



**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN
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الشبكة الأورو-متوسطية للدراسات الاقتصادية

Third EMNES Scientific Workshop

Date: 16 December 2016

Venue: address: Hotel Acropole, Les Berges du Lac, Tunis, Tunisia

The Third EMNES workshop aims at:

1. *Approve and prepare the publication of first deliverables RA1, RA2 and RA5 and present first interim deliverables for RA3, RA4 and RA6;*
2. *Agree on second phase of research under RA1, RA2, RA3, RA4, RA5 and RA6;*
 - a. *Define the outline of two papers in each RA to be completed in group or subgroups within 6 months;*
 - b. *Agree on launching pilot surveys if needed;*
3. *Enhance cross-fertilisation between the six research areas;*
4. *Agree on the deadlines for research and outputs for year 2 (December 2016-April 2017);*
5. *Agree on the fourth EMNES scientific meeting and second EMNES annual conference in Cairo in July 2017; and*
6. *AOB*

The documents to be circulated prior to meeting:

1. *Agenda of the third EMNES scientific meeting;*
2. *Minutes of the meeting with the European Commission on 23 November 2016;*
3. *Final drafts of deliverables RA1, RA2 and RA5 and interim drafts for RA4, RA3 and RA6 (if available);*
4. *EMNES presentation on achievements and work plan for 2016-2017 (till July); and*
5. *Concepts notes for next steps for RA1, RA2, RA3, RA4, RA5, RA6.*

Practical information for the meeting:

1. *EMNES members and invited speakers and discussants are encouraged to arrive on the 14 December 2016;*
2. *EMNES partners and invited speakers will be staying in hotels communicated from 14 to 17 December, 2016 unless stated otherwise;*
3. *EMNES partners who will stay in different hotels are requested to send all information to the Dejan Hribar dejan@emuni.si.*



PROGRAMME

Friday 16 December 2016

08h30 Registration

09h15 Introduction by Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal
Progress of EMNES
Agenda of Third EMNES Workshop
Summary of main conclusions of meeting with the European Commission
Tour de Table

The objective of these sessions is to present the research work done under each RA, to present to the EMNES team members the on-going research and to identify the topics for two research papers.

09h30 **Research Area 1- Institutions, Economic Growth and Social Welfare**

RA Coordinators – Ahmed Badaoui, FUB

Racha Ramadan, Egypt (FEPS), Moez Ben Tahar, Tunisia (IHEC), Mohammed Zakariae
ABOUEDDAHAB, Morocco (IAV) and Nooh Alshayb, Jordan (YU)

Discussion

10h30 **Research Area 2- Private Sector, MSMEs and Employment Creation**

RA Coordinator – Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal

Hala El Said, Egypt (FEPS), Rim Ben Ayad Mouelhi, Tunisia (IHEC), Mohamed Larbi Sidmou,
Morocco (EUMF), Ilyas Azzoui (IAV) and Serena Sandri, Jordan (YU)

Proposal 1- Study on social business and link with the informal economy in the region

Proposal 2 – Study on entrepreneurship

Proposal 3- Study on SME and GVC

Proposal 4- Study on family business in the region

Discussion

11h30 **Research Area 5- Finance, Regulation and Real Economy**

RA Coordinator – Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal

Taghreed Hassouba, Egypt (FEPS), Rania Makni, Tunisia (IHEC), Idriss El- Abassi Morocco
(EUMF) and Serena Sandri, Jordan (YU)

Invited: Sami Ben Naceur

Proposal 1- Study on financial development and unemployment in the region

Proposal 2 – Study on diversity in finance and economic development and employment

Proposal 3- Study on financial inclusion and financial stability in the region

Discussion



12h30 Lunch

13h30 **Research Area 3- Human Capital, Innovation and Migration**

Jemel Trabelsi, ITCEQ and Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal

Chahir Zaki, Egypt (FEPS), Rihab Bellakhel, Tunisia (ITCEQ), Abderrazak EL Hiri Morocco (EUMF) and Nooh Alshayb, Jordan (YU)

14h30 **Research Area 4- Macro-policies and Employment**

Launch of Task 1 led by Mohamed Goaid, Tunisia (IHEC)

Nabil Boubrahimi, Morocco (EUMF) and Nooh Alshayb, Jordan (YU), Chahir Zaki (FEPS)

Invited: Mohamed Lahouel

Discussion

15h30 Coffee Break

15h45 **Research Area 6- Economic Liberalisation, Trade Integration and Employment**

RA Coordinators – Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal and Cinzia Alcidi (CEPS)

Chahir Zaki, Egypt (FEPS), Habib Zitouna, Tunisia (ITCEQ), Abdelkader Ait ElMekki, Morocco (IAV) and Nooh Alshyab, Jordan (YU)

Invited: Leonidas Paroussos, Greece, (ICCS)

Discussion

16h45 **EMNES Integrative framework**

Carlo Sessa, EMEA and ISINOVA and Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal

17h15 **Conclusions & Next Steps**

EMNES Coordinator, Rym Ayadi, EMUNI & HEC Montreal

17h30 **End of Meeting**

19h00 **Group Dinner (information will be communicated during the meeting)**



Third EMNES Steering Committee Meeting

Date: 17 December 2016

Venue: address: Hotel Acropole, Les Berges du Lac, Tunis, Tunisia

Saturday 17 December 2016

09h15 **Steering Committee Meeting**

Objectives:

To discuss outstanding admin and organisational issues (including next EMNES Scientific Workshop and Second Annual Conference in Cairo)

To discuss the second scientific progress and financial reports (February 2017)

To discuss opportunities for co-funding

To discuss joint events with EMNES partners (with CEPS (in February 2017), with EMUNI (2017), with EUMF (2017)

To discuss how to engage associate and involve new partners (from Algeria, Palestine and Lebanon)

To form EMNES Advisory Group

To form EMNES Scientific Group

To discuss call for papers on EMNES areas of research in 2017 – and give an award for the best paper under each RA

To discuss EMNES Academy on bridging academic research and policy

Members:

Rym Ayadi (chair), EMUNI & HEC Montreal

Cinzia Alcidi or nominated, CEPS (Willem Pieter De Groen as representative)

Ahmed Badawi, FUB

Hala Al Said, FEPS

Mohamed Goaid, Olfa Ben Ouda and Moez Ben Tahar, IHEC

Habib Zitouna, ITCEQ

Nooh Alshyab, YU

Mohamed Larbi Sidmou and Mohamed Merzak, EUMF

Sanaa Zebak (Ilyas Azzioui as representative), IAV

Carlo Sessa, ISINOVA (invited)

Emanuele Sessa (EMEA) – Rapporteur

11h15 **End of Steering Committee Meeting**



First TEP-Group Meeting

Date: 17 December 2016

Venue: address: Hotel Acropole, Les Berges du Lac, Tunis, Tunisia

11h20 **Tunisian Economic Policy Group Meeting**

Aim: To discuss the organisation of the TEP- Group, procedure of work between members, agenda of work for 2017 and a seminar to launch the first outputs of the group.

The TEP- Group will shed light on the main challenges facing the Tunisian economy and will produce policy papers based on the EMNES research plan.

Founding Members:

Rym Ayadi (chair), EMUNI & HEC Montréal

Mohamed Goaid, IHEC

Olfar Ben Ouda, IHEC

Jemel Trabelsi, IHEC and ITCEQ

Habib Zitouna, ITCEQ

Rim Mouelhi, IHEC

Moez Ben Tahar, IHEC

Invited : Sami Ben Naceur and Mohamed Lahouel

12h30 End Meeting

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Participants list

EMNES Research Institutes from the North and South

List of participants

1. Centre for European Policy Studies, CEPS (Belgium)

- Cinzia Alcidi, Admin coordinator, research areas 4 and 6
- Willem Pieter de Groen, research areas 2 and 5
- Mathias Buss, research areas 4 and 6

2. Euro-Mediterranean University, EMUNI (Slovenia)

- Rym Ayadi, EMNES Scientific Coordinator, HEC Montreal
- Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry, research area 3
- Dejan Hribar, administrative staff
- Ana edrlinič Peloz, administrative staff

3. Free University of Berlin, FUB (Germany)

- Ahmed Badawi, research area 1
- Cilja Harders, research area 1

4. University of Cairo, FEPS (Egypt)

- Chahir Zaki, research areas 4 and 6
- Taghreed Hassouba, research area 5
- Racha Ramadan, research area 1
- Hanan Nazier, research area 1
- Asmaa Ezzat, research area 1
- Ola El Sayed, research area 5
- Marwa Shebl, research area x
- Nesreen Seleem, research area 4
- Hala EL Said, research area 2 & 5
- Rana Hosni, research area 2
- Nora Abu Shady, research area 6

5. Institut Tunisien de la Compétitivité et des Etudes Quantitatives, ITCEQ (Tunisia)

- Habib Zitouna, team leader
- Rihab Bellakhal, research area 3
- Jemel Trabelsi, research area 3
- Abdessalem Abbassi, research area 6



6. Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, IHEC (Tunisia)

- Monia Ghazali, research area 2
- Rim Ben Ayed Mouelhi, research area 2
- Soumaya Ben Khelifa, research area 5
- Dorra Hmaied-Mezzez, research area 5
- Rania Makni, research area 5
- Mohamed Goaid, team leader, research area 4
- Olfa Ben Ouda Sioud, research area 5

7. Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II, IAV (Morocco)

- Abdelkader Ait ElMekki, research area 6
- Mohammed Zakariae Aboueddahab, research area 1
- Ilyas Azzoui, research area 2
- Boutaina Bensalem, research area x

8. Euro-Mediterranean University of Fés, UEMF (Morocco)

- Mohamed Larbi Sidmou, research area 2
- Nabil Boubrahimi, research area 4
- Idriss El Abbassi, research area 5
- Marouane Raissi, research area 4
- Rami Jad Allah, research area 2
- Salim Bounou, team coordinator
- Mohamed Marzak, team coordinator

9. Yarmouk University, YU (Jordan)

- Nooh Alshayb, research areas 1 & 4 & 5
- Serena Sandri, research area 1 & 2 & 5
- Fuad Shaikh, research area 2 & 3
- Ziad Abulia, research area 3
- Abdullah Ghazo, research area 6

10. Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, EMEA (Spain)

- Carlo Sessa, Academic advisor
- Emanuele Sessa, research area 2 & research area 5

11. ICCS, (Greece)

- Leonidas Paroussos, research area 6



The Euro-Mediterranean Network for Economic Studies - EMNES aims to provide a renewed vision for socio-economic development in the Mediterranean region, mainly focusing on employment creation, social inclusion, and sustainable development.

EMNES areas of research include the role of institutions, private sector and micro, small and medium sized enterprises and employment creation, role of education, skill mismatch and migration, finance, regulation and the real economy and regional integration.

EMNES will produce reports, scientific and policy papers and will disseminate through the organization of annual conferences, and workshop meetings bringing together leading researchers, academics, policy makers and representatives of the civil society to discuss and debate optimal policies for the future of the region.

EMNES is built on four core principles: independence, excellence, policy relevance and deep knowledge on Euro-Mediterranean affairs.

EMNES is a network of partners and associates research institutions and think tanks working on the Euro-Mediterranean region:

Partners

Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) (Belgium)
Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) (Slovenia)
Frei University of Berlin (FUB) (Germany)
Institut Tunisien de la Compétitivité et des Etudes Quantitatives (ITCEQ) (Tunisia)
Institut des Hautes Etudes Commerciales (IHEC) (Tunisia)
Euro-Mediterranean University of Fés (UEMF) (Morocco)
Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (IAV) (Morocco)
University of Cairo- Faculty of Economics and Political Science (FEPS) (Egypt)
Yarmook University (YU)(Jordan)

Associates

Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA), (Spain)
Forum for Euro-Mediterranean Innovation in Action (FEMIA) (FRANCE)
Institute of Computers and Communications Systems - E3M lab, National Technical University of Athens (ICCS) (Greece)
Istanbul Policy Center - Sabanci University (IPC) (Turkey)
Institute of Studies for the Integration of Systems (ISINNOVA) (ITALY)
University of Barcelona Regional Quantitative Analysis Group (UB-AQR) (Spain)
Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes - Istituto Agronomico Mediterraneo di Bari (IAMB) (CIHEAM) (Italy)
Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Italy
International Institute for Cooperatives Alfonse & Dorimene DesJardins at HEC Montreal (Canada)

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EMNES administrative coordination: Dr. Cinzia Alcidi, Senior Fellow, CEPS

EMNES financial coordination: Sally Scott, Head of Finance, CEPS