

EU-MED Event Programme 23rd and 24th October 2007

Day 2

Policy agenda for e-infrastructures in the Mediterranean countries

Chair: **Cem Saraç** *TUBITAK-ULAKBIM Turkey*

8:30 – 9:00

Registration

9:00 – 9:10

Welcome address

Cem Saraç *TUBITAK-ULAKBIM Turkey*

9:10 – 10:20

Keynote Address: e-Infrastructures as promoters of development

The following keynote speeches will address the needs of deploying e-infrastructures for scientific and social development, providing a view of the strategies in Jordan, Syria and Palestine.

9:10 – 9:20

Introduction by European Commission

Mr Marcus Cornaro *European Commission, Director Europe, Southern Mediterranean, Middle-East and Neighbourhood Policy*

09:20 – 09:40

e-Infrastructures in Jordan

Her Royal Highness Princess of Jordan, Sumayya Bint Al Hassan

09:40 – 10:00

e-Infrastructures in Syria

Dr. Najib Abdul Wahed *Deputy Minister of Higher Education for Scientific Research, Syria*

10:00 – 10:20

e-Infrastructures in Palestine

Mr. Mashour Abudaka *Minister, Palestine*

10:20 – 10:50

European and Mediterranean cooperation

This talk will set out the EC's strategy for supporting co-operation between key regions, the pioneering role that e-infrastructures play and the EC's policy directions.

Mr. Ahmed Badr *European Commission Delegation in Egypt*

10:50 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00

European Union support for e-infrastructures in Mediterranean countries

This talk will map out the EC's vision for developing a global virtual community and opportunities for Mediterranean partner countries to participate.

Ulf Dahlsten *European Commission, Director – DG INFSO.F*

12:00 – 12:30

e-Infrastructures: the SESAME project

This talk will discuss how the e-infrastructures initiative supports the development and cross border collaboration of emerging countries.

Prof. Hafeez Hoorani *Scientific Director of SESAME Project*



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12:30-13:00

The role of education and training towards exploiting e-infrastructures

This talk will highlight the importance of training and education to make efficient use of e-infrastructures.

Dr Anas Tarah *Vice-President of Syrian Virtual University*

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

Session Chair: **Dany Vandromme**, *RENATER France*

14:00 – 14:20

What are NRENs and why they are important?

This talk will highlight the nature of NRENs, the relationship between NRENs and their users and the role of GÉANT2.

Vasilis Maglaris *NTUA Greece*

14:20 – 15:00

Governments are the main stakeholders of NRENs

This presentation will explain why governments are the main stakeholders of NRENs, e.g. national policies, legal framework, funding.

Enzo Valente *GARR Italy*

Said Belcadi *CNRST Morocco*

15:00 – 15:30

Management, sustainability and funding of NRENs

This talk will provide an insight into the operational aspects of an NREN, e.g. type of activity, staff size and expertise, legal status, funding and organisational considerations. This talk will also discuss the funding required and explore the means of securing it.

Alberto Pérez Gómez *RED.ES Spain*

Abdelkader Khelladi *CERIST Algeria*

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:45

Panel Session: Baseline assessment of NRENs and e-infrastructures in Mediterranean countries

This talk will report on the experiences from the first phase of EUMEDCONNECT and the Rome Declaration, it will highlight the achievements and the main challenges.

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Aouaouche El-Maouhab *CERIST Algeria*, **Redouane Merrouch** *MARWAN Morocco*,

Fotis Karayannis *GRNET Greece*, **Yousef Torman** *JUNet Jordan*

16:45 – 17:30

Panel Session: Wrap-up and conclusion

Keynote participants will be invited to present their views on the issues discussed at the workshop and the way forward to make e-Infrastructure in Mediterranean countries sustainable.

Chair: **Dai Davies** *DANTE*