



Barcelona, the new headquarters for a renewed drive

In 2010, the main network of research centres on policy and security in the Mediterranean began a new stage after establishing its Secretariat in Barcelona at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed).

Comprising 63 institutes from 35 European and Mediterranean countries, as well as 28 observer institutes, the EuroMeSCo network (Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission) was created in 1996 for the joint and coordinated strengthening of research and debate on policy and security issues in the Mediterranean, aspects considered essential for the achievement of the objectives of Euro-Mediterranean policy.

At the extraordinary general assembly on Friday 19th November, the institutes of the network agreed to establish its secretariat in Barcelona both because of the Mediterranean centrality of the city, especially after becoming the headquarters of the Union for the Mediterranean in 2008, and the role that the IEMed can play in driving forward an ambitious work plan from Barcelona. Since 1996, this function had been carried out by the Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais (Lisbon) and the Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome).

Objectives

Strengthen the capacity of EuroMeSCo to promote communication between the member institutes and their researchers, foster joint initiatives and facilitate the publication of their works.

Promote the activities and research of the network among the experts and the UfM and European institutions linked to Euro-Mediterranean relations.

Make the network a forum that can identify trends and generate recommendations and ideas which can be used as a base for the definition of instruments and policies in the framework of the Barcelona Process and the Union for the Mediterranean.

Work plan

Annual conference

Meeting of researchers and analysts of the EuroMeSCo network to publicise their work and debate the main issues that have emerged during the year linked to policy and security issues in the Mediterranean. The conferences will be structured around thematic sessions.



The Palau de Pedralbes hosted the EuroMeSCo Conference 2010.

Research programme

EuroMeSCo will design a programme with sufficient means to foster research projects among the experts of the member institutes and centres of the network. EuroMeSCo will continue to support the analysis and monitoring, both at regional level and by countries, of issues linked to democratic reforms, political and electoral participation, migration management policies, terrorism, regional integration initiatives, conflicts such as that of the Western Sahara or the Middle East, or political Islam, among many others.

Seminars, workshops and meetings

Periodical formal meetings to debate the development of the Euro-Mediterranean political evolution with the Euromed senior officials, who represent the 43 partner countries of the Union for the Mediterranean. Seminars and workshops on key issues (regional integration, migrations, terrorism and security, human rights, democratic reforms and political participation, constructing peace in the Middle East, regional conflicts, bilateral relations between states, and so on).



EuroMeSCo seminar on the articulation of Euro-Mediterranean policies in June 2009.

Publications

As a result of the calls for papers and the research projects in Euro-Mediterranean issues, EuroMeSCo will publicise and disseminate the resulting reports and documents, whether in printed form or online. Issues such as South-South cooperation, Turkey's relations with the Middle East, the Mediterranean Solar Plan and the relations of Morocco and Israel with the EU will be some of the themes of the first EuroMeSCo publications in this new period.

Website

The website www.euromesco.net seeks to be the virtual point of meeting and dialogue for the network. The site reports on the projects, publications and activities of the network, facilitates communication between its members and issues a periodical newsletter with relevant information on Euro-Mediterranean relations, its main news and the activities of the network.



The network will continue publishing its studies and analyses in diverse collections.

Focus on policy and security

The support of the European Commission, the prestige of its work aimed at policy issues, as well as its geographical representativeness, will put EuroMeSCo at the level of two other international networks dedicated to the study of the Mediterranean that are coordinated from France and Egypt. While EuroMeSCo directs its analysis and research work on the policy and security pillar of Euro-Mediterranean relations in a broad sense, FEMISE approaches the economic dimension from its headquarters in Marseilles and the Anna Lindh Foundation works on cultural dialogue in the Mediterranean from Alexandria.

Annual Conference 2010

Euromed + 15: New Paths of Cooperation across the Mediterranean

With the title of "Euromed + 15: New Paths of Cooperation across the Mediterranean", EuroMeSCo held its annual conference in Barcelona on 18th and 19th November 2010. On the same dates, just 15 years ago, the city was the setting for the 1st Euro-Mediterranean Conference, which gave birth to the Barcelona Process, the precursor of the current Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

In a context determined by the second postponement of the 2nd Summit of the Union for the Mediterranean, which should have been held after a few days, the conference highlighted the need to recover political dialogue, build peace in the Middle East and activate the work of the UfM Secretariat to continue advancing in the UfM's objectives.

The conference, organised at the Palau de Pedralbes (also the headquarters of the UfM Secretariat) by the IEMed and the EuroMeSCo network, became, after the postponement of the UfM Summit, one of the main commemoration events of the 15th anniversary of the Barcelona Process.

In addition to directors and researchers from more than 30 EuroMeSCo centres and institutes, the conference was also attended by three deputy secretary generals of the UfM Secretariat: Cecilia Attard-Pirotta (Social Affairs), Mehmet Yigit Apogon (Transport) and Rafiq Al Huseini (Water and Environment). Moreover, some of the ambassadors of Euro-Mediterranean countries that form part of the UfM Committee of Senior Officials participated, such as Youssef Amrani (Morocco), Risto Veltheim (Finland) and José Riera (Spain).

Lines of debate

Proposals to improve the working of the Euromed institutional architecture (Union for the Mediterranean, Barcelona Process and European Neighbourhood Policy).

The new EU Common Foreign and Security Policy in the conflicts of the region, especially the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Implications for Euro-Mediterranean relations of the emerging role of Turkey and the Gulf countries.

The UfM's capacity, as a "union of projects", to structure the Euro-Mediterranean region.



Senén Florensa (Director General of the IEMed), Cecilia Attard-Pirotta, Deputy Secretary General of the UfM; Habib Ben Yahia, Secretary General of the Arab Maghreb Union; Benita Ferrero-Waldner, former European Commissioner for External Relations; José Riera, Ambassador on Special Mission for Mediterranean Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Spanish Government; and Roberto Aliboni, Vice-President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali.

Governing Bodies

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The EuroMeSCo headquarters in Barcelona



The management and coordination of the EuroMeSCo network is carried out by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) from its headquarters in Barcelona.

Founded in 1989, the IEMed is a consortium comprising the Catalan Government, the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Barcelona City Council.

In accordance with the principles of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership's Barcelona Process, and today with the objectives of the Union for the Mediterranean the IEMed contributes to mutual understanding, exchange and cooperation between the different Mediterranean countries, societies and cultures, and promotes the progressive construction of a space of peace and stability, shared prosperity and dialogue between cultures and civilisations in the Mediterranean.

Adopting a clear role as a *think tank* specialised in Mediterranean relations based on a multidisciplinary and networking approach, the IEMed encourages analysis, understanding and cooperation through the organisation of seminars, research projects, debates, conferences and publications, in addition to a broad cultural programme.

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