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# 1. Introduction

The “Quarterly report” is a digital publication, issued periodically on MERID website, which describes and summarises all the activities produced and related to the MERID project. The “Quarterly report” publication usually includes an index, the timeline of MERID events, links and screenshots for all the material (interviews, videos, articles) produced by the project, as well as the most important news about the topic of Science diplomacy and the social media details of the MERID project. The Quarterly report is public and available in the homepage of MERID project ([www.meridproject.eu](http://www.meridproject.eu))

## 1. List of Quarterly Report

### Quarterly report #01

Link: <https://bit.ly/2ts7fFU>



Figure 1 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #01

### SUMMARY

The first “Quarterly report” is composed by a first [brief introduction part on Science diplomacy](#). In this text, S-com shows the state of the art of Science Diplomacy in Europe and the importance of cooperation with other countries. The second part presents [the video of the event “Science Diplomacy: a tool for intercultural dialogue and effective partnership”](#) organized by Emuni on 11 – 13 February 2015 – Portorož, Slovenia. Then, the first quarterly report outlines both the [future events](#) organized in the framework of the Merid project and a collection of [useful links and news from regional partners](#). A speech delivered by Carlos Moedas (Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation) on [the EU approach to science diplomacy](#) is summarized in the last part of the report.

## Quarterly report #02

Link: <http://bit.ly/2xi9mzC>



Figure 2 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #02

### SUMMARY

The second “Quarterly report” firstly introduces a storytelling of the event on [“Migration, diaspora and brain circulation”](#) organized by EMUNI. Secondly, it presents the [future events and trainings](#) organized in the framework of the project. Finally, a speech on the - [Open Innovation, Open Science, Open to the World](#) of Carlos Moedas – Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation is reported.

## Quarterly report #03

Link: <http://bit.ly/2vS3cTg>



Figure 3 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #03

### SUMMARY

Starting from an introduction on the challenges and objectives of the Merid project also in the light of the achievements reached so far, the third “Quarterly report” presents a video on MERID Regional Event held at ESADE on 12 and 13 May 2016 and a list of past and next events.

In the “Regional and academic news” chapter the list of deliverables submitted by partners as well as a final report of the European strategy on science diplomacy was published.

**Quarterly report #04**Link: <http://bit.ly/2jI0HXD>

Figure 4 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #04

**SUMMARY**

The fourth “Quarterly report” opens up with a short overview of the activities carried out by Emuni. It then presents the MERID trailer and a video produced in Barcelona during the regional event. To increase the participation of the partnership, S-Com conducted a series of interviews and gathered feedbacks from the partners thanks to the contributions of Iramot and Efb. The next events and an overview of European news are presented in the final chapters.

**Quarterly report #05**Link: <http://bit.ly/2h0qtzl>

Figure 5 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #05

**SUMMARY**

Thanks to the work carried out by S-Com, the fifth “Quarterly report” provides several interviews conducted at the Regional event of Merid project “Towards enhancing framework conditions for cooperation between the European Union and the Middle east”, which was held on the 1st of December 2016 in Beirut, Lebanon.

Then, information on events focused on Middle East are provided, as well as an overview of past events organized by the Merid project. EU News close the report.

## Quarterly report #06

Link: <https://bit.ly/2K5HVwb>



Figure 6 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #06

### SUMMARY

The sixth “Quarterly report” integrates multimedia material such as, images, videos and presentations reporting several aspects and partners’ feedbacks on the “Tehran event” held on the 3rd and 4th July 2017. Then, information on the EU “Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020” calls for proposal published on the 27th of October are provided.

Finally, the second Webinar organized in the framework of the MERID project held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 is announced in “Next event” section.

## Quarterly report #07

Link: <https://bit.ly/2ljwhD8>



Figure 7 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #07

### SUMMARY

The seventh “Quarterly report” provides an overview of the project’s second Webinar held on 9 February 2018 that was organized around the presentation of the new 2018-2020 Research and Innovation Cooperation calls for proposal of the H2020 Framework Programme focusing on the Fourth Industrial Revolution and its consequences on businesses, governments and people. The webinar presented also the impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on the Mediterranean countries and it provided insights on the EU Digital Single Market Strategy.

With the purpose of increasing the impact of the webinar, a recorded digital version is present in the report.

In addition, a description of the upcoming deliverables produced by the project is shown in the report as well as the latest EU and Middle East News.

### Quarterly report #08

Link: <https://bit.ly/2lmYyZA>



Figure 8 – Screenshot Quarterly Report #08

### SUMMARY

The eighth “Quarterly Report” presents a brief summary on MERID, and its events and webinars. All the activities carried out by the partners were integrated to produce recommendations on the enhanced EU-ME Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation for each country involved, with a particular focus on the Middle East.

## General Conclusion

The first “Quarterly report” has been dispatched to the coordinator in September 2015 and was published in March 2016.

The next “Quarterly reports” have been published as follow: 2<sup>nd</sup> “Quarterly report” on May 2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> “Quarterly report” on July 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> “Quarterly report” on October 2016, 5<sup>th</sup> “Quarterly report” on May 2017, 6<sup>th</sup> “Quarterly report” on December 2017, 7<sup>th</sup> “Quarterly report” on April 2018 and 8<sup>th</sup> “Quarterly report” on June 2018.

The “Quarterly reports” were published following the abovementioned timing, according to the project needs, with the consensus of the coordinator and the other partners of the project.