



# MIRA : Mediterranean Innovation and Research Coordination Action

*FP7 INCO-Net project aiming at  
Enhancing the EU-MPC S&T cooperation:*

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# MIRA in a nutshell (1/2)



## ▪ FP7 Context

- Programme Capacities, International Cooperation
- INCO-NET: Regional based
- Work in parallel with MOCO
- 4-year project
- Tethys involvement:
  - **Tethys represents the Member-Universities,**
  - Université de la Méditerranée is taking part as trainer and workshop organiser



# MIRA in a nutshell (2/2)



## ▪ MIRA Objectives:

- Aims at creating a dialogue and action platform to **identify common interests in research areas, setting up S&T priorities and supporting capacity building activities**
- Will promote actions in order to monitor, develop, **promote and contribute to the creation of synergies** among the different cooperation S&T programs between the MPCs and EU
- **Foster the participation of MPC in FP**



## MIRA Consortium

### ▪ **Mediterranean Partners**

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- *Egypt*: MHESR, ASRT: El Zoheiry
- *Algeria*: DRSDT, CDER: Salim Kehal
- *Turkey*: TUBA, TUBITAK: Tarik Celik
- *Jordan*: HCST: Raghda Zaid
- *Israel*: ISERD: Marcel Shaton
- *Lebanon*: CNRS, AOU: Farah Sarkis
- *Palestine*: DGDSC: Fahoum Issa Shabali

### ▪ **European Partners**

- *Spain*: CSIC (Coordinator), MADRI+D, MEC
- *France*: IRD, TETHYS
- *Germany*: PT-DLR, WIP
- *Italy*: CNR, CIHEAM
- *Greece*: NHRF
- *Malta*: MCST
- *U.K.*: BC
- *Portugal*: FCT



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# MIRA organisation: 6 Work Packages

**WP1:** *Management of MIRA and setting of the technical platform*

**WP2:** *Observatory of EU-MPC co-operation in S&T*

**WP3:** ***Capacities building in the MPC for participation in the FP and support to the IP:***

- Trainings on FP7 projects
- Link with National PIN
- Materials available on request in Tethys

**WP4:** ***Enhancing the EU-MPC S&T co-operation, especially within FP7***

- **EMIS** – Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Space discussion platform
- Organization of **Thematic Workshops**: Discussion and follow-up of implementation at the national level of **FP7 priorities** (*Task 4*)
- Handling the **dialogue platform** on present and future common problems and interest on research initiatives between EU and MPC
- Identification and dissemination for the **actions covered by the Neighborhood agreements**
- **Pilot action** promoting the establishment of **Technology transfer** network between EU and MPC

**WP5:** *Integration of initiatives and support to the action of the MoCo*

**WP6:** *Awareness and dissemination activities on the EU-MPC S&T co-operation*



## WP3 - task 5 (TRAINING) 1/3

⇒ **Organization of Seminars of writing and management of FP7 projects for local scientist and administrative officers**

*who will support the management of FP projects in their institutions, in order to favour the appearance of projects leaders in the MPC)*

*Period: Bari, Italy - October 2009*

- **Mediterranean Partners** involved in the task 5:
  - **up to n. 80 trainees** from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia
  - **Target group of the training:** National researchers and administrative staff interested in competitively participating in FP7 projects, either after receiving positive results for the latest rounds of proposal submission or getting familiar with the EC programmes for the first time. **Each National Info Point will support the selection of at least n. 10 trainees for each involved Country.**
  - ⇒ **Contact your PIN**



## WP3 - task 5 (TRAINING) 2/3

- **Operative steps:**
  - Identification and involvement of National Institutions and National Research Centers functional to the Countries priorities and FP7 priorities
  - Review of the Country – priorities, in order to plan a seminar in the framework of the national RT priorities
  - **Selection of trainees (applicants' prerequisites) and invitations**
  - Preparation of seminar program and training materials on writing and management of FP7
  - Implementation of the training through the EU partners long experience in writing proposals and managing projects as well as the follow up activities





## WP3 - task 5 (TRAINING) 2/2

- **Applicants' prerequisites:**
  - General skills in management of FP projects and/or practical experience in FP projects;
  - Good/Excellent knowledge of English or French;
  - Easy access to Internet services (e-mail and the Web);
  - Applicants must be employed in private or public research institutions and companies;
  
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## WP4 – Task 4 (THEMATIC WORKSHOPS) 1/3

- **Reminder: How is a Work Programme drafted:**
  - Timeline of a WP
  - Possibility of interact Mandate of the INCO-Net
  
- **Task 4: Organization of thematic workshops**
  - Environment (January, Egypt)
  - Energy (March, Egypt)
  - Agriculture/Biotechnology (June, Italy)
  - **Health (June, Malta)**
  - ICT (June, Turkey)



# WP4 – Task 4 (THEMATIC WORKSHOPS)

## 2/3

- **Workshop Organization/Priority settings**
  - **Required background information from each Mediterranean Partner:**
    - National priorities for each of the 5 thematic workshops
    - Capacities in the respective fields of research
    - **Information on strengths and weaknesses**
    - Funding programmes/Existing projects (FP6/FP7)
    - Other international activities
    - **See letter sent by Tethys. Need your feedback!**



# WP4 – Task 4 (THEMATIC WORKSHOPS)

## 3/3

- **Other possible contribution from MPC's:**
  - Suggestion of Experts by each MIRA partner Country (EU and MPC):
    - Participation in the Experts discussion forum on the MIRA platform
    - Experienced thematic NPC's and IP's will be invited to the Thematic Workshops as participants
    - Inputs from previous projects



## Collaborating with MIRA: Which advantages for the Mediterranean University? (1/2)

- **Resources of MIRA**
  - Network of PIN/Cellule Europe amongst Europe
  - Information on FP7 – **See with your PIN!**
  - Network recognised by the European Commission
  - **Broad coverage: From Research to Innovation and transfer of technologies**



## Collaborating with MIRA: Which advantages for the Mediterranean University? (2/2)

- **Influence on priority setting in FP7 WP through:**
  - Preparing and participation in WP4 thematic workshops
  - Influence on other S&T activities in the Mediterranean area
  - Discussions on EU-MPC S&T cooperation on the WP4 dialogue platform
  - Actual information on EU-MPC cooperation on MIRA website
  - Opening on regional common features
  - Contributing to the general frame of convergences between country thematic priorities and instruments/topics used for International Cooperation in WPs 2007, 2008 and 2009.
  - **Supporting a Strategy for International Cooperation in the different Thematic Areas with a regional dimension**
  - **Identified topics to be considered for the preparation of the WPs-2010 strategy and beyond.**



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