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EMUNI

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EURO-MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

Solemn Inauguration

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Portorož – Piran, Slovenia



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Congress center Bernardin

10.30 - 12.00 **Meeting of the International Academic Council (IAC)**

13.30 – 16.30 **Conference on Higher Education:
Intercultural Dialogue and Higher Education**
(organized by Center EMUNI and
EuroMed Permanent University Forum - EPUF)

16.30 – 17.15 **University Trust Fund: Meeting with the Bussines Sector**

18.00 – 19.00 **Inauguration Ceremony**

Honorable Speakers:

- Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia and President of the European Council, Janez Janša
- President of the European Commission, José Manuel Durão Barroso
- Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, Amr Moussa
- Vice-President of the European Parliament, Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou

**Signing of the Foundation Charter
of the Euro-Mediterranean University with its seat in Slovenia**

19.00 **Reception**



TOWARDS A NEW INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (EMUNI)

We are convinced that the establishment of EMUNI, based on the mobility of knowledge, will pave the way toward more effective co-operation among the various actors within this process and will contribute to the creation of a Euro-Mediterranean area of higher education and research.

Barcelona process (November 1995): was aimed at achieving a common Euro-Mediterranean area of peace, stability and prosperity, as well as ensuring a better knowledge and promoting mutual understanding among people across the Euro-Mediterranean area.

Catania Declaration (January 2005): stressed the development of human resources and the promotion of better understanding between cultures.

Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Cairo, March 2005): discussed the Barcelona process and the EU strategic partnership with the Mediterranean countries.

Tarragona Declaration (June 2005): advocated the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean Area of Higher Education and Research.

Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Tunis, March 2006): dealt with topics, such as the dialogue between civilizations and religions, migration, economic and social development.

Alexandria Declaration (June 2007): the EuroMed Permanent University Forum (EPUF) welcomed the Slovenian initiative to set up a Euro-Mediterranean University.

Cairo Declaration (June 2007): the first Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research stated that Slovenia's initiative to set up EMUNI would constitute an important step towards a creation of a Euro-Mediterranean area of higher education and research.

Slovenia (October 2007): the Government of the Republic of Slovenia established the University Center for Euro-Mediterranean Studies – Center EMUNI.

Lisbon Conclusions (November 2007): Ministers of Foreign Affairs recognized the establishment of EMUNI for which Slovenia offered to provide the seat, as an important network of partner Universities.

Cairo Declaration (February 2008): the second Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on the information society recognized the Euro-Mediterranean University as an important networking institution.

Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (Athens, March 2008): called on the EU to undertake actions to create a budget line enabling the future development of the Euro-Mediterranean University.

Rabat Conclusions (April 2008): the first Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Tourism stressed that the establishment of a Euro-Mediterranean University in Slovenia with study programs focused on the current needs of Mediterranean tourism will contribute to the co-operation between partners.

Slovenia (June 2008): Solemn inauguration of the new international university.

UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR EURO-MEDITERRANEAN STUDIES (CENTER EMUNI)

Mission of Center EMUNI:

- To build a network of mutual understanding between the countries of the Euro-Mediterranean area.
- To co-operate with partner higher education and research institutions.
- To establish an international Euro-Mediterranean University with its seat in Slovenia.

We believe that we can establish an academic co-operation of higher education and research institutions in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Together with partner institutions we will develop and carry out postgraduate study and research programs. Study programs will be internationally comparable as regards degree structure, study content and awarded professional and scientific titles. Study programs will be carried out in Slovenia and in other partner institutions in the Euro-Mediterranean region.

Activities 2008

Center EMUNI, whose main focus is establishing the Euro-Mediterranean University and spreading understanding among cultures, has already started with its activities:

- Euro-Mediterranean Summer School, June – July – August, 2008, Portorož, Slovenia
- European Commission workshop: Maritime Policy, 10 June 2008, Portorož, Slovenia
- International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies
- Postgraduate study programs accredited at partners institutions (2008/09)
- International conference Intercultural Dialogue and Management, 26 – 29 November 2008, Barcelona, Spain

Slovenia

The Republic of Slovenia lies at the heart of Europe, where the Alps face the Pannonian plains and the Mediterranean meets the mysterious Karst. Slovenia has always been at the crossroads of trans-European routes, linking the East, the West, the North and the South. Slovenia is a beautiful and picturesque country with numerous historical sites, and a rich social and cultural life.

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