

EUMEDIS INITIATIVE - EURO-MEDITERRANEAN INFORMATION SOCIETY

Introduction

On February 22nd 1999 the European Commission approved a comprehensive regional MEDA initiative for the development of the Euro-Mediterranean Information Society specifically designed to reduce the region's informational and technological gap vis-à-vis the neighboring countries. The EUMEDIS initiative aims at interconnecting the Euro-Mediterranean research communities and at launching pilot projects in 5 priority sectors of intervention:

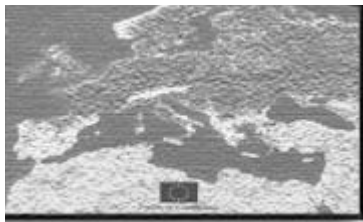
- Information and communication technologies applied to Education
- Electronic Commerce and Economic Cooperation
- Healthcare Networks
- Multimedia Access to Cultural Heritage and Tourism
- Information and communication technologies applied in industry and innovation

EUMEDIS Focal points

EUMEDIS aims at developing **regional applications** with user communities in the largest number of Mediterranean countries. Project consortia will be composed of at least two private and/or public entities coming from European countries and a maximum of private and/or public Mediterranean partners. Therefore proposals containing partners in the twelve Mediterranean countries will be considered a priority.

EUMEDIS is an **application oriented** initiative. EUMEDIS aims at delivering immediate benefits for the target user communities.

The **primary targets** of the EUMEDIS initiative are hospitals (or other medical research Institutes), Chambers of Commerce and Industrial Federations, Universities (and post Graduate/Doctoral research or professional training institutions), Public and Private Research Centres, Musea (and Non Governmental Organisations active in the promotion of the Euro-Mediterranean cultural heritage), Non Governmental Organisations that promote tourism in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The **secondary target** of the EUMEDIS initiative is the public at large (i.e. Euro-Mediterranean citizens and SMEs) that benefits from and enjoys the services provided by the above mentioned national bodies and institutions.



NEW APPROACHES TO TELECOM POLICY

The MEDA regional project "New Approaches to Telecom Policy" (funded by the European Commission) as a telecommunications component of the "Euro-Mediterranean Action Plan for the development of the information society in Mediterranean countries" started 1st January 2000. The contractor selected to manage the project is ENCIP and the work will have a duration of three years.

EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PARTNERSHIP

The EUROMED INTERNET FORUM website, open to all Internet users, allows the consultation of all public documents issued since November 1995 relating to the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. This site has been operational since the second Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Foreign Affairs Ministers that took place in Malta on 15 and 16 April 1997.

The EUROMED INTERNET FORUM has been set up and hosted by the University of Malta's Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies. The user may use the site to consult the complete set of public documents issued since 27 November 1995 in the context of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership: the Barcelona Declaration and other ministerial declarations and conclusions, association and cooperation agreements, event calendars, the weekly Euromed Synopsis and other regular information bulletins, detailed information on the Partnership meetings, programmes and projects within its three chapters (political and security; economic and financial; social, cultural and human), information on the MEDA programme, programme evaluations, brochures and official European Commission documents, useful links etc. All documents are available either in English or French or in both languages while key documents are available in all EU languages.

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- For the Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EC) No 1488/96 on financial and technical measures to accompany (MEDA) the reform of economic and social structures in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean partnership; COM(1999) 494 final; Official Journal C 89E of 28 March 2000
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