



Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research and Innovation Gateway

Societal challenges to reinforce the frame of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on research and innovation

Stakeholders meeting

Brussels, 28 April 2014

The meeting conveys stakeholders from EU and Mediterranean Partner Countries to discuss the outcomes of the MedSpring EMEG (Euro-Mediterranean Experts Group) work carried out on the major societal challenges in the Mediterranean region, particularly scarcity of resources (mainly water), high quality affordable food and energy. In particular, the stakeholders are asked to comment and endorse the outcomes (and related Position Paper) of the first EMEG meeting organised in Lisbon on June 2013 on the identification of actions and solutions to create market opportunities and jobs in the above societal challenges and provide orientation for the new upcoming activities of EMEG on strategies and research policies in water, food and energy.

Stakeholders will also discuss and propose most appropriate innovation mechanisms to uptake research results and solutions identified by EMEG in the above societal challenges. For this, stakeholders will use the outcomes of the Innovation Group meeting held in the same day (morning meeting).

Draft agenda

14h00 – 14h30: Opening session and introduction to the meeting

Claudio Bogliotti, Zeinab El-Sadr (scope and organisation of the meeting)

Hamid El-Zoheiry (outcomes of the Innovation Working Group)

14h30 – 15h00: Presentation of EMEG activities: Lisbon meeting and 1st Position Paper

15h00 – 16h30: 1st Stakeholders round table

Suggestions / endorsement of EMEG activities and mechanisms to support innovation in water, food and energy societal challenges

Coffee break

16h45 – 17h00: Presentation of new EMEG activities on policies

17h00 – 18h00: 2nd Stakeholders round table

Suggestions for new EMEG activities

18h00 Wrap-up and conclusions.