



**Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research and Innovation Gateway**

**EMEG (Euro-Mediterranean Expert Group)**

2<sup>nd</sup> EMEG Meeting on “Euro-Mediterranean Research and Innovation Policy and Policy Dialogue in relation to societal challenges”

*(Sousse) Tunisia, 22-23 September 2014*

**Annotated Agenda**

**Monday, 22 September**

9h00            Welcome  
(Tunisian Ministry of Research; TESR; MedSpring Coordinator, European Commission)

9h30 - 10h00   Plenary session: Objectives and scope of the meeting  
(C. Bogliotti, MedSpring Coordinator)

10h00 - 12h30   Parallel working groups (water, food, energy)

- Discussion on preliminary analysis results (**problems/outcomes**),
- Identification of **Specific Problems**
- Identification of **Specific Policy Objectives**
- Clusterization of **Specific Problems** into 4 problems categories
- Prioritization of **Specific Policy Objectives** (2 main objectives per each problem category will be selected)

*Available material:*

- Results of the open consultation: list of prioritized objectives, list of prioritized problems grouped in categories, list of possible solution clusterized by EMEG
- Report on stocktaking of Euro-Mediterranean policy dialogue on R&I
- Rationale and Guidelines of the meeting.

*Note: coffee break foreseen around 11h00.*

13h00-15h00   Lunch

15h00 – 16h00   Parallel working groups (water, food, energy)

- Continuation of morning works (if necessary)

16h00 - 16h15 Coffee break

16h15 – 17h15 Parallel working groups (water, food, energy)

- Identification of **expected impacts** for each Specific Policy Objective

*At the end of this session we expect to have, for each group (societal challenge) and for each problem category, maximum 2 objectives and a number (possibly limited) of expected impacts as in the following Table 1.*

*Table 1 – Objectives and Impacts*

<b>PROBLEMS CATEGORIES</b>	<b>SPECIFIC POLICY OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>EXPECTED IMPACTS</b>
1. Networking & Communication	1.a specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
	1.b specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
2. Management & Institutional responsibility	2.a specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
	2.b specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
3. Resources (financial/human) & Capacity	3.a specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
	3.b specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
4. Responsiveness to users' needs	4.a specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact
	4.b specific objective	Impact, Impact, impact

17h15 – 18h00 Plenary session: the Group Leaders present the key results of works (Table 1)

Open discussion

18h00 End of 1<sup>st</sup> day.

19h30 Social dinner

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## Tuesday, 23 September

9h00 – 10h00 Plenary session : Key-note Speech (J. Spangenberg, UFZ Helmholtz Centre for Environment Research)

*The aim of the key-note speech is to provide guidance in defining variables for a successful implementation of policies on R&I in Euro-Mediterranean Countries.*

Open discussion

10h00 – 12h30 Parallel working groups (water, food, energy)

- Analyzing, integrating and systematizing a comprehensive frame of variables (**barriers/positive factors**).

*During this activity, EMEG members will be asked to identify **variables** for a successful policy dialogue and cooperation. In the 1<sup>st</sup> EMEG Rationale, variables were intended as «main barriers and positive factors to effective dissemination and results valorization». In the case of policy dialogue they could be defined as **barriers** and/or **enhancing factors** able to hinder or facilitate the achievement of the identified objectives and expected impacts.*

*The suggestions provided in the key-note speech will constitute a valuable guidance in defining realistic variables for the improvement of policy dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean Region.*

At the end of this session, the table will be composed as follows :

Table 2 – Variables

PROBLEMS CATEGORIES	SPECIFIC POLICY OBJECTIVES	VARIABLES	
1. Networking & Communication	1.a specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
	1.b specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
2. Management & Institutional responsibility	2.a specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
	2.b specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
3. Resources (financial/human) & Capacity	3.a specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
	3.b specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
4. Responsiveness to users' needs	4.a specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>
	4.b specific objective	<i>Enhancing factors</i>	<i>barriers</i>

12h30 – 13h00 Plenary session: group leaders present outcomes (30')

*Coffee available during the sessions* 13h00 – 15h00 Lunch

15h00 – 16h30 Parallel working groups: (water, food, energy)

*Each group of Experts (water, food energy) will be divided in 4 sub-groups (one for each problem category).*

- Identifying possible ways (**actions**) to enhance positive factors/overcome barriers for each selected problems category. Inputs for position paper.

*EMEG experts, starting from the above Table 2 as well as from the inputs coming from the open consultation (clusterized solutions), are asked to provide suggestions for actions. Experts should answer the following question: “what is the most effective action to enhance positive factors or to*

overcome barriers?”. More actions could be indicated for each variable, and the same action could address more variables at the same time.

Afterwards, the following Table 3 will be presented:

Table 3 – Actions

PROBLEMS CATEGORIES	SPECIFIC POLICY OBJECTIVES	SUGGESTED ACTIONS
1. Networking & Communication	1.a specific objective	Action, action
	1.b specific objective	Action, action
2. Management & Institutional responsibility	2.a specific objective	Action, action
	2.b specific objective	Action, action
3. Resources (financial/human) & Capacity	3.a specific objective	Action, action
	3.b specific objective	Action, action
4. Responsiveness to users’ needs	4.a specific objective	Action, action
	4.b specific objective	Action, action

Following the previous exercise, the group members are asked to prepare **recommendations** to be included, in the plenary session, into a position note.

*The works could continue during the coffee break.*

16h30 - 17h00 Coffee break

17h00 – 18h30 Plenary session: presentation of actions, preparation of overarching recommendations and conclusions

18h30 Wrap-up and conclusions

*Note: All plenary sessions will be streamed on-line on the MedSpring Agora channel*  
<http://ustre.am/ZE3h>