

WP4

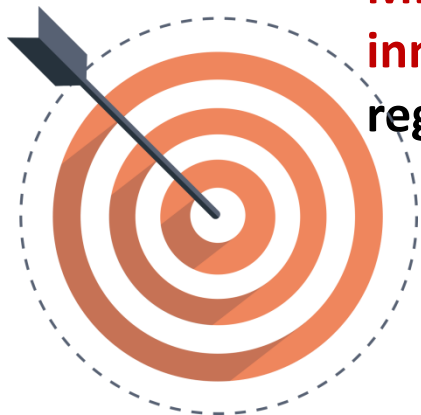
Training, capacity & awareness building for promoting cooperation in H2020

MERID Final Conference
21/06/2018, Piran

WP4: Training, capacity & awareness building for promoting cooperation in H2020

- **Leader:** CIHEAM Bari
- **Contributing partners:** EMUNI, EFB, S-COM, CNRS, MHESR, IRAMOT, UJ, MoST, ESADE, CeRISS, IUG
- **Strategic objective:** to promote and encourage cooperation and partnership in H2020 among EU and Middle East research and innovation actors through training, capacity and awareness building activities and events.
- **Duration:** 19 months- start M2 end M20
- **Total efforts (man/month):** 27

MERID implemented activities to **encourage research and innovation** cooperation between the **EU and the Middle East** region



JORDAN, LEBANON, EGYPT, PALESTINE, IRAN, IRAQ

1



mobility of researchers

WP4   **operational level**

- ✓ basic information about the H2020 programme
- ✓ matching competences and skills between the Middle East and the EU
- ✓ Capacity building for intermediaries' organisations (deliver services research)
- ✓ **Networking**, coaching and direct services to research where system more advanced



BROKERAGE EVENTS

WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.1: H2020 REGIONAL MIDDLE EAST INFO DAY

Task leader: EMUNI

Contributing partners: EFB, S-COM, CNRS, MHESR, IRAMOT

- **H2020 Regional Middle East Info-Day, Teheran, Iran, 15 December 2015**
Organised by IRAMOT at Shahid Beheshti University

Objectives:

- ✓ provide a general overview on H2020 main objectives, instruments, thematic coverage, with a focus on Work Programme 2016-2017

Target:

- ✓ young researchers, innovators, SMEs, institutional representatives and relevant stakeholders

Over 50 participants attended the event



WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.2: Implementation of 2 training events

In synergy with MedSPRING project (FP7 INCO-2012-1)

Task leader: CIHEAM BARI

Contributing partners: UJ, IUG, MoST, S-COM

➤ **Training on H2020, Cairo, Egypt on 28-30 October 2015.**

Objectives:

- ✓ to improve the quality of the MPCs and Middle East countries participation in the H2020 Programme
- ✓ increase skills and level of understanding of the administrative and technical issues related to the management of H2020 projects
- ✓ encourage the enhancement of research resulting from international cooperation projects.

Participants: about 30 researchers, research managers, administrators and NCPs

Beneficiary countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Iraq

WP4:Tasks implemented

➤ Training on Innovation, Naples, Italy, on 25-27 Nov 2015

Objectives:

- ✓ To strengthen participants' capacities in R&I cooperation through the improvement of knowledge and skills required to promote innovation at institutional level
- ✓ To implement research and innovation strategies at local and national level
- ✓ To network for building R&I international partnerships and identifying funding opportunities

Participants: about 30 representatives of governmental organizations, research institutions and business clusters

Beneficiary countries: Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Iran, Iraq.

WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.3: COACHING

Task leader: EFB Contributing partners: CIHEAM BARI, EMUNI, S-COM

Objective:

- ✓ Discuss researchers' ideas and provide « positioning » advice when applying to calls for proposals.

Structure of coaching

- ✓ Bilateral sessions of 30 min between researcher and coach
- ✓ Sessions followed by permanent coaching help-desk.
- ✓ Production of **Coaching Offer Plan including:**
 - Coaching Session one to one registration form
 - Coaching Session one to one form
 - Coaching Session Notes
 - Coaching Session evaluation table

Beneficiaries: representatives of governmental organizations, research institutions and business clusters , SMEs, Science Parks, NCPs

Target countries: Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Iran, Iraq.

Coaching sessions Jordan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine following MERID training in Naples, and 26-27 May 2016 in Bari

WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.4: BROKERAGE EVENTS

Task leader: CIHEAM

Contributing partners: ALL PARTNERS

➤ **1st Brokerage event, Valenzano, 26-27 May 2016 in synergy with MedSPRING project**

Objectives:

- ✓ To express interests and offers for cooperation among EU-Med-ME innovation stakeholders
- ✓ To present innovative ideas to potential investors from EU-Med-ME Countries.
- ✓ To develop technology and business partnerships as well as joint participation in European research projects having a strong connotation in innovation

Target:

- ✓ 30 Idea carriers (Young entrepreneurs/researchers with a business plan) from Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia.
- ✓ Investors (Clusters and “business angels” from MENA countries, tech-driven enterprises, SMEs, private/public potential investors/networks)
- *MedSpring and MERID partners, particularly researcher institutions and research policy makers and research/networks organizations, etc.*

Focus is on Water-Energy-Food and NEXUS

WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.4: 2nd brokerage event

Task leaders: CIHEAM

Contributing partners: ALL partners

- **2nd Brokerage event, Piran, Slovenia, 20 June 2018: *Enhancing cooperation among Euro-Mediterranean NCPs for effective research partnerships***
- **Objectives:**
 - ✓ Better access to information circulating in the EU to include non-EU researchers in EU partnerships within H2020
 - ✓ Identification of themes of common interest where collaboration among NCPs of both EU and the Middle East can improve research relations and increase mobility of researchers
 - ✓ Improved effectiveness and sustainability of NCP system governance
- **Target:**
 - ✓ 12 thematic NCPs from the EU Member States and Middle Eastern Partner Countries.

Focus is on Water-Energy-Food and NEXUS

WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.5: WEBINARS

Task leaders: CIHEAM and EFB

Contributing partners: S-COM

1st webinar, 15 February 2017: Enhancing research and innovation cooperation and promoting researchers participation in H2020 Research and Innovation programme: the case of MCSA- RISE (Research and Innovation Staff Exchange).

➤ **Objectives:**

- ✓ To increase the participation of Middle Eastern researchers in Horizon2020 Research and Innovation Programme enhancing research and innovation cooperation

➤ **Target:**

- ✓ researchers, SMEs, institutional actors

▶ link to the recorded webinar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jiweXmWt0DM>

WP4:Tasks implemented

Task 4.5: WEBINARS

Task leaders: CIHEAM and EFB

Contributing partners: S-COM

2nd webinar, 9 February 2018: Opportunities for research and innovation cooperation offered by the new H2020 Work Programmes 2018-2020, the Fourth Industrial Revolution and Digital Single Market Strategy

➤ **Objectives:**

- ✓ to increase the rate of participation in all the opportunities open by the new Work Programmes 2018-2020 of H2020 with a focus on Fourth Industrial Revolution and its consequences on businesses, governments and people.

➤ **Target:**

- ✓ researchers, institutional actors

Link to the recorded webinar:

<http://meridproject.eu/2nd-merid-webinar/>

WP 4: Status of Deliverables and Milestones

TASKS	DELIVERABLES	STATUS	MONTH
Task 4.1: H2020 Regional Middle East Info Day	D.4.1- Info day press kit & report	delivered	(M4) EMUNI
Task 4.2: Implementation of 2 training events	D.4.2- 1 st & 2 nd training material and quality assessment	delivered	M20 (CIHEAM)
Task 4.3: Coaching	D.4.3- Coaching programme and material	delivered	M20 (EfB)
Task 4.4: Brokerage events	D.4.4- Report of innovation brokerage events	delivered	M20 (CIHEAM), M42 (CIHEAM)
Task 4.5: Webinars	D.4.5- Two recorded webinars	delivered	M20, M38 (CIHEAM & EfB)

Milestones	Status	Month
M 4.1: 1 H2020 Info Day	Achieved	M12
M 4.2: training & brokerage events	Achieved	M20, M42

Thank you for your attention!

Merid contacts at CIHEAM Bari:

- Claudio Bogliotti
bogliotti@iamb.it
- Virginia Belsanti
belsanti@iamb.it