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European Commission launches its Worldwide New Framework Programme for Funding Research and Innovation, Horizon 2020, in the EuroMed Region

The European Commission's DG Research and Innovation is organising a regional Conference to Launch H2020 in the EuroMed region. The conference aims to discuss the future of international cooperation in Research and Innovation in the EuroMed region under Horizon 2020. The conference, "Meeting EuroMed common Challenges", will bring together around 400 policy makers, researchers, representatives from academia and industry and research institutes, technology transfer centers, incubators, and technology platforms.

In December 2013, The European Commission launched its anxiously awaited new framework programme for funding research and innovation, Horizon 2020. H2020 is the largest collaborative transnational research programme in the world with an overall budget of €80 billion from 2014 to 2020.

Ambassador Moran said: "International cooperation, especially with the Mediterranean region, is a key priority of EU research and innovation international cooperation strategy. The EU acknowledges that economic growth and prosperity are the key drivers which can secure stability in the Mediterranean countries. Excellence in research and innovation is crucial towards achieving this aim."

This conference will aim to draw the attention of stakeholders in EuroMed countries to the opportunities and challenges in Horizon 2020. It will focus on promoting the dialogue between all the research and innovation community in the EuroMed region on fruitful exploitation of research and innovation initiatives. A specific attention would be put on identifying drivers and barriers of creating alliances between research and innovation stakeholders from the opposite shores of the Mediterranean.

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