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MASTER MEHMED RESULTS OF THE PROJECT

The MEHMED project has reached its formal end on Friday 14 October. Beyond this, collaboration and joint work continues to ensure its future sustainability. This is the great challenge, but one that starts from a good basis to guarantee it.

In this context of closure, the final meeting of the SC Meeting took place in Girona on 4 and 5 October 2022. The main results were presented, which are frankly good. First and foremost, we can highlight the design, accreditation and implementation of the MEHMED master's degree in the eight Maghreb partner universities of the project as a major objective achieved. Specifically:

- University of Constantine 3
- University Borjd Bou Arreridj
- University of Mostaganem
- University of Sousse
- University of Monastir
- University Mohammed Premier. Oujda
- University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah. Fez.
- Abdelamek Essaadi University, Tétouan



The fact that during the three years of the project's life the masters have been implemented, and in two editions, aiming at the third one, is a great result and not very usual in European projects. The impulse of all the partners, together with the speed of the work at all levels, has made these achievements possible for the Consortium. It should also be remembered that all of this had to face the Covid pandemic, which had a notable impact at all levels and which was overcome despite the many difficulties of all kinds that this unprecedented situation entailed. In this regard, we must sincerely thank the help received from the various National Erasmus Offices (NEO) in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia. As well as the support of the heads of each university and the ministries of the respective countries.



At the same time, it is worth mentioning that, as planned, 32 students from the different partner countries have undertaken stays in other universities of the project. There have been south-south and south-north mobilities. This is another good indicator. Apart from the rest of the students enrolled in the first edition, however, they have had the opportunity of practical training in companies, research centers and other non-governmental entities in order to improve their training and their chances of finding a job.

EVALUATION OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

As far as the sustainability of MEHMED is concerned, it has been ensured firstly by the official accreditation of the master's degrees that the project has promoted in the three countries involved, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria. This implies a continuity that has been clearly reinforced by the high demand of students interested in studying the MEHMED master's degree in the different universities of the consortium.

Another key point to maintain, strengthen and expand the collaboration in the Mediterranean context is the insertion of all academic partners of MEHMED in the sub-network on climate and environmental change of the UNIMED network is another path to sustainability. We suppose an open door to carry out new projects of teaching cooperation, job placement and research with more than 40 participating universities.

Furthermore, the list of stakeholders in each university's sustainability report leads one to believe that MEHMED will continue well beyond the end of the officially active period. The network of contacts that has been created is very capable of maintaining the MEHMED spirit and projecting its activities and new initiatives into the future.



One of the last activities of the project, also oriented towards sustainability, has been the collection of the perception of society in relation to the environmental issue, taking advantage of the presence of experts on the subject in the project's presentation meetings and the skills of students trained in the key agents of the different economic and social sectors of each country. This activity was carried out during the three face-to-face dissemination meetings held in Fez, Tunis and Constantine in June and September 2022.

As a result of this initiative, opinions and proposals for action were collected in eight different areas:

- Les premiers symptômes.
- Impact au sol.
- Événements extrêmes.
- Énergie
- Impact sur les personnes.
- Eau.
- Écosystèmes.
- Déchets.

The ideas collected in this final activity have been of different levels, but as focused on the theme as:

- Profiter la sècheresse pour nettoyer les barrages et retenues collinaires afin d'utiliser les boues en fertilisant.
- Promotion des cultures locales.

Formation, information, sensibilisation des citoyens de la situation

- Remplacer les espèces fragiles par des essences adaptatives aux changements.
- Among dozens others.

This is information that the partner universities will be able to use, if they see fit, in future editions of the MEHMED master's degree and new joint initiatives at both the teaching and research level, as well as for the promotion of the company of the 100 students trained and the new promotions that are on their way.

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