



# CAPACITIES



# ERA-MED

## Strengthening the European Research Area in Mediterranean Countries

The project proposed to capitalise the EU investment on the established Information Points (InP) to support mapping the Research and Development of national Programmes in order for the EC to have a view of national priorities and their possible matching with the participation in Framework Programmes. ERA-MED focused on modeling a database containing profiles of key players involved in mapping the national priorities. The Egyptian participants produced an assessment report on social, cultural and scientific support across the Mediterranean Countries, which was revised by the information points. Moreover, the project supported the integration of the Information Points to the European Networks dedicated to FP7 and the European Research Area and the dissemination of information through workshops and conferences. The InP of the Mediterranean provided guidance to Mediterranean researchers on how to participate in the European programme and provided help to European researchers when searching for partnerships across the Mediterranean.

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- FP6: INCO Specific measures in support of international co-operation
- Contract type: Specific Support Action
- Start date: December 2006
- Duration: 20 months
- EC contribution to the project: € 350,000

[www.nisnest.gr/eramed](http://www.nisnest.gr/eramed)

# EUMEDGRID

## EUMed: Empowering E-Science across the Mediterranean

The EUMEDGRID project aimed to bring the Mediterranean region to the level of European developments in terms of the e-Infrastructures. The focus of the project was on Grid infrastructure and related e-Science applications. The core of the EUMEDGRID approach was to establish a human network in the e-Science area, enlarge and train this community, and establish a pilot Grid infrastructure for regional applications. A broad range of activities focused on dissemination and outreach, training, hands-on workshops. Close collaboration with the related projects such as EUMEDCONNECT, GEANT, EGEE and SEE-GRID were organized within the context of EUMEDGRID. At the end of the project, the pilot grid infrastructure included 25 sites distributed across 13 countries. Egypt has 9 grid sites distributed in 8 Egyptian universities. The Egyptian partner also hosted the First EUMedGrid School for Application Porting (EGSAP-1) in 2007 with the goal to create the necessary knowledge for the porting of new applications to the EUMedGrid Pilot Testbed.

- FP6: INFRATR-6 Accompanying Measures for promoting a more coordinated approach to research infrastructures in Europe
- Contract type: Specific Support Action
- Start date: January 2006
- Duration: 24 months
- EC contribution to the project: € 1.65 million

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# EURO-MEDANET2

## Opening up the European Research Area to the Mediterranean Countries

The goal of the project EURO-MEDANET2 was structuring the National Contacts points networks in the Mediterranean Partner Countries, by designing and implementing a set of measures for the creation of a fully operational network of Information Points (InPs) in four Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon. In addition, the project supported the preparation of future activities of the Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs) related to the European Research Area (ERA) and the FP6, as well as the exploitation, assessment and/or broad take-up of past and present programme results. Moreover, it proposed to reinforce and consolidate the research system in the MPCs in order to facilitate their involvement in the opening-up of the ERA in the region and consequently, strengthen the coordination and complementarities with activities carried out by means of Community foreign policy instruments (MEDA, EUMEDIS).

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- FP6: INCO-E Strengthening of co-operation with other foreign policy instruments and definition of research priorities, INCO-B Mediterranean Partner Countries
- Contract type: Specific Support Action
- Start date: May 2004
- Duration: 24 months
- EC contribution for the project: € 400,000

[www.euromedanet.gr/](http://www.euromedanet.gr/)

# MIRA

## Mediterranean Innovation and Research Coordination Action

MIRA is a coordination action project that aims to create a dialogue platform for enabling the discussion between relevant stakeholders from both EU Member States and the Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs). The goal of such a platform is to improve the S&T cooperation by connecting and facilitating the dispersed S&T cooperation initiatives supported by the Member States and the European Commission. Moreover, MIRA organizes training activities that improve the quality of the participation and management of the partners of FP7 from the MPCs. The project also aims at creating discussion platforms to monitor and discuss the content of the thematic priorities of FP7 in term of the common interest of the EU and MPCs. More specifically, MIRA proposes to create an observatory of the EU-MPC S&T cooperation, which would approve the indicators for the monitoring of RTD cooperation activities. Two workshops concerning the thematic priorities for Energy and Environment were held in Cairo in 2009. The Egyptian partners are actively involved in most of the MIRA actions, especially the dissemination component.

- FP7: INCO-2007-1.2 Mediterranean Partner countries Region
- Contract type: Coordination (or networking) actions
- Start date: January 2008
- Duration: 48 months
- EC contribution to the project: € 2.99 million

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# PROMEDACCESS

## Promotion of the Participation of Researchers from Mediterranean Partner Countries to European Research and Mobility Programmes

The goal of the PROMEDACCESS project was to increase the involvement of universities and institutions in Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs) in actions open to them under the FP7 demonstration activities, such as Marie Curie actions, FP priorities, FP instruments and some higher education programmes dealing with research and the European Research Area. PROMEDACCESS organised training seminars within the MPC institutions to guide the researchers working in projects funded by the European funds and to facilitate the dissemination of information on the EC calls for proposals. The Egyptian participant focused on promoting the participation of researchers from MPCs to the European Research and Mobility Programmes. The second overall objective was to gather information concerning Mediterranean networks of excellence in MPCs dealing with FP7 and the INCO-MED priorities in order to setup "partner search" functionality. An investigation on the difficulties in fulfilling certain eligibility criteria for FP7 actions was conducted and was sent to the European Commission.

- FP6: INCO Specific measures in support of international co-operation, INCO-2002-E Multilateral coordination of national RTD policies and activities
- Contract type: Specific Support Action
- Start date: January 2007
- Duration: 24 months
- EC contribution to the project: € 106,220

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