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Towards a Mediterranean network - the Mediterranean Transport Reality



The Euro-Mediterranean University Initiative

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The Mediterranean Region

1. The importance of the region as the cradle of our civilisation
2. Actions reflected (peace, prosperity, security)
3. Priority to EU with actions and projects oriented to deployment



Good news

There is a lot to be proud of:

1. Euro-Mediterranean networks
2. Magreb electricity market, Mashreq gas market, Israel-Palestine energy projects ...
3. Regional cooperation (Algarve declaration)
4. Rise of investments



The flip side

... where we have fallen short in our ambitions (Barroso):

1. The proclaimed Euromed Regional Free Trade Area is far from realisation according to the plans to be operational by by 2010.
2. Trade relations are very uneven across the region and remain focused to few sectors and products.
3. EU investment flows to the region represent just 1% of EU outward direct investments.
4. short on delivering concrete benefits that are tangible for citizens.



Towards future - from intentions to delivery

We need a “Euro-Med of results”:

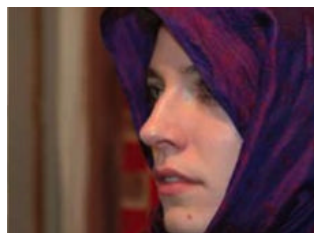
2008 is declared to be **the year of intercultural dialogue:**

One results Slovenia is proud of is that in less then a month we will see the inauguration of the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMU) in Portorož, Slovenia.



2008: The Year of Intercultural Dialogue

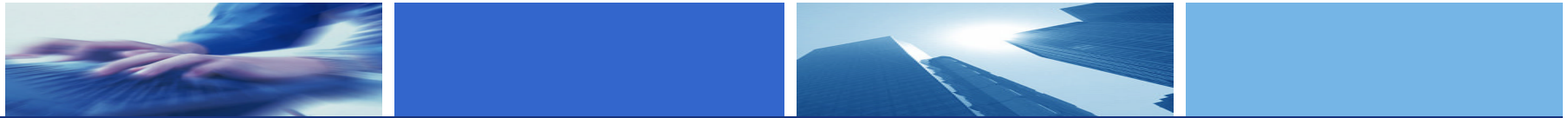
- **Euro-Mediterranean University (EMU)** → an excellent tool for improving the intercultural dialogue and exchange of experience and knowledge.





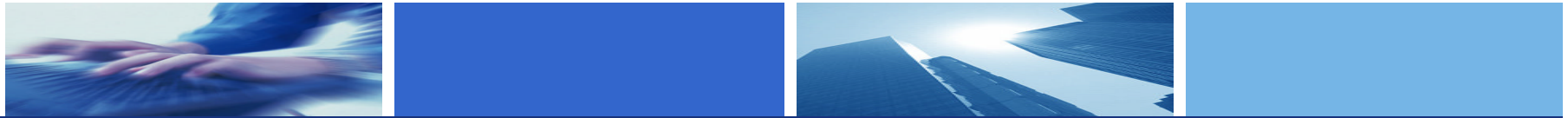
Background of EMU

- Barcelona Process (1995).
- Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (2005).
- EuroMed Permanent University Forum: *Representatives of more than 200 universities have supported the Slovenian initiative (The Alexandria Declaration 2007).*
- Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research (*The Cairo Declaration 2007*).
- Blue Paper: Towards an Integrated Euro-Mediterranean Transport System (2005).



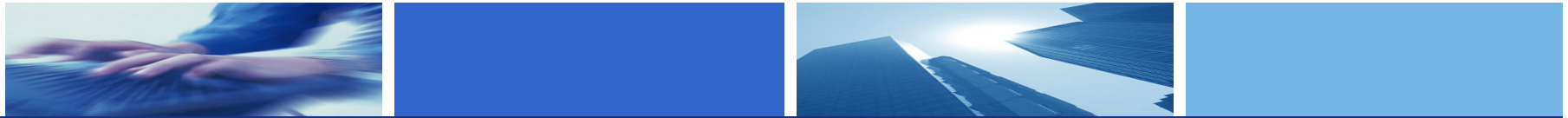
The educational initiative

- EMU will be at the heart of the EuroMed network of universities.
- EMU will significantly contribute to the enrichment and strengthening of intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean area.
- Slovenia offers a perfect location for the seat of EMU - Portorož.



Main reasons for EMU

1. Convergence of European, Islamic and other cultures.
2. Support of all three pillars of the Barcelona Process:
 - Political and Security Partnership,
 - Economic and Financial Partnership,
 - Social, Cultural and Human Partnership.



Main characteristics of EMU

- EMU will be primarily an international institution for **postgraduate studies** and research focused on Euro - Mediterranean issues.
- The **founding act (international treaty)** will define the objectives and the seat of the university, governing bodies, its area of interest, structure, programmes, title, recognition, habilitation procedures, financing, etc.
- The EMU programmes will be performed together **with member universities** at various locations, including the seat of EMU.
- EMU will be primarily **financed** from various European programmes, tuition fees, contributions from the industrial sector, government and private donations.



Programs and courses

Study areas:

- Humanities (foreign languages, history),
- Social sciences (economy, international relations),
- Legal sciences (international law, law of the sea),
- Natural sciences (biology, ecology),
- **Information sciences (IT),**
- Agriculture, forestry and fisheries,
- **Sustainable development,**
- **Transport services (logistics),**
- **Security, etc.**

The programs will be internationally comparable as regards duration, credit evaluation, contents and acquired professional/scientific titles; furthermore they will provide for student and teacher mobility.



Academic staff

- The best experts from all over the world, especially from the countries of Euro-Mediterranean region.
- Lecturers will be either employed by EMU or will have a status of visiting fellows.
- Working languages of EMU will be mostly English, French and Arabic.



Prospective students



Regular students, civil servants, university teachers, businessmen, diplomats and others persons interested in acquiring and deepening their knowledge of Mediterranean issues.





Q & A

Thank you for your attention



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