



## European Training Foundation hosting EMUNI

**Turin, 31 March 2009**

European Training Foundation hosted Dr. Joseph Mifsud and Mr. Elido Bandelj, representative of Ministry of Education and Sport of Republic of Slovenia. The main purpose of the meeting was to find common areas of interest of EMUNI and ETF and speak about future collaboration and possible joint projects.

## EMUNI at Mediterranean Observatory for Energy Committee

**Paris, 1 April 2009.**

EMUNI representatives attended the session of the Cooperation and Strategy Committee of the Mediterranean Observatory on Energy (OME). EMUNI president delivered an EMUNI presentation and discussed with the committee members about the common fields of possible closer cooperation. EMUNI President also visited Paris 8 University, where he was received by its President, Mr Pascal Binczak.

## MA Programme Euro- Mediterranean Cultures and Tourism at EMUNI

**Portorož, 9 April 2009.**

A part of Euro-Mediterranean Master Programme in Culture and Tourism, delivered by University of Bari, Community of Mediterranean Universities (CMU) and University of Maribor under EMUNI Label took place at EMUNI from 18 March to 9 April.

In the time of their stay in Slovenia, 19 students from 8 countries attended and 2 courses. The lectures were delivered by ten professors and prominent guests, including Alexandre Zafirou from the Secretariat General of the EU Council, Veronika Stabej, acting director of the Government Communication Office of Slovenia, Ettore Deodato of EC, and Dr. Abdallah Gaaya from the Food and Agriculture Organization of UN.

During their education period in Slovenia, the students also took part in excursions in Slovenia and two round tables.

The first one with a title »Tourism and Global Economy« was led by Dr. Lučka Lorber from the University of Maribor, while other invited speakers were Prof. Dr. Cosimo Notarstefano from Bari University, Mr. Tomi Brezovec from Turistica and Mr. Almasalma Khaled, a Syria student.

Invited speakers for the second roundtable with a title »How can intercultural dialogue contribute to establishing Euro-Mediterranean as a region« were Prof. Dr. Abdouli Touhami from Sousse University, Prof. Dr. Massimiliano Cricco from Urbino University and Andreja Viher, EMUNI Foundation director. A contribution of Mr Vasja Klavora, Vice President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia, was also presented at the round table, introducing the steps towards the establishment of EMUNI.

## EMUNI at the Alliance of Civilizations Forum

**Istanbul, 6 - 7 April 2009.**

Forum of the Alliance of Civilizations (AoC), international initiative aimed at advancing intercultural understanding, was attended also by EMUNI representatives. At one of the working sessions AoC research network was established, a part of it being EMUNI. Joseph Mifsud talked about the common initiative also at a media briefing, where he also introduced ResSouk.



EMUNI representatives used the Forum participation also for meetings with representatives of institutions that are active in the field of intercultural dialogue and cooperation, including the foundation Anna Lindh.

EMUNI and ALF signed a memorandum of understanding in order to work together to develop innovative approaches to promote intercultural dialogue through research and scientific cooperation activities. Their first common project is Res Souk, student research "market" which will take place on 9 June, where also AoC and ETF cooperate as partners. EMUNI President also paid a visit to Technical University Istanbul and Marmara University, where he delivered presentations on EMUNI.

The AoC Forum was attended by representatives of numerous countries and organizations, among participants were also Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Turkey, Jose Luis Zapatero, Prime Minister of Spain, UN Secretary General

Ban Ki-moon and Dr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia.

## EMUNI - co-organiser of the conference on Human Rights in Morocco

**Rabat, 9 - 10 April 2009.**



EMUNI and G RET Association from Morocco organised the 14th International GRET forum. This year's topic was Euro-Mediterranean: the history of the future. Prof. Dr. Nada Trunk Širca, Director of Center EMUNI, took part in the conference that was attended by representatives of various institutions from Euro-Mediterranean. The conference discussions mainly focused on human rights and rights to identity in the Euro-Mediterranean.

Apart from attending the conference, Prof. Trunk Širca also met with representatives of Mohamed ED University and post graduate students of Prof. Ali Sedjari, Chairholder of UNESCO Chair for Teaching, Training, and Research in the field of Human Rights.

## International meeting on EMUNI in Greece

**Athens, 13 April 2009**

Under the auspices of the Ministry of Education of Greece, the Vice-President of the European Parliament and President of the Monitoring Group of EMUNI Mrs Rodi Kratsa hosted the international meeting on the topic: "Mediterranean region: an area of knowledge, exchange and cooperation. The Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)". Apart of Mr Mifsud of EMUNI and Mrs Kratsa, the invited guests of the conference were addressed by Mr. Yannis Valinakis, Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece, Prof. Dr. Andreas Troumbis, Rector of the University of the Aegean and Mrs. Elsa Papadimitriou, Vice-President of the Hellenic Parliament. Other prominent guests, including Mr. Aris Spiliotopoulos, the Minister of Education of Greece, participated in the discussion that followed the opening addresses and presentations. The debate focused on higher education cooperation, new tasks, initiatives and research in the Euro-Mediterranean.

## PROJECTS, CALLS

### EMUNI Doctoral Research

#### Seminars 2009

In order to develop doctoral programs, EMUNI University is organising research seminars for doctoral students.

- **De-Pollution of Mediterranean Basin**

Portorož, Slovenia, 4 – 16 May, 2009;  
University of Hacettepe, Turkey

Language: English

- **University systems**

Portorož, Slovenia, 18 – 30 May, 2009;  
Paul Cezanne Aix-Marseille III University, France

Language: French, English (optional)

**The call for students to apply to Doctoral Research seminars 2009 is extended until 20 April 2009**

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### 1<sup>st</sup> EMUNI Research Souk

#### Euro-Mediterranean Student Research Multi-conference: Unity and Diversity of Euro-Mediterranean Identities

**Date:** 9 June 2009, EMUNI partner institutions

**Locations: at 17 co-founding institutions from 14 countries**

ENSA - Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture, **Alger – Algeria** • Alexandria University, Alexandria – **Egypt** • Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki – **Greece** • University of the Aegean, Mytilene, Lesbos – **Greece** • Zefat Academic College, Zefat – **Israel** • University of Catania, Catania – **Italy** • University of Palermo, Palermo – **Italy** • Beirut Arab University, Beirut – **Lebanon** • CESMO - Center for Middle-Eastern Strategic Studies, Tripoli – **Lebanon** • Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane – **Morocco** • An-Najah National University, Nablus – Palestinian Authority • University Fernando Pessoa, Porto – **Portugal** • University of Agricultural Science and Veterinary Medicine Cluj, Cluj - Napoca – **Romania** • EMUNI University, Portorož – **Slovenia** • University of Gabès, Gabès – **Tunis** • Çukurova University,

Adana – **Turkey** • RMEI/ Ecole Centrale Marseille, Marseille – **France**

Partners in the project:

UN Alliance of Civilizations, Anna Lindh Foundation, European Training Foundation

**The call for participants is open until 4 May 2009.**

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Summer School 2009

The aim of 2009 EMUNI Summer School is to support cooperation among Euro-Mediterranean universities, stimulate mobility and to contribute to the understanding among cultures.

**Locations:** 9 co-founding institutions from 6 countries

**Terms:** June-July-August-September 09

**Courses / Place:**

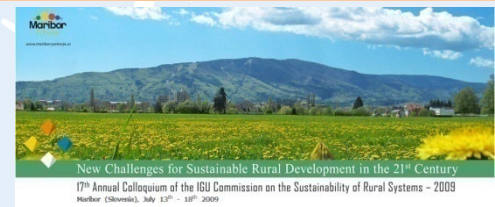
Tradition and New Creativity in the Performing Arts, **Italy** • Islamic Architecture: Modernity and Tradition, **Lebanon** • European Union Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum, **Belgium** • European Policies and Economic Transition in the Mediterranean Basin, **Italy** • Linguistic Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean Basin, **Italy** • Local Administration and Human Development, **Italy** • Immigrants and Host Communities in Cross-cultural and Cross-linguistic Perspectives, **Greece** • Income Inequality and Poverty: Concepts, Measurement and International Evidence, **Israel** • Management in Higher Education, **Slovenia**

**The call for students is open.**

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## CONFERENCES

EMUNI acts as organizer and co-organizer of international conferences, meetings and round tables covering different scientific fields, which refer to the focus and mission of the university.



New Challenges for Sustainable Rural Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems - 2009

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Maribor, Slovenia, 13 - 18 July 2009.

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> EMUNI conference on Higher education and Research

#### Internationalization and the role of University networks

Portorož, Slovenia, 24 – 26 Sept 2009,  
Organised by: EMUNI and Compostela group of Universities

**Conference topics:**

The role of international coordinator at universities • International cooperation in the field of academic and legal issues, ECTS recognition, financial limitations • Quality assurance in public and private Higher Education • Teaching and learning methods in multicultural environment • Intercultural learning environment – dialogue and media

**Online registration is possible through conference website. The call for paper submissions is open until 30 May.**

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### 10<sup>th</sup> MIC 2009, Management international conference

#### Creativity, Innovation and Management

Sousse, Tunisia, 25 – 28 November 2009.

**The call for abstract and paper submission is open until 30 April 2009.**

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Date	Place	Events & Meetings
24 April 2009	Nova Gorica / Slovenia	European day
4 –16 May 2009 18 – 30 May 2009	EMUNI, Portorož / Slovenia	Doctoral research seminars 2009 • DE-POLLUTION OF MEDITERRANEAN BASIN (offered by: University of Hacettepe, Turkey) • UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS (offered by: Paul Cezanne Aix-Marseille III University, France)
9 June 2009	Portorož / Slovenia Euro-Mediterranean countries	EMUNI University 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary 1 <sup>st</sup> EMUNI ReS (EMUNI Research Souk) UNITY AND DIVERSITY OF EURO-MEDITERRANEAN IDENTITIES
26 – 27 June 2009	Brdo, Slovenia	EMUNI Senate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting EMUNI Management Board 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting
13 – 18 July 2009	Maribor, Slovenia	17th Annual Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems, New Challenges for Sustainable Rural Development in the 21st Century
June – Sept 2009	EMUNI partner institutions	2 <sup>nd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Summer school 09
24 – 26 Sept 2009	Portorož / Slovenia	2nd EMUNI HE&R, EMUNI conference on Higher Education and Research INTERNATIONALISATION AND THE ROLE OF UNIVERSITY NETWORKS