



The opening conference of the project

“Building the EMUNI Knowledge Hub on the Euro-Mediterranean region”

»Region in classrooms«

30 November 2019

Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI), Slovenia

Kidričevo nabrežje 2, Piran



AGENDA

9.00-9.30

Opening session and presentation of the project

Jerneja Penca, Euro-Mediterranean University (Slovenia)

9.30-10.45

The region in teaching

How are Euro-Mediterranean issues taught to university students today? Are there differences between the North and the South of the Mediterranean? Are there study programmes that could be considered Euro-Mediterranean by nature? How well are issues of regional importance integrated into other study programmes, modules and themes? What are such themes that attract attention and why? How appropriate are the existing teaching methods and approaches for the production of a regional identity?

Moderator

Lenart Škof, Science and Research Centre Koper (Slovenia)

Speakers

Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Nataša Urošević, University of Pula (Croatia)

Rasha ElKholi, Heliopolis University (Egypt)

Mauve Carbonell, Aix-Marseille University (France)

Lucija Čok, Science and Research Centre Koper (Slovenia)

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.30 The region in research

How well do we understand the Euro-Mediterranean region, its functioning and needs? Does current research produce the type of knowledge that is needed for policy actions? Do the conclusions by researchers translate into policy actions? Which issues receive particular attention of researchers, and why? What are the problems and questions that receive too little attention? Does scholarly research foster a dialogue, does it contribute to building a cooperative, rather than conflicting attitude between different parts of the Mediterranean?

Moderator

Jerneja Penca, Euro-Mediterranean University (Slovenia)

Speakers

Tamara Elzein, National Council for Scientific Research-Lebanon (Lebanon)

Münevver Cebeci, Marmara University (Turkey)

Faris Kočan, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Hani Sewilam, RWTH Aachen University (Germany) and American University in Cairo (Egypt)

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-14.45 Lessons for teaching and researching from good practices serving the regional integration

This panel will present some of the good practices demonstrating that research and/or teaching can help with the integration of the region. The purpose of this panel is to draw some conclusions from their success and seek their replication. The guiding questions are thus: How did these initiatives come about; how did they develop; what obstacles did they overcome in accomplishing their aim? What does the experience from the particular initiatives tell us about the way forward for teaching and researching of the Euro-Mediterranean issues? Based on the good practices, how can some of the questions from the previous panels be answered?

Moderator

Mounir Ghribi, National Institute for Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (Italy)

Speakers

Natalia Sanmartin Jaramillo, Centre for Vocational Education and Training (Slovenia)

Nicola Lamaddalena, CIHEAM - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (Italy)

Joseph Shevel, Galilee International Management Institute (Israel)

Branko Čermelj, National Institute of Biology (Slovenia)

Omar Amawi, Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area – PRIMA (Spain)

14.45-15.00 Break

15.00-16.00 Concluding session and next steps

Solution-oriented discussion between all the participants on how teaching, researching and academia-policy dialogue could be improved.