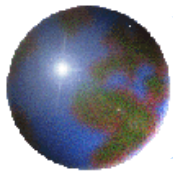




Mediterranean Innovation and Research Coordination Action: the MIRA project



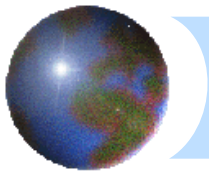


MIRA project in a nutshell



- EC-funded project
- **Full title:** *Mediterranean Innovation and Research Coordination Action (MIRA)*
- **Type of funding scheme:** Coordination Action
- **Work programme area addressed:** Capacities Work Programme, activities of International Cooperation. Activity 1. Bi-regional coordination of S&T cooperation policies (INCO – CT – 2007-211359). Mediterranean partner countries

- **Duration:** 5 years project (january 2008 – December 2012)
- **Partnership:** 31 partners from 16 countries (EU+MPC)
- **Coordination :** CSIC (Spain)



MIRA Consortium



▪ EUROPEAN PARTNERS

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

▪ EU ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES

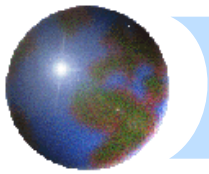
- Bosnia & Herzegovina: Ministry of Civil Affairs
- Montenegro: Ministarstvo Prosvjete i Nauke

▪ MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERS

- Morocco: DT-MENESFRCRS (Co-Coordinator), CNRST
- Tunisia: DGSRT, ONST
- Egypt: MHESR, ASRT
- Algeria: DRSDT, CDER
- Turkey: TUBA, TUBITAK
- Jordan: HCST
- Israel: ISERD
- Lebanon: CNRS; AOU
- Palestine: DGDSC

Partnership:

31 partners from 20 countries (EU+MPC)



9 Work Packages

WP 1	Coordination of MIRA Community of Practice
WP 2	Observatory of EU-MED COUNTRIES cooperation in S&T
WP 3	Capacities building in the MPC for participation in the FP, and support to the Information Points
WP 4	Enhancing the MPC S&T cooperation, especially within FP7
WP 5	Integration of initiatives and support to the action of the MoCo.
WP 6	Awareness and dissemination activities on the EU-MPC S&T cooperation
WP 7	Support to Programme Horizon 2020
WP 8	Toward the Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Space (EMIS)
WP 9	Management of the Project

MIRA project objectives

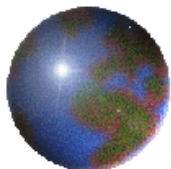
- ✦ **To develop and support the dialogue EU – MPCs** by bringing together policymakers and stakeholders of the MPC and EU Member states
- ✦ To create a dialogue and action platform **to identify common interest in research areas, set up S&T priorities, support capacity building activities and enhance the interaction between different cooperation instruments of the EC**
- ✦ To promote actions in order to monitor, develop, promote and contribute to the **creation of synergies among the various S&T cooperation programmes** between MPCs/EU and **foster the participation of the MPCs in the FPs**

All these activities are aimed at providing a strong institutional basis for the EU – MPC Science & Technology cooperation.



MIRA Main Activities are aimed at providing a strong institutional basis for the UfM cooperation in RTD:

- Create a dialogue platform using the state of art of ICT technologies to improve the S&T cooperation
- Address training activities, discussion platforms and meetings to improve the participation of the UfM Countries in the FP7
- Create an Observatory of the UfM S&T cooperation to agree on indicators for the monitoring of RTD cooperation activities
- Create networks of Research institutions and technological transfer services from the Mediterranean to support strategic collaboration and provide a reference element for the development of the Euro-Mediterranean Innovation



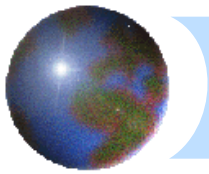
MPCs' participation in FP7

(calls Capacities and Cooperation)



	Cap. Intern (INCO)	Cap. SMEs	Cap. INFRA	Cap. SIS	Cap. REGP OT	Energy	ENV	FAB	Health	ICT	NMP	SEC	SSH	Space	TPT
ALGERIA	12	2	5		16	8	44	20	14	4			13		4
EGYPT	18	6	14	4	48	17	119	101	104	51	16	2	31	7	9
JORDAN	15	6	10		16	10	34	22	4	16	5	4	9		
LEBANON	12		1	2	13	1	13	22	7	23	4		36		2
LYBIA	2		1		3	1	9	4	4		1		2		
MOROCCO	19	6	5	5	40	20	108	91	17	16	9	2	35	8	14
PALESTINE	5		1		9		8	7	2	4		3	11		
SYRIA	4	2	4		7		16	25	6	5	1		3		1
TUNISIA	20	9	4	4	30	8	83	90	35	17	6		20		6
TOTAL	107	31	45	15	182	65	434	382	193	136	42	11	160	15	36

TOTAL MPC's applicants vs. themes



Different instruments established for policy and sector dialogue with the MPC

- **Bilateral S&T cooperation agreements** implemented by DG Research
- Bilateral EC-MPCs Action Plans implemented by RELEX in the frame of the bilateral Association Agreements (having a focus on research - innovation and Capacity Building)
- **Regional cooperation: MoCo** (Euro-Mediterranean Committee for RTD Cooperation) for the regional policy dialogue on S&T
- **INCONET / MIRA**: regional platform (multi-thematic) →
Thematic workshops
 - *MIRA addresses the regional dimension but it is also an opportunity to scale-up thematic issues identified in the bilateral dialogue with MPCs, as some partners of MIRA are also involved in the bilateral dialogue.*



MIRA Main Activities are aimed at providing a strong institutional basis for the UfM cooperation in RTD:

- Development toward the common appropriation of the results of MIRA to activities on Innovation, profiting the identification of common scientific priorities that could be used as clustering glue (“Research Driven Clusters”) around Projects already approved by the UfM
- Support to those activities of the UfM Programs that needs the identification and development of a Research agenda in support of its objectives, notably the Program Horizon 2020 and the strengthening of the industrial cooperation through the creation of the Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Space

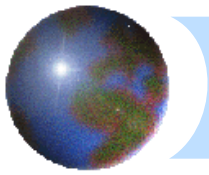


MIRA – MEDITERRANEAN RESEARCH AND COORDINATION ACTION

MAIN OBJECTIVE: TO IMPROVE S&T COOPERATION IN EURO-MED AREA

THROUGH WHICH TOOLS?

1. Creating a **dialogue platform** for the discussion between relevant stakeholders to improve the S&T cooperation;
2. Addressing **training activities** to improve the quality of the participation & management of the partners of FP7 from the MPC;
3. Organizing **meetings** to monitor and discuss the content of the Thematic priorities of FP7;
4. Creating an **Observatory of the EU-MPC S&T cooperation**, which will agree **indicators** for the monitoring of RTD cooperation activities;
5. Creating **networks of research institutions and technological transfer services** of euro-med Countries to spur the development of the Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Space.



For more information



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