



# Euro-Mediterranean CONFERENCE on Research and Innovation 2012

AN AGENDA FOR  
A RENEWED PARTNERSHIP

## PROGRAMME

### 1 APRIL 2012

**18.00 – 20.00**      **HALL AUDITORIUM**  
**Welcoming cocktail**  
**Registration**

### 2 APRIL 2012

**08.30**                      **Registration**

**09.30 – 10.30**      **AUDITORIUM**  
**Opening session**  
**Welcoming remarks** by [Máire Geoghegan-Quinn](#), *Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, European Commission*, [Carmen Vela Olmo](#), *State Secretary for Research, Development and Innovation Spain*, [Andreu Mas-Colell](#), *Regional Minister for Economy and Knowledge Catalonia*, [Lahcen Daoudi](#), *Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Training Morocco*, [The Danish Presidency of the Council of the EU](#), [Antonio Fernando Correia de Campos](#), *the European Parliament*.

**Moderator:** [Jacki Davis](#)

**10.30 – 11.00**      **HALL AUDITORIUM**  
**Coffee break**

**11.00 – 13.00**      **AUDITORIUM**  
**Plenary session: Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation on Research and Innovation: challenges and objectives a renewed partnership**

**Round table discussion with:**

[Maged Al-Sherbiny](#), *President of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, Egypt*

[Mats Karlsson](#), *Director of the Centre for Mediterranean Integration (CMI)*

[Mahmoud Solh](#), *Director General of the International Centre for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), Syria*

[Nichi Vendola](#), *President of Regione Puglia (IT) and member of the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM)*

[Michel Laurent](#), *President of the 'Institut de Recherche pour le Développement' (IRD), France*

[Khaled Toukan](#), *Chairman of the Jordan Atomic Energy Commission, Jordan*

**Moderator:** [Jacki Davis](#)

## **PORT VELL**

**13.00 – 14.30**

**Networking lunch**

**14.30 – 17.15**

## **ROOM A2 + A3**

**Parallel session 1: water availability and management**

### **Topics:**

- 1. Water scarcity and management under climate change**
- 2. Ensuring sustainable access to limited water resource**
- 3. Water use in agriculture: Interlinks between lands and water use - cultural heritage and behaviour**

### **Participants:**

[Mahamud Abu Zeid](#), *President of the Arab Water Council, Egypt*

[Claudio Bogliotti](#), *CIHEAM Bari, Italy*

[Ralf Ludwig](#), *CLIWASEC, Germany*

[Muhammed Shatanawi](#), *University of Jordan, Jordan*

[Michael Scoullou](#), *Chairman of the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE) and the Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean (GWP-Med)*

[Leila Mandi](#), *UCAM, Morocco*

[Latifa Bousselmi](#), *CERTE, Tunisia*

[Enrique Playan](#), *JPI Water challenges, CSIC, Spain*

## **AUDITORIUM**

**Parallel session 2: Renewable energy and efficiency**

### **Topics:**

- 1. Integration of renewables and grid developments: technology challenges**
- 2. A vision for a common Mediterranean R&I strategy for renewable energy**
- 3. Energy innovation to supply domestic market and for export**

### **Participants:**

[Costas Papanicolas](#), *CEO Cyprus Research and Educational Foundation, Cyprus*

[Claude Ayache](#), *Director of European Affairs, CEA, France*

[Diego Martinez](#), *CIEMAT, EERA Solar Joint Programme Coordinator, Spain*

[Houda Allal](#), *Director of Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development, Observatoire Méditerranéen de l'Energie*

[Juan Alario](#), *Associate Director, Head of Division, Energy Efficiency and Renewables Energy Department, EIB*

[Sifeddine Labeled](#), *Director of Research, Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique, Algeria*

[Badr Ikken](#), *Director Institut de Recherche en Energie Solaire et Energies Nouvelles (IRESEN), Morocco*

[Christoph Richter](#), *Executive Secretary of SolarPACES, German Aerospace Centre (DLR), Germany*

## **ROOM A1**

### **Parallel session 3: Fighting diseases and improving well-being**

#### **Topics:**

- 1. Rare diseases**
- 2. Non Communicable diseases, Diabetes, Obesity**
- 3. Health in a changing environment**

#### **Participants:**

[Domenica Taruscio](#), *Instituto Superiore di Sanita, Italy*

[Carlos Segovia](#), *Deputy Director for International Research Programmes and Institutional Relations, Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Spain*

[Milan Macek](#), *Charles University, Czech Republic*

[Mohamed Hassar](#), *Institut Pasteur, Morocco*

[Renaud Lancelot](#), *UMR CIRAD-INRA "Contrôle des maladies animales exotiques et émergentes", France*

[Sonia Abdelhak](#), *Institut Pasteur, Tunisia*

[Thorkild I.A. Sørensen](#), *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

[Benjamin Glaser](#), *Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre, Israel*

## **ROOM A4**

### **Parallel session 4: Green, efficient and integrated transport systems**

#### **Topics:**

- 1. Competitive green ports and hinterland connectivity**
- 2. Transport network and logistics networks**
- 3. City development and urban mobility**

#### **Participants:**

[Yigit Alpogan](#), *Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Secretariat*

[Mario Dogliani](#), *Head R&D, RINA, VP Italian Waterborne TP, Italy*

[Hachemi Mabrouk](#), *Deputy Director and Director of Studies of the Institut Supérieur du Transport et de la logistique de Sousse (ISTLS), Tunisia*

[Ali S. Huzayyin](#), *Director of Development Research & Technological Planning Centre (DRTPC), Cairo University, Egypt*  
[Mustapha El Khayat](#), *President of the Association Marocaine pour la logistique (AMLOG), Morocco*  
[Saki Aciman Behar](#), *DG of CETMO (Centre d'Etudes des Transports pour la Méditerranée Occidentale), Spain*

### **ROOM S5 + S6**

**Parallel session 5: Management of marine environment and resources**

**Topics:**

- 1. Mediterranean sea environment: challenges & opportunities**
- 2. Pressures in the Mediterranean sea environment**
- 3. An Ecosystem based approach for fisheries and aquaculture**

**Participants:**

[Ivica Trumbic](#), *UNEP/MAP GEF MedPartnership (Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Sea Large Marine Ecosystem), Croatia*  
[Jennifer Cassingena Harper](#), *Director, Malta Council for Science and Technology, Malta*  
[Joan Albaigés Riera](#), *CSIC, SEAS ERA, Spain*  
[Evangelos Papathanassiou](#), *Hellenic Centre for Marine research, Greece*  
[Muki Shpigel](#), *Professor of Marine Science, Israel Oceanographic & Limnological Research National Center for Mariculture, Israel*  
[Mustapha Faik](#), *Directeur General de l'Institut national de recherche halieutique (INRH), Morocco*  
[Colpan Polat-Beken](#), *TÜBİTAK Marmara Research Centre's Institute of the Environment, Turkey*  
[Anthony Grehan](#), *Senior Researcher Earth and Ocean Sciences, marine ecologist/sustainable development, Ireland*

### **CITY HALL BARCELONA**

**20.00 – 22.30**

**Conference dinner**

**3 APRIL 2012**

**09.00 – 12.15**

### **ROOM A2 + A3**

**Parallel session 6: Strengthening innovation in the Mediterranean region**

**Topics:**

- 1. Enhancing cooperation between public research organisations and industry**
- 2. Networking initiatives to develop innovation in the Mediterranean region**

### **3. Financing facilities to strengthen the innovation chain**

#### **Participants:**

[Aleardo Furlani](#), *Managing Director INNOVA, Italy*

[Juliana Brach](#), *Professor at GIGA-Institute of Middle East Studies, Germany*

[Soumaya Iraqui](#), *Director, Directorate of R&D, Innovation and advanced technologies, Ministry of Trade, industry and new technologies, Morocco*

[Emmanuel Noutary](#), *General Delegate, ANIMA Investment Network, France*

[Nejib Karafi](#), *PDG Technopole Borj Cédria, Tunisia*

[Jose Manuel Sanchez](#), *Spain*

[Alaa Ezz](#), *Secretary General, Confederation of Egyptian European Business Associations, Egypt*

[Paolo Anselmo](#), *Italian Business Angels Network, Italy*

#### **ROOM A1**

#### **Parallel session 7: Changing science in a changing society**

#### **Topics:**

- 1. Changing science: a new way of doing science in the context of the Mediterranean region**
- 2. New generation of researchers: role and valorisation of young people and women**
- 3. The role of science in a transitional society: drivers of change**

#### **Participants:**

[Pavel Kabat](#), *Director of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria*

[Jean-Eric Aubert](#), *Centre for Mediterranean Integration (CMI), France*

[Christian Hülshörster](#), *German Academic Exchange Service DAAD, Germany*

[Andreu Bassols](#), *Director General of the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed.), Spain*

[Marcello Scalisi](#), *Executive Director UNIMED, Italy*

[Fahoum Shalabi](#), *Assistant Deputy for higher Education, occupied Palestinian territory*

[Sherif Fakhry](#), *Executive Director, Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF), Egypt*

[Rym Ayadi](#), *CEPS*

#### **AUDITORIUM**

#### **Parallel session 8: Coordination of research and innovation programmes and funding instruments**

#### **Topics:**

- 1. Optimising the use of programmes and funding instruments covering the Research and Innovation chain**
- 2. Coordination and synergies between bilateral programmes**

### **3. Towards a regional programme for research and innovation**

#### **Participants:**

[Luis Magalhães](#), *President of the Knowledge Society Agency UMIC, Portugal*

[Rafael Rodriguez Clemente](#), *IDAEA-CSIC, Spain*

[Cristina Sabbioni](#), *JPI Cultural Heritage and Global Change, Italy*

[Etienne Ruellan](#), *Director MISTRALS, INSU-CNRS, France*

[Hamid El Zoheiry](#), *Adviser of Minister in charge of scientific research, RDI, Egypt*

[Mouïn Hamze](#), *Secretary General of the National Council for Scientific Research, Lebanon*

[Elisabeth Kruger](#), *Helmoltz Zentrum fur Umweltforschung, water science alliance, Germany*

[Abdelhafid Debbarh](#), *General Secretary of the Department of Higher Education and Research, Morocco*

#### **ROOM A4**

**Parallel session 4: Building competence for Research and Innovation: governance, human capital and research infrastructure**

#### **Topics:**

- 1. Enhancing Research and Innovation policies in the Mediterranean region (S&T Governance, institutional reforms...)**
- 2. Human resources, training and mobility including the Diaspora**
- 3. Research and innovation infrastructures**

#### **Participants:**

[Selwa Zerhouni](#), *Mohammed University Rabat, Morocco*

[Jeel Ezzine](#), *Director for International Cooperation, Ministry of Scientific Research, Tunisia*

[Daniel Dolev](#), *Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Member ERC Scientific Council, Israel*

[Christiane Timmerman](#), *project EUMAGINE, Belgium*

[Amor Nadji](#), *Technical Director SESAME, Jordan*

[Joseph Mifsud](#), *President of the Euro-Mediterranean University, Slovenia*

[Jean-Luc Clément](#), *French Ministry of Higher Education and Research International Office, France*

[Talal Darwish](#), *National Centre for Remote Sensing, National Council for Scientific Research, Lebanon*

#### **PORT VELL**

**Networking lunch**

**12.15 – 13.45**

**13.45 – 14.15**

**AUDITORIUM**

**Plenary session:** *Maria Damanaki, Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs and Ines Ayala Sender, European Parliament*

**Questions and answers**

**Moderator:** Jacki Davis

**14.15 – 15.20**

**AUDITORIUM**

**Plenary session: Conclusions and recommendations from the parallel sessions**

**Participants:**

All chairs and reporters of parallel sessions

**Moderator:** Jacki Davis

**15.20 – 15.50**

**HALL AUDITORIUM**

**Coffee break**

**15.50 – 16.45**

**AUDITORIUM**

**Plenary session: Conclusions and recommendations from the parallel sessions**

**Participants:**

All chairs and reporters of parallel sessions

**Moderator:** Jacki Davis

**16.45 – 17.30**

**AUDITORIUM**

**Closing session** with participation from *Stavros Malas, Minister of Health, Cyprus, Fathallah Sijilmassi, Secretary General of The Union For the Mediterranean, Christian Berger, Director for North Africa, Middle East, Arab Peninsula, Iran and Iraq, European External Action Service and Robert-Jan Smits, Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission,*

**Moderator:** Jacki Davis