Barcelona Process

UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN

Rome- National Institute of Health
EpiSouth Conference
April 21-23    2010

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Euromed Union for the Mediterranean

Italian Health Initiatives

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Introduction to the EUROMED programme

Paris, 13 July 2008
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The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, formerly known as the Barcelona Process, was re-launched in 2008 as the **Union for the Mediterranean**

EUROMED – UfM at a glance

**Marseille, 3-4 November 2008**
Approval of the final declaration

**Participants**
27 EU Member States
12 Mediterranean Countries
4 Balkan Countries
Monaco

**Observers**
Arab League
Libya

**Main Fields of Cooperation**
- Political and security dialogue
- Economic and Financial partnership
  (Information Society and e-health)
- Social, human and cultural cooperation (including health)
EUROMED – UfM at a glance

COUNTRIES CONCERNED:

27 EU MEMBER STATES + Monaco

12 South Mediterranean and Middle East Countries
Algeria  Egypt  Israel  Jordan  Lebanon  Libya (as observer)
Mauritania  Morocco  Occupied Palestinian Territories  Syria  Tunisia  Turkey

4 Balkan Countries
Albania  Bosnia & Herzegovina  Croatia  Montenegro

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On the basis of the Paris Declaration and mandate received from Heads of State and Government, Euro-Mediterranean Foreign Affairs Ministers approve the following institutional structures:
**Co-presidency**

Some of the most important innovations of the Union for the Mediterranean include the rotating co-presidency with one EU president and one president representing the Mediterranean partners, (at present there is a Franch-Egyptian copresidency with the president from EU seconded by the EU turn Presidency) and a Secretariat based in Barcelona that is responsible for identifying and promoting projects of regional, sub-regional and transnational value across different sectors.

1. The co-presidency shall apply to summits, all Ministerial meetings, Senior Officials meetings, the Joint Permanent Committee and, when possible, experts/ad hoc meetings within the initiative.
2. The co-presidents will assume the co-presidency of the partnership as a whole.
3. One of the co-presidents will be from the EU and the other from the Mediterranean partner Countries.

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**Senior Officials**

The Senior Officials are mandated to deal with all aspects of the initiative. They will take stock of and evaluate the progress of the Barcelona Process: Union for the Mediterranean in all its components including issues previously handled by the Euromed Committee. Senior officials will continue to convene regularly in order to prepare the Ministerial meeting, and submit project proposals to them as well as the annual work programme for adoption.
## EUROMED – UfM at a glance

### Joint Permanent Committee
The Joint Permanent Committee will be based in Brussels. It will assist and prepare the meetings of the Senior Officials and ensure the appropriate follow-up. The Joint Permanent Committee will deal with issues previously handled by the Euromed Committee that do not fall under the competence of the Senior Officials. The Euromed Committee will thus be dissolved. The Joint Permanent Committee may also act as a mechanism to react rapidly if an exceptional situation arises in the region that requires the consultation of Euro-Mediterranean partners.

### The Secretariat
The joint Secretariat will have a key role within the institutional architecture. The Secretariat will:
- Give an impulse to this process in terms of identification, follow-up, promotion of new projects and the search for funding and for implementation partners.
- Work in operational liaison with all structures of the process, particularly with the co-presidencies, including by preparing working documents for the decision-making bodies.
- Have a separate legal personality with an autonomous status.

The mandate of the Secretariat is of a technical nature while the political mandate related to all aspects of the initiative remains the responsibility of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Senior Officials.
EUROMED – UfM at a glance

The Secretariat (continues II)

Tasks: The Secretariat will gather, within the project priorities, regional, sub-regional or transnational project initiatives (from various sources such as sectoral ministerial meetings, national or regional authorities, regional groupings, private sector, civil society). The Secretariat shall examine project initiatives and inform on their implementation to the Joint Permanent Committee and the Senior Officials after close coordination with concerned States and funding partners. Once approved, the Secretariat will work on the basis of the guidelines to be set by Senior Officials, as mentioned above.

The Secretariat (continues III)

The statute of the Secretariat will be adopted by Senior Officials (on the basis of a proposal to be prepared by a drafting group of experts to be established for this purpose taking into account the legal system of the country in which the secretariat will be established.
The seat of the Secretariat will be in Barcelona. A headquarters Agreement between the host country and the Secretariat will ensure the autonomous status of the latter, its legal personality to carry out its activities and the status, privileges and immunities of the Secretariat and its international personnel.
The Headquarters Agreement shall be concluded before May 2009.
EUROMED: the Priorities

The Union for the Mediterranean has also identified six priority projects which are at the heart of the partnership’s efforts, including projects for:

- the de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea;
- the establishment of maritime and land highways;
- civil protection initiatives to combat natural and man-made disasters;
- a Mediterranean solar energy plan;
- the inauguration of the Euro-Mediterranean University in Slovenia;
- and the Mediterranean Business Development Initiative focusing on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Barcelona process: Union for the Mediterranean (EuroMed)

Objectives:

- Promoting sustainable development through improving human health;
- Enhancing co-ordination of international activities between participants;
- Improving their capacity to set priorities in health in the fields of communicable and non-communicable diseases;
- Helping to ensure equal access to quality care on a sustainable basis for their populations by strengthening healthcare systems.
3-4 March 2010- Barcelona-Senior Officials meeting

The Jordanian Ahmad Masa'deh will be the first Secretary-General of The Union for the Mediterranean and the Palacio de Pedralbes in Barcelona as his headquarters.

3-4 March 2010- Barcelona-Senior Officials meeting

The Secretariat’s Statute was adopted and six deputy secretaries are to be appointed
- Italy Project financing of PMI (candidate dr. Lino Cardarelli)
- Greece-Energy (cand. Panagioyis Rumeliotis)
- Turkey -transports
- Palestine-water and environment
- Israel-University and research
- Malta- Civil affairs civil protection included
04-03-2010
The Palacio de Pedralbes in Barcelona

EUROMED Conference
France Presidency Event:
Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Health
Cairo, Egypt
November 16-17, 2008

Opportunity to make health one of the priorities of the Barcellona Process: Union for the Mediterranean

First step in a wider process of regional cooperation in public health based on concrete projects
Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Health
Cairo, Egypt
November 16-17, 2008

**Objective:**
To promote mutual cooperation and to develop health programmes in order to strengthen health systems and ensure effective response to health needs among Euro-Mediterranean Countries

**Focus on operative projects**

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**3 areas**

- Communicable disease
- Non Communicable disease
- Strengthening the Health Systems
Strengthen Health Systems
• Building a Mediterranean network for organ transplantation
• Heart paediatric surgery implementation
• Assistance to bone marrow transplantation

Non Communicable Diseases
• Cancer register implementation
• Cancer screening programmes
• Mediterranean network for the management of gluten intolerance

Communicable Diseases
• Strengthening the network of surveillance and control of infectious diseases in the Mediterranean area – EPISOUTH

EPISOUTH network
25 Countries

Activities already implemented
• Several residential trainings
• Quarterly bulletins
• Cross-border epidemic intelligence procedures
• Web site (www.episouth.org)
• Weekly electronic bulletin
• Strategic documents on: vaccine preventable infectious diseases in migrants; zoonoses

Work in progress
Italian proposals

Presented during the 2 Euromed Ministerial Conference in Cairo on 16-17 NOVEMBERE 2008

Three main themes:

- Strengthen Health Systems
  - Mediterranean transplant network
  - Hearth paediatric surgery

- Non communicable diseases
  - Cancer Registries
  - Cancer screening program
  - Med network for celiac and food induced diseases

- Communicable diseases
  - Episouth

Italian Initiatives

5 Projects (Agreements) Dec.2010+EPISOUTH

signed and financed by the MoH:

1. Cardiovascular diseases: congenital heart diseases (250,000 euro)
2. EuroMed Cancer Registries Network (100,000 euro)
3. Cancer screening and early diagnosis program (100,000 euro)
4. Mediterranean Transplant Network (100,000 euro)
5. MEDICEL: food-induced diseases. Celiac disease (100,000 euro)
6. Episouth: CNESPS ISS (450,000 euro before funded until June 2009)
1 - Cardiovascular diseases: congenital heart diseases

Focal Point: University La Bicocca- Institute for Research and health care S. Donato Milanese

OBJECTIVES

• To help diagnosis and treatment of cardio-vascular and cardiac congenital diseases;
• To describe epidemiology of congenital hearth diseases in the involved Countries;
• To favour the creation of a national pediatric cardiosurgery centre in each partner Country.

2 - EUROMED Cancer Registries Network

Focal Point: AIRTUM (Italian Association for Cancer registries)

MAIN OBJECTIVE

To set up an international cooperation for cancer registration between Countries of Mediterranean rim, in order to improve the production and collecting of cancer monitoring data and to compare data between different areas.
3 - Cancer screening and early diagnosis programme

Focal Point: CPO (cancer prevention Center) Torino- ASL To 1

OBJECTIVES

- To develop a strategy of cancer prevention in Mediterranean Countries.
- To train dedicated decision makers selected from Ministries of Health, academic institutions, among health providers of participating Countries in the field of cancer screening.
- To decide when screening is justified.
- To decide on the most suitable screening measures for his/her own Country.

4 - Mediterranean Transplant Network

Focal Point: CNT (National Transplant Center at ISS)

OBJECTIVES

- Setting up of a network involving national and regional transplant centre and transfer of models and policies in their Countries in order to substantially increase and improve organ donation, procurement and transplantation activities
- State of the art of the needs of the participating countries
- Definition of Models for transplant organization consistent with international guidelines
- Setting up of an IT collaborating networking allowing the exchange of information and activity data
- Definition of training programs for healthcare professionals in the field
5 - MEDICEL: food-induced diseases. Celiac disease

Focal Point: University Federico II Naples

OBJECTIVES

• Capacity building and development of guidelines for the care of food induced diseases in infants and children
• Establishment of a Mediterranean network to share know how and technology for the diagnosis and management of food induced disease in children, with special attention to the pandemic of wheat gluten intolerance (celiac disease)
• Development of local sustainable strategies to support the dietary care of children affected by food induced diseases
• Identification of genetic and environmental risk factors for food induced intolerance in children
• Develop preventive measures to reduce the burden of food induced diseases in children

Main Features of the Agreements (1)

Art. 1(2) Possibility for ELFID to collaborate with other structures (subject to MoH endorsement).
Art. 2 1 year duration, renewable.
Art. 4(1) Technical report to be submitted to MoH at the end of each semester.
Art. 4(2) Possibility to introduce motivated variations (both scientific and financial) to the project, subject to MoH endorsement.
Art. 4(3) Final technical report on results and economic compliance to be submitted after the expiry date, subject to MoH check.
Art. 4(4) Possibility to request an adequately justified postponement in the submission of the final report. Request to be submitted in advance to MoH for approval.
Art. 5 Publication of results.
### Main Features of the Agreements (2)

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### Italian funds
- For training
- For data base
- For purchase of equipment
- Running costs
Collaboration With France and Spain

Meeting in Paris
November 10th, 2008

Collect other projects on:
- Cancer (France)
- E-learning and telemedicine (France)
- Infant obesity (Spain)
- Drug addiction (Spain)

Share already existing projects in the Mediterranean area

Operative programme

Kick-off meeting
- For all the projects
- In January 2009 in Italy (Ministry of Health)

Objectives
- Create a net between partners
- Illustrate the different programmes
- Assign tasks
- Find new collaborations
Many Thanks for your attention
Union for Mediterranean: health cooperation in the Euro-Mediterranean region

synthesis of the Italian initiative

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Background - 2008

- **July 2008** – summit in Paris
  - Euro-Mediterranean Heads of States and Government meeting in Paris on 13 July 2008
  - seven priorities approved: de-pollution, transport, civil protection, energy, education, trade, terrorism

- **October 2008** – Rome
  - Meeting with referents of Italian Regions and central institutions to identify suitable projects to support in the UfM initiative

- **November 2008** - Ministry of Health, Paris
  - Meeting between France and Italy to agree a suitable way to present Italian projects during the next two-day Ministerial Conference in Cairo

- **November 2008** – Cairo Conference
  - Italian projects were presented, objective to promote health within UfM

- **December 2008** – Rome
  - budget of 650,000 euro was allocated to project
Background – 2009-2010

- **during 2009**
  - Kick off meetings of projects

- **April 2009 – Rome**
  - Meeting with the French delegation of the Ministry of Health to define a common strategy in support to the UfM initiative

- **June 2009 – Madrid**
  - Meeting with Spanish, French and Italian delegations of the Ministries of Health to define a common strategy to start a process of advocacy to include health among priorities of UfM

- **November 2009 – Rome**
  - Italian projects agreement were formally signed and funds assigned to the Institutions that carry on the projects

- **March 2010 – Paris**
  - Meeting with Spanish, French and Italian delegations of the Ministries of Health to agree and renew a common initiative in view of the next Heads of States and Government meeting in June 2010

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Thank you for the attention

Giuseppe Salamina