

EuroMeSCO General Assembly

Tarragona, 2nd October 2014, 3pm

Agenda

1. Statement and news from the Academic Secretariat (IEMed)
 - 1.1. State of the network and its perspectives
 - 1.2. Annual Report
 - 1.3. Work Plan 2015
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Attending members

Full members

1. INESG - Institut National d'Études de Stratégie Globale: BOUMGHAR, Lotfi
2. CERMAC - Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur le Monde Arabe Contemporain: KHADER, Bichara
3. EGMONT - The Royal Institute for International Relations: BISCOP, Sven
4. EPC - European Policy Centre: BALFOUR, Rosa
5. TEPSA - Trans-European Policy Studies Association: HEROLF, Gunilla
6. EMEF - Euro-Mediterranean Forum: TADIC, Tonci
7. KYKEM - Cyprus Research Centre: TOUMAZIS, Tonis
8. IIR - Institute of International Relations Prague: BURES, Jaroslav
9. EUROPEUM - Institute for European Policy: STUHLÍKOVÁ, Zuzana
10. ACPSS - Al-Ahram Centre for Political and Strategic Studies: EBEID, Hanaa.
11. AFA - Arab Forum for Alternatives: ABDALLA, Nadine
12. ECFA - Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs: ELSAYED, Shalaby
13. FIIA - Finnish Institute for International Affairs: MUHLBERGER, Wolfgang
14. CAP - Centre for Applied Policy Research: SCHULZ, Ludwig
15. DGAP - German Council on Foreign Relations: FAKOUSSA, Dina
16. HIIA - Hungarian Institute of International Affairs: RÓZSA, Erzsébet
17. Institute for International Studies. Corvinus University of Budapest: CSICSMANN, Laszlo
18. INSS – Institute for National Security Studies: GUZANSKY, Yoel
19. CSEPS - Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society: PARDO, Sharon
20. IPCRI - Israel / Palestine Centre for Research and Information: AMMOURI, Dareen.
21. MITVIM - The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies: GOREN, Nimrod
22. Leonard Davis Institute: HERMAN, Lior
23. IAI - Istituto Affari Internazionali: ALIBONI, Roberto

24. ISPI - Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale: TALBOT, Valeria
25. Euro-Med Centre Jean Monnet: ATTINÀ, Fulvio
26. Carnegie Middle East Centre: KHATIB, Lina
27. MEDAC - Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies: LUTTERBECK, Derek
28. Institute for European Studies: THEDE, Susanna
29. CERSS - Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches en Sciences Sociales: SAAF, Abdellah
30. GERM - Groupement d'Etudes et de Recherches sur la Méditerranée: AMMOR, Fouad
31. Pal Think for Strategic Studies: SHABAN, Omar
32. PISM - Polish Institute of International Affairs: SASNAL, Patrycja
33. CIDOB - Barcelona Centre for International Affairs: SOLER I LECHA, Eduard
34. ELCANO - Real Instituto Elcano de Estudios Internacionales y Estratégicos: AMIRAH-FERNÁNDEZ, Haizam
35. FRIDE - Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior: KAUSCH, Kristina
36. IEMed - European Institute of the Mediterranean: FLORENSA, Senén
37. AGREEM - Asociación Grupo de Estudios Europeos y Mediterráneos: LORCA, Alejandro
38. SIIA - Swedish Institute of International Affairs: BORG, Stefan
39. AEI - Association des Etudes Internationales : KERKENI, Ezzeddine
40. CEMI - Centre d'Etudes Méditerranéennes et Internationales: DRISS, Ahmed
41. CERMC - Centre for Economic Research on Mediterranean Countries: ERDEM, Sükrü
42. FPI - Foreign Policy Institute: AKSOY, Oktay
43. CES - Centre for European Studies: ERALP, Atila
44. GPoT - Global Political Trends Centre: ALPAN, Duygu
45. IPC - Istanbul Policy Centre: TÜLÜS, Cana
46. Chatham House: SPENCER, Claire
47. ECFR - European Council on Foreign Relations: MICHOU, Hélène

With 47 of the total 73 full member institutes present, a quorum was formed.

Observers

1. RCSS - Regional Centre for Strategic Studies: KHALIFA, Azmy
2. IMRI - Institut Marocain des Relations Internationales: KERDOUDI, Jawad
3. Institut Amadeus: SALAHDINE, Talal
4. TESEV - Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation: ZEYTINOGLU, Ceren
5. Europees Institut: LANNON, Erwan
6. FRS - Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique: DAGUZAN, Jean-François
7. ARI - Arab Reform Initiative: KAWAKIBI, Salam
8. MIB - Mediterranean Institute Berlin: SCHAEFER, Isabel
9. ZEI - Centre for European Integration Studies: KÜHNHARDT, Ludger
10. EMUNI - Euro-Mediterranean University: EL ZOHEIRY, Abdel Hamid
11. Casa Árabe - International Institute of Arab and Muslim World Studies: HAUSER ASKALANI, Karim
12. Fundación Alternativas: CARNERO, Carlos

13. UNISCI - Unidad de Investigación sobre Seguridad y Cooperación Internacional: MARQUINA BARRIO, Antonio

Apologies for absence

1. DIIS - Danish Institute for International Studies: MALMVIG, Helle
2. EVI - Estonian Foreign Policy Institute: KASEKAMP, Andres
3. TAPRI - Tampere Peace Research Institute: MELASUO, Tuomo
4. FMES - Fondation Méditerranéenne d'Etudes Stratégiques: BRAULT, Stéphane
5. Euromed Management: ZOUBIR, Yahia
6. SWP - Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik: WERENFELS, Isabelle
7. CSS - Center for Strategic Studies: SHTEIWI, Musa
8. UJRC - Al-Urdun Al-Jadid Research Center: HOURANI, Hani
9. LIIA - Latvian Institute of International Affairs: SPRÜDS, Andris
10. LCPS - Lebanese Center for Policy Studies: ATALLAH, Sami
11. CIR - Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana: BOJINOVIC FENKO, Ana
12. PID - Partners in Development: SOLIMAN, Salma
13. CEPS - Centre for European Policy Studies: AYADI, Rym
14. MEDEA - European Institute for Research on Euro-Arab Cooperation: D'ASPREMONT, Geoffroy
15. EUISS - European Union Institute for Security Studies: GAUB, Florence
16. Euromed – IHEDN: COUSTILLIÈRE, Jean-François

1. Statement and news from the Academic Secretariat (IEMed)

1.1. State of the network and its perspectives

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and gave the floor to the President of the Steering Committee and Executive President of the IEMed, Senén Florensa, who reported on the recent developments of the network. Florensa highlighted the submission of a project proposal to the European Commission Call “Support to dialogues, political and economic research and studies of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership”, with reference EuropeAid/135333/DH/ACT/Multi. He highlighted the importance of the proposal, submitted by the IEMed as Academic Secretariat of the network, since additional funding would allow EuroMeSCo to expand its research activities.

At the same time, Senén Florensa stressed that, despite the current modest funding, the network has strengthened its research activities in the past year and, as a result, has been ranked as the 7th best think tank network by the University of Pennsylvania's 2013 “Global Go-To Think Tanks Rating”.

The President of the Steering Committee also reported on the offer of the Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI) to organise the 2015 General Assembly and Annual Conference in Milan (Italy), on the occasion of 2015 Universal Exposition. The General Assembly welcomed the ISPI's proposal to organise the next annual meeting in Milan.

1.1 Annual Report

Senén Florensa presented the main activities of the network since the last General Assembly. He referred to the development of the research project “Arab Spring in a Comparative Perspective”, run jointly with the Strategic Studies Network. He presented the topics explored under the research project and outlined the planned activities calendar.

Furthermore, he said that over the past year the Academic Secretariat has coordinated the publication of three EuroMeSCo papers presented at the Annual Conference 2013, one brief and two reports. Finally, he stressed that the Academic Secretariat is strongly committed to the dissemination of the network and its members’ research activities, by updating the EuroMeSCo website with the relevant information and by producing and distributing the monthly newsletter.

1.2. Work Plan 2015

Pol Morillas, Focal Point of the EuroMeSCo Academic Secretariat, presented the Work Plan for 2015, structured along the lines of the proposal submitted to the European Commission. He highlighted that the research activities planned would build on the tradition and experience acquired by EuroMeSCo in the past years.

Joint research activities will include the publication of joint policy studies, policy briefs and recommendations and will be developed in accordance with the principle of the North-South balance, in order to strengthen the cooperation and mutual understanding of the researchers from both shores of the Mediterranean. Dialogue activities will promote discussions on the key trends and challenges in the Middle East and North Africa region between researchers, academics, policy and decision makers, and other relevant stakeholders and will take the form of dialogue workshops, conferences and local presentations. Dissemination activities will include the launch of a new website for the EuroMeSCo network.

In addition, the EuroMeSCo Academic Secretariat will continue to coordinate the publication of EuroMeSCo Papers and Reports and foster cooperation among the members of the network.

2. Membership: Admissions

The President of the General Assembly presented the agreements reached at the Steering Committee regarding the membership requests that have been submitted to the Academic Secretariat over the last year. Following the proposals of the Steering Committee, the General Assembly agreed to grant observer status to the Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies and to maintain the status of observer of the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (Egypt), pending confirmation of its non-commercial and non-profit nature, and of the Institut Marocain des Relations Internationales (Morocco).

3. Institutional developments

Following the Steering Committee discussion, Senén Florensa presented the recommendation that the composition of the statutory bodies of the network, including the EuroMeSCo Steering

Committee, remain unchanged because of the pending decision of the European Commission on the recently submitted project proposal.

The Steering Committee accepted the proposal of its President to extend its term in office, at least until the receipt of the European Commission's decision, and to present this decision to the General Assembly, who expressed no objections. The mandates of the current Steering Committee, the Executive Committee and the President of the General Assembly were thus renewed until further discussion by the Assembly.

4. Any other business

No other business being raised, the meeting was closed at 5pm on 2nd October 2014.

Annexes:

- Annual Report 2014
- Work Plan for 2015