Months)</i>			<i>(Man/Months)</i>	<i>(Man/months)</i>	<i>(Man/months)</i>
CIHEAM-Bari	6	6	1	3	2	18
MHESR (Egypt)		1			4	5
CSIC (Spain)	2	1				3
IRD/CNRS (France)	2		2			4
DLR (Germany)		3				3
CNR (Italy)	2		2			4
NHRF (Greece)					1	1
MCST (Malta)	2		2			4
FCT (Portugal)	2	4	4	3		13
CREF-Cyl (Cyprus)	1		2		1	7
TUBITAK (Turkey)		1	2			3
MESRSFC (Morocco)	2		1			3
DGRSDT (Algeria)			3			3
TESR (Tunisia)		6	1	2		9
HCST (Jordan)	3		2			5
ISERD (Israel)	4	1		2		7
MOHE (Palestine)					1	1
S-COM (Belgium)					1	1
UNIMED (Italy)		2	2		1	1
LVIA (Italy)					1	1
IAV (Morocco)	1	5				6
AUREC (Egypt)			6			6
CERTE (Tunisia)	6					6
ANIMA (France)						0
CRPM (Belgium)						0
AQU (Palestine)	2	2				4
SEKEM (Egypt)		6				6
Total man/months	35	37	30			124
Tot. number EXPERTS	15	15	15			
Legend						
<div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: green; margin-right: 5px;"></div> 1 expert provided <div style="display: inline-block; width: 20px; height: 10px; background-color: yellow; margin-right: 5px;"></div> 2 experts provided						

Table 2: 12 months time table for WP2.

(In yellow color: planned events; in green color: planned tasks)

	Year 2013											Y 2014
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WP2												
Task 2.1												
Draft EMEG ToR	CIHEAM 28th Feb											
Final EMEG ToR (D2.1)		CIHEAM, 10th March										
Receiving name of experts by partners (D.2.1)		CIHEAM, 31st March										
Task 2.3												
Teleconferences of EMEG experts organised by EMEG sub-groups leaders			1 x subgroup	1 x subgroup				1 x subgroup		1 x subgroup		
Preparation of the "rationale" for EMEG work and 1st meeting on "Research Results"			CIHEAM, TESR, ISERD, FCT - 8th									
1st EMEG meeting				FCT								
Preparation of report					EMEG Experts under sub-group leaders CIHEAM, TESR, ISERD, FCT							
Delivery of report (D2.2)										FCT		
Task 2.5												
Preparation of rationale of stakeholders workshop									MHESR			
Stakeholder workshop												MHESR
Workshop proceedings (D2.5)												MHESR

The WG 2 on “research, cooperation and innovation, including brokerage “ has been presented by Z. El Sadr (P2). This WG has focused mainly on immediate tasks and activities of WP5 and WP7.

The relevant\immediate actions in next 12 months are the following (also reported in **Table 3**):

- *WP5-T5.1*: Brokerage to strengthen research cooperation - Timing: 1st Cooperation brokerage targeting the 3 societal challenges M12 (Jan. 2014) (links with 2.5, EC H2020 launch events); Leader: MHESR;
- *WP5-T5.2*: Report on Clusters analysis – Timing: M6 (July 2013), Leader: DLR;
- *WP5-T5.4*: Preparation and organization of 4 brokerage-venturing events for innovation on selected societal challenges –Timing: M4 1st preparatory virtual meeting (May 2013); Leader: MHESR;
- *WP7-T7.1*: Identification of training needs - Timing: First report M5 (June 2013); Leader: UNIMED;
- *WP7-T7.4*, Implementation of first two years training - Timing: 1st training addressing Article 185 M4 (May 2013), Leader: DLR;
- *WP7-T7.4*, Implementation of first two years training - Timing: 2nd training addressing H2020 M10 (Nov. 2013) (links with 2.5, other EU funded actions: INCONTACT , NCP Networks, ERAWIDE ...etc) , Leader: DLR;
- *WP7-T7.6*: Support of NCPs - Plan of NCPs and Thematic Contact Points network extension and reinforcement ; Timing: M6 (Jul. 2013), Leader: HCST;
- *WP7-T7.7*: Support NCP’s participation in INCONTACT - Plan of cooperation with INCONTACT; Timing: M6 (Jul. 2013) Leader: HCST.

Table 3: Relevant\immediate actions in next 12 months for WP5 and WP7

(In yellow color: planned events; in green color: planned tasks)

	Year 2013												Y 2014
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
WP5													
Task 5.1 Brokerage on Cooperation and report (D5.1)												MHESR	
Task 5.2 Cluster analysis and report (D5.2)						DLR							
Task 5.3 Innovatio framework conditions: concept note					NHRF								
Task 5.4 Brokerage innovation: preparatory virtual meeting and launch call for new ideas			MHESR, MCST										
WP7													
Task 7.1 Training needs and first report (D7.1)					UNIMED								
Task 7.2 Training programme (D7.2) (D7.3)							UNIMED						
Task 7.4													
1st training meeting Art.185				DLR									
2nd training meeting, preparing 1st brokerage cooperation H2020										DLR			
Task 7.6 Support plan of NCP and Thematic Contact Points						HCST							
Task 7.7 Preparation of plan to support participation NCP in INCONTACT						HCST							

The **WG 3 on Policy/institutional dialogue and synergies** has been presented by Bonas (P7).

The main outcomes are the following (summarized in Table 4):

- Regarding the Task 9.1- Secretarial support to MoCo, the first action will be the MoCo meeting in April-May (tentatively); possibly again in fall. (NHRF);
- Regarding the Task 9.5- Support the EU-MPCs bilateral dialogue under the S&T Coop. Agreements (CIHEAM-IAMB/IT): *First action will be the Assessment frame for the cooperation M9 (CIHEAM-IAMB);*
- Regarding the Task 9.2 - Preparation of 3 policy documents: First action will be to prepare a concept for the action M5 (IRD);
- Regarding the 9.6 - Dialogue between Committee of Regions and MPCs(NHRF/GR) : First action will be to prepare a concept (M6) (NHRF/CRPM/Region of Apulia);
- Regarding the Task 6.1: Analysis of programming mechanisms in MPCs (DLR); First actions: prepare a concept M3 (DLR/NHRF);
- Regarding the Task 6.2: Analysis of JPI activities - First actions: Concept M4 (and possibly event M18);
- Regarding the Task 6.3- Inter-institutional meetings (MHESR): First actions: To review the timing and programme the first meeting;
- Regarding the Task 6.6 - Euro-Med Joint Programming activities (TUBITAK): First actions should start as soon as possible; a Training on Art. 185 under WP7 to be considered.

Table 4: Planning of Relevant\immediate actions in next 12 months for WP6 and WP9

(In yellow color: planned events; in green color: planned tasks and activities)

	Year 2013												Y 2014
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
WP6													
Task 6.1													
Concept note for analysis of programming			DLR										
Analysis and report (D6.1)												DLR	
Task 6.2 Concept note for JPI analysis and start analysis				CNR									
Task 6.4 Concept note for mobility										CNR			
Task 6.5 Reviewed plan in view of development Art.185		HCST											
Task 6.6 Provide on demand support to design for Art.185		TUBITAK (scheduling possible after 2nd formal meeting Art. 185)											
WP9													
Task 9.1 Support to MoCo and minutes (D9.1)						NHRF							
Task 9.2 Preparation of concept for action					IRD								
Task 9.5 EU-PC bilat. Agreement: assessment frame									CIHEAM				
Task 9.6 Dialogue between CoR and MPCs: prepare concept note						NHRF,CRP M-RPuglia							

3.2 Management Structure and Advisory Board

The External Advisory Board has been presented by P2. A draft list of 8 high – profile candidates for the EAB has been proposed.

During the plenary discussion, the following remarks have been carried out on the proposed list:

- **Representatives from Industries and stakeholders for innovation should be included ;**
- **Reserve for the candidate** from Puglia Regional Agency has been expressed by P3, P6, P7, P16.
- **Proposal for experts list changes:** by the end of the month, it is necessary a feedback from all the partners to decide the final list, using a participatory approach and avoiding to politicize the process. It is important to have the acceptance of all the partnership. Therefore the consortium should be invited to participate in the selection or proposal of candidate, as there is a general need of transparency and trust in the selection process.
- **Profiles of proposed candidates will be sent to the consortium and also alternative proposals could be sent by partners** (so each partner should pick a name on the list or propose new names). The important thing is to keep in the final list only 4 names from EU and 4 names from MPCs. At the end, there will be a consultation. Two deadlines should be fixed: one to receive nomination and one to vote.
- The Coordinator outlined that the advisory board is not a political board, and proposed to receive CVs of international experts to be added to the list, also considering gender balance. Some partners stressed that they need time for the consultation for proposing a new national expert, so they asked time for check potential CVs and the contribute that they could provide for **creating a well-balanced EAB.**
- EC suggested to take two weeks to suggest name of people who Consortium thinks can trust in. Therefore **until the end of February 2013 there should be a complete list, so it will be important to send the CVs as soon as possible.**
- The final decision is that **P2 launches an email with the list of the names and in attachment their CVs, then he will ask to all the partners to suggest a new one or endorse one of the proposed list. There will be 1 deadline to receive all nominations (within 10 days). Then the names will be enclosed in two lists** (one for North and one for South) **and all partners will be given 10 days to vote** (for one from the north and one from the south) . It is important that "1 partner provides only 1 vote", so just one representative of each partner will be involved in the process both for proposing candidates and for voting.

3.3 Consortium Agreement

The Consortium agreement has been presented by P1.

It 'has been suggested to remove the article on “the veto” . All the other proposed amendments have been approved.

The Coordinator will circulate soon after the meeting the final draft, with the consortium feedback to be collected before the end of February 2013.

3.4 Financial aspects

The financial issues have been presented by P1.

The P1 declared that regarding the first payment, the Coordinator will pay immediately the 60% and, based on the activities done by the partner, he will transfer the rest of the money within the year.

P7, P16 and P27 suggested to pay more the partners that will work more in the first period (e.g. for EMEG and for organizing events). As costs not are linear, there is a need of flexibility for the partners that should start soon to organize important activities. If a partner has to organize a big event, he could ask for an extra amount for a specific event through an informal request (email), specifying the financial needs. P7 proposed a 6-months informal report to check eventual financial needs.

As after the second year of the project it is important to follow the proper use of the money, the procedure will be clarified in the consortium agreement.

3.5 Presentation of intranet

The Project Management System have been presented by P1.

On the web site there will be a link to the Project Management System for upload the project deliverables (INTRANET) .

P1 asked to receive all the consortium email address, to be assigned the access to the Management portal and to upload the information on the intranet. P7 disagreed on this bureaucratic approach, as several tasks are still vague and not fixed. P1 proposed that partners could send deliverables to the coordinator , that will upload them on the portal .

3.6 Quality control

Regarding the Quality Control, an independent consultant will be involved on this process. The Coordinator prepares the quality control Plan and guidelines by the end of February.

4. PRESENTATION OF OVERALL GANTT 12 AND DISCUSSION

This session has the objective to present the main conclusions of the event.

As result of the plenary discussion and Working Groups meetings, **a general tasks table (Table 5) and a GANTT of the first 12 months (Table 6) was prepared by the Coordinator**, with the aim of providing an overall view of **tasks which need to be immediately undertaken**.

4.1 Tasks and immediate actions to be implemented

In the **Table 5**, the tasks and immediate actions to be conducted in the first 12 months are presented. For each WP and their respective tasks, the specific activity is reported, with the identification of responsible task leader and the contributing partners identified for the implementation.

The **Table 6** outlined the tasks to be implemented, highlighting the planned events in yellow color, the planned tasks or actions in green color. Also the existing inter-linkages among events and tasks has been identified and pointed out with the blue arrow. The name of the task leader is reported for each task and event.

As comment to this GANTT, we can highlight that a number of events (8 events) has been planned for first 12 months, as detailed in the **Table 7**. Some of these events (3 events) will be jointly carried out, to create synergies and optimizing resources.

As a general comment, some task will start immediately; as for example the **EMEG group**, which will start its activity on April 2013. The relevant partners will provide as soon as possible, (not later than 31 March 2013) the names of experts to be included in the EMEG Group, as reported in **Table 1**. The Coordinator provides the terms of reference (TOR) of EMEG by the End of February 2013.

Worth of mention is the activity which MEDSPRING provides to support the development of Article 185 for the Mediterranean, as also shown by the GANTT, particularly through WP6, WP7, WP9.

Table 5: Tasks and immediate actions to be conducted in the first 12 months

WP and TASK	Specific activity	Responsible	Contributing partners
WP 1			
Task 1.4 – Quality Control	Preparation of Quality Control Guidelines and transmission to partners	CIHEAM	MHESR
Task 1.1/1.9 – Annual and Project Management Board (PMB) meetings	Organisation of meetings and preparation of meeting material and reports	CIHEAM	All partners participate in annual meeting, WP Leaders participate in PMB meetings
WP 2			
Task 2.1 – Building EMEG	EMEG Terms of Reference (ToR)	CIHEAM	CERTE, AUREC, IAV, IRD/CNRS-F, FCT, MCST
	Receiving and organising names of EMEG experts. All partners involved in EMEG transmit expert names to task responsible (see also Table of distribution of EMEG experts)	CIHEAM	FCT, ISERD, TESR
Task 2.3 – Stocktaking research results	Organisation of teleconferencing among EMEG experts	CIHEAM, TESR, FCT, ISERD	S-COM
	Preparation of rationale for EMEG work and 1 st meeting	CIHEAM, TESR, FCT, ISERD	S-COM, UNIMED
	Organisation of 1 st EMEG meeting (Lisbon)	FCT	CIHEAM, TESR, ISERD
	Preparation of report	FCT / EMEG Experts	EMEG experts
	Delivery of report	FCT	EMEG experts
Task 2.5 – Stakeholder workshop	Preparation of rationale	MHESR	CIHEAM, S-COM, LVIA, MCST
	Organisation of workshop	MHESR	CIHEAM, S-COM
	Workshop proceedings	MHESR	CIHEAM
WP 3			
Task 3.1, 3.2 – Report on portal and project management	1 st year progress report	CSIC	
Task 3.3 Project brochure and thematic pamphlets	1 st delivery of brochure and pamphlets	CSIC MENESFC	
Task 3.5 - Newsletter	Publication of newsletter	CSIC	CIHEAM, S-COM

WP 4			
Task 4.3 – 4.4	Agora consultation rationale 1st EMEG (2.3)	S-COM	LVIA
	Agora consultation rationale stakeholder workshop (2.5)	S-COM	LVIA, CIHEAM, SEKEM
	Documents for dissemination society and policy	S-COM	LVIA, CIHEAM
	AGORA consultation preparing first brokerage event on innovation	S-COM	LVIA, MESHR, SEKEM
WP 5			
Task 5.1 Brokerage on cooperation	Organisation of event and report	MESHR	CIHEAM, TUBITAK, TESR, SEKEM, Cyl, MCST
Task 5.2 Cluster analysis	Analysis and report	DLR	ANIMA, MENESFCR, DRSDT, TESR
Task 5.3 Innovation framework conditions	Preparation of Concept note for the task (M5)	NHRF	Author(s) of the analysis under MIRA; One partner per MPC with competence in IPR/Standards/SMEs
Task 5.4 Brokerage on innovation	Preparatory meeting (teleconferencing) and launch call for new ideas through AGORA	MESHR	MCST, CIHEAM, ANIMA, S-COM
WP 6			
Task 6.1 Analysis of programming mechanisms in MPCs	Concept note and preparation of template for inputs from MPCs (M3) (suggested by Birgit)	DLR	CNR, NHRF
	Analysis and report	DLR	Inputs from: MESHR, TESR, MOHE, HCST, MENESFCR, CNRS-L, DRSDT
Task 6.2 Analysis of JPIs	Concept note based on desk research and questionnaire	CNR	NHRF
	Starting analysis	CNR	
Task 6.4 Raising attractiveness on mobility	Concept note, considering industry-academia partnerships, two-ways mobility, Tempus.	CNR	
Task 6.5 Awareness raising campaign	Concept note, considering needs of input from other WPs, defining missions and targets, preparation of dissemination material; Reviewed plan in relation to developments of Art.185	HCST	CNR, S-COM
Task 6.6 Design Euro-Med Joint Programming activities	Support designing of Article 185 on demand	TUBITAK	CNR

WP 7			
Task 7.1 – Identification of training needs	Training needs and report	UNIMED	DLR, CIHEAM, TUBITAK, MENESFCR, DRSDT, TESR, HCST, ISERD, ANIMA, S-COM, MCST
Task 7.2 – Training programme	1st training programme	UNIMED	DLR
Task 7.4 – Implementation of first two years training	1st training meeting addressing Article 185 (to be confirmed)	DLR	CNR, MCST, S-COM
	2nd training meeting on H2020	DLR	CIHEAM, FCT, ANIMA, MCST, Cyl
Task 7.6 Support of NCPs and Thematic Contact Points	Preparation of supporting plan	HCST	DLR
Task 7.7 Support NCP participation in INCONTACT	Preparation of plan	HCST	DLR, Cyl
WP 8			
Task 8.1 Identification of observatories	Identification and catalogue	CNRS-L	IRD
Task 8.2 Meetings of observatories	1st meeting of observatories and report	IRD	CIHEAM
Task 8.4 Indicators	1st meeting on indicators and report	IRD	CIHEAM
WP 9			
Task 9.1 Support to MoCo	Secretariat support to MoCo on May/April and minutes (M1- M6)	NHRF	Partner(s) in the country hosting the MoCo meetings (if any)
Task 9.2 Preparation of three policy documents	Preparation of concept for action, addressing research and horizontal issues on societal challenges (M5)	IRD	Involvement of MPCs needed
Task 9.5 Support EU-MPC Cooperation Agreements	Preparation of the methodology / framework for assessment (M9)	CIHEAM	MESHR, TESR, HCST, MENESFCR, DRSDT
Task 9.6 Support dialogue between Committee of Regions and MPCs	Preparation of concept paper (M6)	NHRF	CRPM, (Regione Puglia)

Table 6 - Work plan (GANTT) of first 12 months for immediate tasks and actions

	Year 2013												Y 2014
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
WP1													
Task 1.4 QCG guidelines	CIHEAM												
Tasks 1.1/1.9 Annual and Management Board Meetings and report (D1.5)												CIHEAM	
WP2													
Task 2.1													
Draft EMEG ToR	CIHEAM 28th Feb												
Final EMEG ToR (D2.1)		CIHEAM, 10th March											
Receiving name of experts by partners (D.2.1)		CIHEAM, 31st March											
Task 2.3													
Teleconferences of EMEG experts organised by EMEG sub-groups leaders			1 x subgroup	1 x subgroup				1 x subgroup		1 x subgroup			
Preparation of the "rationale" for EMEG work and 1st meeting on "Research Results"		CIHEAM, TESR, ISERD, FCT											
1st EMEG meeting				FCT									
Preparation of report													
Delivery of report (D2.2)										FCT			
Task 2.5													
Preparation of rationale of stakeholders workshop										MHESR			
Stakeholder workshop												MHESR	
Workshop proceedings (D2.5)												MHESR	
WP3													
Task 3.1 / 3.2 1st year progress report portal and knowledge management (D3.1, D3.2)												CSIC	
Task 3.3 1st delivery of project brochure and thematic pamphlets (D3.3, D3.4)			CSIC, MENEFC (brochure)									CSIC, MENEFC (pamphlet)	
Task 3.5 Newsletter (D3.5)			CSIC			CSIC			CSIC			CSIC	
WP4													
Task 4.1, 4.3, 4.4													
Running and managing Agora, stimulate dialogue, virtual clustering etc.	S-COM												
Agora consultation on rationale for EMEG and Stakeholder Workshop (D4.2)			SCOM, LVIA (EMEG)						S-COM, LVIA (STH- WORK)				
Preparation of documents for dissemination of 1st EMEG (society and policy) (D4.2)									S-COM, LVIA				
Agora consultation preparing 1st brokerage on innovation				S-COM, LVIA									
WP5													
Task 5.1 Brokerage on Cooperation and report (D5.1)												MHESR	
Task 5.2 Cluster analysis and report (D5.2)						DLR							
Task 5.3 Innovatio framework conditions: concept note					NHRF								
Task 5.4 Brokerage innovation: preparatory virtual meeting and launch call for new ideas		MHESR, MCST											
WP6													
Task 6.1													
Concept note for analysis of programming			DLR										
Analysis and report (D6.1)												DLR	
Task 6.2 Concept note for JPI analysis and start analysis				CNR									
Task 6.4 Concept note for mobility										CNR			
Task 6.5 Reviewed plan in view of development Art.185		HCST											
Task 6.6 Provide on demand support to design for Art.185			TUBITAK (scheduling possible after 2nd formal meeting Art. 185)										
WP7													
Task 7.1 Training needs and first report (D7.1)					UNIMED								
Task 7.2 Training programme (D7.2) (D7.3)							UNIMED						
Task 7.4													
1st training meeting Art.185				DLR									
2nd training meeting, preparing 1st brokerage cooperation H2020										DLR			
Task 7.6 Support plan of NCP and Thematic Contact Points						HCST							
Task 7.7 Preparation of plan to support participation NCP in INCONTACT						HCST							
WP8													
Task 8.1 Identification and Catalogue (D8.1)						CNRS							
Task 8.2 First meeting and report							IRD						
Task 8.4 First meeting on indicators and report								IRD					
WP9													
Task 9.1 Support to MoCo and minutes (D9.1)						NHRF							
Task 9.2 Preparation of concept for action					IRD								
Task 9.5 EU-PC bilat. Agreement, assessment frame									CIHEAM				
Task 9.6 Dialogue between CoR and MPCs: prepare concept note						NHRF,CRP M-RPuglia							

Table n. 7 – 12 months GANTT for meetings/events

12 months GANTT for meetings / events												
	Year 2013											Y 2014
	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
WP1												
Tasks 1.1/1.9 Annual and Management Board Meetings and report (D1.5)												CIHEAM
WP2												
Task 2.3 1st EMEG meeting				FCT								Opportunity for joint or back-to-back meetings
Task 2.5 Stakeholder workshop												
WP5												
Task 5.1 Brokerage on Cooperation and report (D5.1)												MHESR
WP7												
Task 7.4												
1st training meeting Art.185				DLR								
2nd training meeting, preparing 1st brokerage cooperation H2020										HCST		
WP8												
Task 8.2 First meeting and report							IRD					
Task 8.4 First meeting on indicators and report								IRD				

ANNEX 1 - AGENDA



- MED-SPRING
 - **(Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research and Innovation Gateway)**
 - **Kick off Meeting, 4-5 February 2013**
 - Venue: CIHEAM-IAMB, Valenzano (Bari – Italy)
 - Building B – Mezzanine Hall

Monday, 4 February

8h00 Pick-up from the Hotel

9h00 Registration

9h30 – 10h00 Welcome

Welcome by CIHEAM-IAMB – C. Lacirignola (Director)

10h00 – 10h30 Presentation of participants

10h30 – 11h00 MEDSPRING and EU expectations – *F. Boughanemi (EC, DG Research and Innovation)*

Coffee break

11h00 - 11h30 Overview of the whole project structure and objectives – *C. Bogliotti (CIHEAM-IAMB) and H. El Zoheiry (MHESR).*

11h30 – 13h45 Work Packages: tasks and deliverables

In this session Work Package leaders will present the WP under their responsibility (max 15 minutes), putting emphasis on deliverables and time of delivering as well as interlinkage / inter-dependancy with other WPs for delivery, partners involved and their role, resources. Special attention will be given to the activities that need to be carried out immediately after the KoM. They will also highlight possible bottle-necks within the Work Package (if any). Each presentation will be followed by 5 minutes plenary discussion. Template N. 1 is proposed for discussion.

Lunch

15h30 – 16h30 Work Packages: tasks and deliverables

Continuation of the morning session

16h30 – 17h15 Plenary session: special session on the AGORA and project WEB.

Presentation and discussion (S-COM, CSIC)

Coffee break

17h30 – 18h00 Project LOGO - C. Ciannamea (CIHEAM-IAMB)

18h00 Wrap-up of 1st day meeting

20h00 Social dinner

Tuesday, 5 February

8h00 Pick-up from the Hotel

9h00– 9h15 Plenary session: parallel working groups

Three parallel working groups are planned. This session has the objective to present the parallel works foreseen in the next sessions. Partners are clustered under three overarching objectives of the project: i) societal challenges / EMEG, ii) research cooperation and innovation, including brokerage, ii) policy and institutional dialogue and synergies. The rapporteur will help the group discussion. The objective of the working groups is to build cohesion and integration among Work Packages and partners, coherent work plan in relation to the main overarching objectives of the project.

9h30– 11h30 First round parallel meetings of the Working Groups

Activities: -) group participants will identify relevant interactions (but also criticalities and conflicts) among Work Packages / Tasks and the way to operate them in a clear frame of mutual cooperation, -) identify needs of interactions with the other groups and define the way to put them into operation, -) each partner/participant identifies its role.

Group deliverables: -) detailed frame of interaction among Tasks / WPs, pointing out roles and responsibility of each partner, inputs / outputs relationships. Special emphasis on activities that need to be carried out immediately after the KoM (Template 2 for presentation by the rapporteur).

Coffee break

12h00 – 13h45 Second round parallel meetings of the Working Groups

Activities: -) resolve conflicts (if any), -) prepare a short-term (18 months) work plan highlighting links and interactions among WPs and Tasks, encompassing the role of each partner, -) moderators prepares slides for presentation in plenary session.

Group deliverable: 18 months GANTT / Time Table of activities, highlighting interactions and time of delivery to / from tasks, including role / responsibility of each partner / participant. Special emphasis on activities that need to be carried-out immediately after the KoM (Template 3 for presentation by the rapporteur)

Lunch

15h30 -16h15 Plenary session

Rapporteurs present outcomes of parallel working group meetings for discussion.

16h15 – 16h45 Consortium agreement

Presentation of the Consortium Agreement – M. Giannelli, (CIHEAM-IAMB) and discussion.

Coffee break

17h00 – 17h30 Project management and financial aspects

Proposal of External Advisory Board members and discussion (H. El Zoheiry, MHESR)

Project budget and monitoring (S. De Santis, CIHEAM-IAMB) and discussion

17h30 Conclusions

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ANNEX 3 – WORKING GROUPS

Working Groups		
1 - Societal challenges / EMEG	2 - Research cooperation and innovation, including brokerage	3 - Policy / institutional dialogue and synergies
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ANNEX 4 – POSTERS ON PROJECT STRUCTURE

KICK OFF MEETING
med Spring
 4-5 FEBRUARY 2013



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PROJECT STRUCTURE

The main 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 & innovation, policy dialogue and cooperation monitoring. The proposal aims at tackling the key issues and policy objectives outlined in the Work Programme by creating a dialogue and coordination platform of governmental institutions, research organizations, associations and NGOs helping integrate society in the institutional dialogue. To this end, the Project foresees a comprehensive analysis of selected societal challenges and will address capacity building to increase research capacity, shared knowledge and cooperation. It will also support synergies and networking to strengthen joint activities and EU- MS-MPCs cooperation in EU programmes, as well as a monitoring of regional RTD cooperation and policies. In particular, the proposal is structured to address three societal challenges: energy, high quality affordable food, scarcity of resources. These challenges have been selected on the basis of the result of the long-standing and ongoing EU-MPCs policy dialogue and represent the most significant areas of common interest in current Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

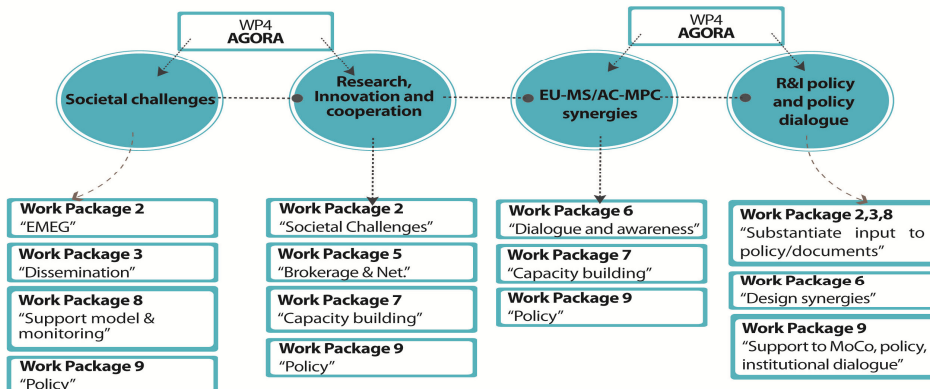
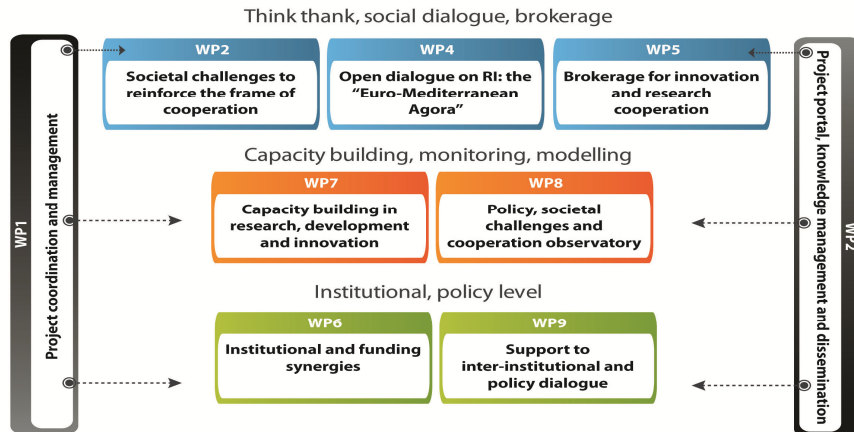
PROJECT DETAILS

Programme acronym: FP7-INCO
Subprogramme area: INCO.2012-1.3
Number of Partners: 28
Duration: 48 months
Start date: 01/02/2013
Total cost: EUR 4.480.222
EU contribution: EUR 3.999.944

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- EU-MPCs co-ownership in research;
- Synergies to reduce fragmentation of research programmes;
- Inclusive dialogue;
- Cooperation instruments to tackle societal challenges;
- Research and innovation capacity building;
- Brokerage and networking on innovation, research and cooperation.

WORK PACKAGES AND THEIR INTERRELATIONS



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Work Packages structure

WP1 Project Coordination and Management

LEADER: CIHEAM-IAMBarì | CO-LEADER: MHESR

WP2 Societal challenges to reinforce the frame of cooperation

LEADER: CIHEAM-IAMBarì | CO-LEADER: FCT, TESR, ISERD

- TASK 2.1** - Creation and management of the EMEG (CIHEAM-IAMB)
- TASK 2.2** - Stocktaking of policy dialogue (CIHEAM-IAMB)
- TASK 2.3** - Stocktaking of research results (FCT)
- TASK 2.4** - Analysis and holistic frame of societal challenges (CIHEAM-IAMB)
- TASK 2.5** - Organisation of multistakeholders workshops (MHESR)

WP3 Project portal, knowledge management and dissemination

LEADER: CSIC | CO-LEADER: MENESFCRS

- TASK 3.1** - Implementation and management of project portal (CSIC)
- TASK 3.2** - Public digital information and knowledge base (CSIC)
- TASK 3.3** - Project brochure and dissemination pamphlets (MENESFCRS)
- TASK 3.4** - On-line database of projects in areas of interest (MENESFCRS)
- TASK 3.5** - Quarterly newsletter and six-monthly bulletin (CSIC)

WP4 Open dialogue on RI: the "Euro-Mediterranean Agora"

LEADER: CIHEAM-IAMBarì | CO-LEADER: MOHE

- TASK 4.1** - EUMA: Virtual Regional Innovation and Research Platform (UNIMED)
- TASK 4.2** - Setting-up dialogue infrastructure (S-COM)
- TASK 4.3** - Promoting the Euro-Mediterranean Agora and stimulate activities through the social networking activity (S-COM)
- TASK 4.4** - Management of the open social dialogue and thematic blogs (S-COM)
- TASK 4.5** - "Scientific coffees" (S-COM)
- TASK 4.6** - Realisation of an area in the community website dedicated to the collection of multimedia materials on digital and non-digital scientific coffees (MHESR)
- TASK 4.7** - Identification of best practices for engaging civil society in RTD through social media (S-COM)

WP5 Brokerage and venturing for innovation and EU-MPC research networking and cooperation

LEADER: MHESR | CO-LEADER: MSCST

- TASK 5.1** - Brokerage to strengthen research cooperation (MCST)
- TASK 5.2** - Clusters analysis (DLR)
- TASK 5.3** - Analysis of innovation framework conditions (NHRF)
- TASK 5.4** - Preparation and organization of 4 brokerage-venturing events for innovation on selected societal challenges (MHESR)
- TASK 5.5** - Reports on the results of face to face brokerage events (S-COM)

WP6 Institutional and funding synergies

LEADER: CNR | CO-LEADER: TUBITAK

- TASK 6.1** - Analysis of programming mechanisms in the different MPC (DLR)
- TASK 6.2** - Analysis of current JPI activities (CNR)
- TASK 6.3** - Organisation of 1 inter-institutional meeting to strengthen trilateral (EU-MS-MPC) debate (MHESR)
- TASK 6.4** - Raising attractiveness of MPCs for joint mobility (CNR)
- TASK 6.5** - Awareness campaign (HCST)
- TASK 6.6** - Preparation of a detailed proposal for Euro-Mediterranean joint programming to be submitted to MoCo, EC, SFIC and RTD MS/MPC ministers. (TUBITAK)

WP7 Capacity building in research, development and innovation

LEADER: DLR | CO-LEADER: HCST

- TASK 7.1** - Identification of training needs with National Contact Points (UNIMED)
- TASK 7.2** - Training programme preparation (UNIMED)
- TASK 7.3** - Identification of participants from MPC and trainers (HCST)
- TASK 7.4** - Training years 1st and 2nd (DLR)
- TASK 7.5** - Training years 3rd and 4th (CNR)
- TASK 7.6** - Strengthening NCPs in the MPCs (HCST)
- TASK 7.7** - Support and facilitate the participation of MPCs national contact points, thematic points or info point in INCONTACT activities (HCST)

WP8 Policy, societal challenges and cooperation observatory

LEADER: CNRS | CO-LEADER: IRD

- TASK 8.1** - Identification of Euro-Mediterranean thematic observatories relevant to policy and cooperation monitoring and monitoring of trends and indicators in relation to selected societal challenges (CNRS)
- TASK 8.2** - Networking to establish relations with existing Euro-Mediterranean observatories and analysis of their objectives, functionality and potentials (IRD)
- TASK 8.3** - Creation of a digital portal of EU-MED Observatories (CNRS)
- TASK 8.4** - Thematic, regional and multi-disciplinary linkages among observatories (IRD)
- TASK 8.5** - Elaboration of trends and scenarios (IRD)

WP9 Support to inter-institutional and policy dialogue

LEADER: NHRF | CO-LEADER: DRSDT

- TASK 9.1** - Secretariat and support to MoCo (NHRF)
- TASK 9.2** - Preparation of three policy documents (IRD)
- TASK 9.3** - Preparation of one white paper (NHRF)
- TASK 9.4** - Preparation of two 2-year reports on 'policies, synergies and opportunities for the research sector' of other EU services, policies and instruments (e.g. EEAS, DEVCO, line DGs, etc.) and meetings (MHESR)
- TASK 9.5** - Support EU-MPCs dialogue in S&T Cooperation Agreement (CIHEAM-IAMB)
- TASK 9.6** - Facilitate the establishment of a more permanent and constructive dialogue on STI between the EU Committee of Regions (CoR) and the MPCs (NHRF)

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ANNEX 5 – PHOTOGALLERY



Fig.1 – Setting up of the meeting room



Fig. 2 – Welcome speech of IAMB Director



Fig.3 – Participants to the plenary session



Fig.4 – Participants to the plenary session



Fig.5 – Participants to the plenary session



Fig.6 –Panoramic of the plenary session

